

ORDER
Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests
and Thunder Basin National Grassland

STAGE II FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Due to extreme fire conditions, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are **prohibited** on lands administered by the Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland. These prohibitions apply to the areas depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36CFR 261.52(a)
Exceptions to 36 CFR 261.52(a):
Petroleum fueled stoves, grills, or lanterns used in an area at least three feet in diameter that has been cleared of flammable vegetative material such as grasses or pine needles.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building. 36 CFR 261.52(c)
3. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR 261.52(f)
4. Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b)
5. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine (e.g., chainsaw, generator) without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 - USDA, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a (as amended); or,
 - Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). 36 CFR 261.52(j) and 43 CFR 9212.1(h)
6. Possessing or using a vehicle off National Forest System Roads. 36 CFR 261.56.
Exception to 36 CFR 261.56:
Except as described in regulations listed in the applicable Motor Vehicle Use Map (36 CFR 261.13) and parked in an area devoid of vegetation.
7. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from specified Prohibitions of this order:

1. Persons with a US Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission are exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty are exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7.
3. Holders of Forest Service special use authorizations for residences are exempt from Prohibition No. 1 provided such fires are within the residence.

This order is in effect starting at 12:01 a.m. on June 24, 2012 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2012 or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Laramie, Wyoming this 24th day of June, 2012.

/s/ Phil Cruz

Phil Cruz
Forest Supervisor
Medicine Bow Routt National Forests
Thunder Basin National Grassland

Violation of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. (16 USC § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571).