



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin
National Grassland
Brush Creek/Hayden and Laramie Ranger Districts
Occupancy and Use Prohibitions**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Brush Creek/Hayden and Laramie Ranger Districts, Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area”):

1. Camping, except within a developed campground. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e).
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except within a fire ring or grill provided by the Forest Service in a developed recreation site. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA

The Described Area is all NFS lands within 500 feet of the Snowy Range Scenic Byway (Wyoming Highway 130) beginning at the Medicine Bow National Forest boundary at approximately mile 28.8 and ending at the Medicine Bow National Forest boundary at approximately mile 55.9.

The Described Area is located in: Sections 17, 18, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, Township 26 South, Range 81 West, 6th P.M.; Sections 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, Township

26 South, Range 80 West, 6th P.M.; Sections 18, and 19, Township 26 South, Range 79 West, 6th P.M.; Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 20, Township 26 South, Range 79 West, 6th P.M.; Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 28 and 33, Township 26 South, Range 78 West, 6th P.M.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect the scenic qualities of the Snowy Range Scenic Byway, mitigate the effects on natural resources from high levels of dispersed camping, and allow for snow plowing access and sufficient public parking at designated snowmobile and cross-country ski parking areas.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from December 4, 2024 at 12:00 am through April 30, 2029 at 12:00 pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/mbr/alerts-notice>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District in Saratoga, Wyoming, (307) 326-5258, Laramie Ranger District in Laramie, Wyoming, (307) 745-2433, and Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland Supervisor's Office in Laramie, Wyoming (307) 745-2433, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes MBRTB-2024-103 signed April 12, 2024 and any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

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MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS
THUNDER BASIN NATIONAL GRASSLAND