

FOREST ORDER

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
MEDICINE BOW-ROUTT NATIONAL FORESTS
Brush Creek/Hayden and Parks Ranger Districts**

**REVISED FIRE CLOSURE
Beaver Creek Fire Area**

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Beaver Creek Fire Area on the Routt National Forest, Jackson County, Colorado and Medicine Bow National Forest, Carbon County, Wyoming (the "Restricted Area") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Roads and Trails"). This revised order changes the area covered by the Closure to reflect current and anticipated fire activity and growth. The Restricted Area and the Restricted Roads and Trails are depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A.

The Restricted Area is changed to include additional NFS lands in the southern portion of the Parks Ranger District in Colorado. Fire activity, weather and fuels conditions do not warrant the reopening of any other areas at this time.

The Restricted Area is now that area within the boundary defined as: from the Forest boundary near Pearl, Colorado, east along the Colorado-Wyoming state line to the Forest boundary; then north along the Forest boundary to NFSR 418.1C; then west along NFSR 418.1C to the watershed divide; then northwest past Bear Mountain along the watershed divide to its intersection with NFSR 415.3A; then west along that NFSR to its origin at NFSR 415; then southeast along NFSR 415 to its junction with NFSR 414; then southwest along NFSR 414 to its junction with NFSR 404; then west along NFSR 404 to Beaver Creek itself; then upstream along Beaver Creek to its crossing on NFSR 409; then southeast along NFSR 409 to Blackhall Mountain; then south along the watershed divide to the Colorado-Wyoming state line; continuing west along the Colorado-Wyoming state boundary to the mainstream Encampment River; then south and east along the Encampment River and NFST 1152 to the Continental Divide near Encampment Meadows; then east and south along the Continental Divide to its intersection with NFST 1129 (aka Lake Katherine Trail); then east down NFST 1129 to NFSR 640 (aka Lone Pine Road or Jackson County Road 16); continuing east along NFSR 640 to the Forest boundary; then north along the Forest boundary to the Colorado-Wyoming state line. The Restricted Area includes the entire Big Creek Lakes Recreation Area including both the Upper and Lower Big Creek Lakes, and the Lone Pine North, Beaver Creek, Buffalo Ridge, Seven Lakes and Helena trailheads.

The Restricted Roads and Trails include all County and National Forest System roads and all National Forest System trails within the Restricted Area, including those portions of roads used as the boundary of the Restricted Area (NFSRs 404, 409, 414, 415, 415.3A and 418.1C). However, NFST 1152 (aka the Main Fork Encampment Trail) where used for portions of the western boundary, NFST 1129 (aka the Lake Katherine Trail), and NFSR 640 (Lone Pine Road or Jackson County Road 16) where used for portions of the Restricted Area boundary are excluded from the Restricted Roads and Restricted Trails, and will be open for public travel. The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources, public safety, and firefighter safety due to the impacts of the wildland fire and associated fire incident management activities. The revised Restricted Area, Roads and Trails are a result of continued fire activity and anticipated growth.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e) and 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e)
2. Being on the Restricted Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e)
3. Being on the Restricted Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

- 1) Any federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty;
- 2) Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

This revised order becomes effective on August 8, 2016, and remains in effect until further revised, rescinded, or through October 21, 2016, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming this 8th day of August, 2016



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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.