



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Bighorn National Forest  
Tongue Ranger District**

**Elk Fire Trail Closure**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) trails in the Tongue Ranger District, Bighorn National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Trails"):

1. Being on Described Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 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 TRAILS**

The Described Trails are NFS Trails 002, 004, 006, 008, 077, 085, 201, and 428 in their entirety. The Described Trails are located in Sheridan County, Wyoming.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety.

**IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order shall be in effect from January 1, 2025 at 12:00 a.m. through December 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described 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/detail/bighorn/alerts-notices/?cid=fseprd1090225>.

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 Bighorn National Forest Supervisor's and Tongue Ranger District Office, 2013 Eastside 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Sheridan, Wyoming, (307) 674-2600, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes Order 02-02-06-24-08 prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Trails.

Signed and issued on January 1, 2025.

  
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Andrew K. Johnson, Forest Supervisor  
Bighorn National Forest