

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE U.S. FOREST SERVICE ASHLEY NATIONAL FOREST DUCHESNE/ROOSEVELT RANGER DISTRICT ROAD AND AREA CLOSURE

## **PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) roads in the Duchesne/Roosevelt Ranger District, Ashley National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area and Roads"):

 Being in the described area and roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a) and (b). Rhoades Canyon Road (FS174). The area starting at Rhoades Canyon Road (FSR174) at the forest boundary, north along Rhoades Canyon Road to the junction with FSR315, north to the end of FSR180, north along FSR180 to its origin, north to Iron Mine Creek, west along Iron Mine Creek to the forest boundary, south and east along forest boundary to the Rhoades canyon road.

#### **EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 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 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.
- 3. Federal or state administrative personnel in performance of an official duty.

## ROAD AND AREA CLOSURE DESCRIBED:

- The area described as starting at Rhoades Canyon Road (FSR174) at the forest boundary, north along Rhoades Canyon Road to the junction with FSR315, north to the end of FSR180, north along FSR180 to its origin, north to Iron Mine Creek, west along Iron Mine Creek to the forest boundary, south and east along forest boundary to the Rhoades canyon road.
- 3. Rhoades Canyon Road (FSR 174) starting from Highway 35 at the forest boundary to Uintah-Wasatch-Cache National Forest boundary.

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is for public health and safety due to Yellow Lake Fire. Wildfire behavior can be unpredictable and due to the close proximity of this fire it is in the publics best interest to remain out of this area.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from October 3, 2024 at 1:00 PM through December 31, 2024 at 12:00 am.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Area and Roads is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
- 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. For more information about this Order, contact the Duchesne Ranger District located in Duchesne, Utah, telephone (435) 738-2482 or the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's Office located in Vernal, Utah, telephone (435) 789-1181.
- 6. This Order supersedes any previous Order(s) prohibiting the same, or similar acts, in/on the Described Area and Roads.

Signed and issued on 3 October, 2024.

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