

U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Bridger-Teton National Forest Jackson Ranger District

Area/Road/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 Jackson Ranger District, Bridger-Teton National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described [Area/Roads/Trails]"):

- 1. Being on the Described Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55 (a).
- 2. Being on the Described Road. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54 (e).
- 3. Being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53 (e)

EXEMPTIONS

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

- 1. Private and Agency personnel associated with completing and monitoring the awarded contract of fuels reduction work occurring in Phillips Ridge Unit 5 (T-06N) of the Teton to Snake Fuels Management Project.
- 2. Bonneville Power Association (BPA) personnel or contractors needing to access the powerline corridor for inspection, maintenance, or other service needs.
- 3. 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).
- 4. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA/ROADS/TRAILS

Described Area A: Defined boundary for area closure will be as follows: from the WY State Highway 22/BPA powerline intersection in the Phillips Bench area of Teton Pass.

Up said powerline corridor to the intersection with the Phillips Ridge Trail. North along Phillips Ridge Trail to the Phillips Ridge Road (FS30972). Along road to the Phillips Bench Road A Spur (FS30972A). Along Phillips Bench Road A Spur to terminus. East to Phillips Bench Road (FS30972). Along FS30972 to the Phillips Bench Road B Spur (FS30972B). Along Phillips Bench Road B Spur (FS30972B). Along Phillips Bench Road B Spur to Phillips Ridge Trail. From trail intersection, the closure boundary continues SW along the Phillips Ridge (geographic feature) to WY State Highway 22, then NE along WY State Highway 22 to the intersection with the BPA powerline corridor.

Described Area B: Phillips Bench Road corridor, FS30972 from Highway 22 to its intersection with Arrow Trail is closed to motorized wheeled vehicles.

Described Trails: 1) Snotel Trail (entire). From the Snotel/Arrow Trail junction to the Snotel/Phillips Ridge Trail Junction. 2) Phillips Ridge Trail (portion). From the Phillips Ridge/Arrow Trail junction to the Phillips Ridge Trail/Snotel Trail junction.

Described Roads: 1 Phillips Bench Road, FS30972 (portion): between the Arrow trail intersection and the Phillips Bench Road B Spur closed to all human use. 2) Phillips Bench Road A Spur (entire), FS30972A, 3) Phillips Bench Road B Spur (entire), FS30972B.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety. Numerous hazards associated with the use of heavy equipment and mechanized treatment of fuels/vegetation within the treatment area make it unsafe for public presence.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from July 15th, 2025, at 0600 through October 30th at midnight, unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Area/Roads/Trails is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/r4_/alerts-notices.</u>
- 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 Jackson Ranger District in Jackson, WY (307) 739-5400, and Bridger-

Teton National Forest Supervisor's Office in, Jackson, WY (307) 739-5500, for more information about this Order.

6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts [in/on] the same Described [Area/Road/Trail].

Signed and issued on June 30, 2025.

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