

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION ALL NATIONAL FORESTS

Weed Free Hay Order

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following act is prohibited on all National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Intermountain Region, including all National Forests listed below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order ("Restricted Areas"):

1. Possessing, storing, or transporting non-pelletized hay, straw, or mulch in the Restricted Areas, unless it is certified as weed free by the state where the product originated. While in the Restricted Areas, this certification must be demonstrated by either: the state's required identification on each individual bale or container, or possession of original and current documentation of the state certification. 36 CFR § 261.58(t)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

- 1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED AREAS:

All NFS lands within the Intermountain Region, including the following National Forests located in Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, California, and Colorado:

Ashley NF Humboldt-Toiyabe NF Boise NF Manti-LaSal NF

Bridger-Teton NF Payette NF

Caribou-Targhee NF Salmon-Challis NF

Dixie NF Sawtooth NF

Fishlake NF Uinta-Wasatch-Cache NF

PURPOSE:

This Order is necessary to prevent the spread of noxious weeds in the Intermountain Region.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1. This Order will be effective on <u>August 2, 2021</u> and shall remain in effect until July 17, 2026, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.
- 2. Any violation of this prohibition 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 (see 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, 3581).
- 3. A map identifying the Restricted Areas is attached and made a part of this Order.
- 4. This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.
- 5. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained from the Intermountain Region Regional Office located in Ogden, Utah, (801) 625-5605, and at the following website: https://www.fs.usda.gov/r4

Done at Ogden, Utah this 2nd day of August, 2021.

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ATTACHMENT A INTERMOUNTAIN REGION

