



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National
Grassland
Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District
Elk Winter Range Area, Road, and Trail Closure**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Hahn's Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Areas" and "Described Roads and Trails"):

1. Going into or being in the Described Areas from December 1st to April 15th. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(b)
2. Being on the Described Roads and Trails from December 1st to April 15th. 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.54(e), 261.55(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 AREAS, ROADS, AND TRAILS

The Described Areas are Deer and Elk Winter Range (Routt NF Management Area 5.41) and Residential/Forest Interface (Routt NF Management Area 7.1) on National Forest System Lands located in Townships 5. 6. 7 and 8N in Ranges 83, 84 and 85W.

The Described Roads and Trails are: NFS Trail (NFST) #1171 (Red Dirt Trail); NFST #1100 (Mad Creek Trail); NFST #1169 (Hot Springs Trail); the portion of NFST #1160 (Spring Creek Trail) from above the hiking gate to the last bridge before Dry Lake; and NFS Road #128 (Mad Creek Road).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect big game winter range.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from October 4, 2024 at 12:00 am through October 4, 2029 at 11:59 pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Areas, Roads, and Trails 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/detailfull/mbr/alerts-notices/?cid=stelprdb5139680>.
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 Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District in Steamboat Springs, CO, (970) 870-2299, Parks Ranger District (970) 723-2700 and Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland Supervisor's Office in Laramie, WY, (307) 745-2300, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Areas or on the same Described Roads and Trails.

Signed and issued on October 3, 2024.

Milton Stubbs
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