

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST
TETON, ASHTON-ISLAND PARK AND PALISADES RANGER DISTRICTS**

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE
ALL CAVES AND ABANDONED MINES**

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b) the following act is prohibited on the area, roads, and trails as described in this order, all within the, Wyoming portion of the Teton Basin, Ashton-Island Park and Palisades Ranger Districts, Caribou-Targhee National Forest until December 1, 2010.

1. Entering any cave or abandoned mine on National Forest System lands in Wyoming.
Title 36 CFR 261.53(a)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit 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.
3. Persons with an approved plan of operations from the Forest Service to conduct exploration or mining operations under the Mining Laws.

AREA DESCRIBED:

For purposes of this Order "abandoned mine" is defined as any mine opening or adit situated on National Forest System lands that is not covered by an approved plan of operations in accordance with 36 CFR 228 Subpart A or Mineral Lease issued by the Secretary of the Interior. "Cave" means any naturally occurring void, cavity, recess, or system of interconnected passages beneath the surface of the earth or within a cliff or ledge and which is large enough to permit a person to enter, whether the entrance is excavated or naturally formed. Such term shall include any natural pit, sinkhole, or other opening which is an extension of a cave entrance or which is an integral part of a cave.

The above-described area is within the proclaimed and administrative boundary of the Wyoming portion of the Teton Basin, Ashton-Island Park and Palisades Ranger Districts, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Teton County, Wyoming.

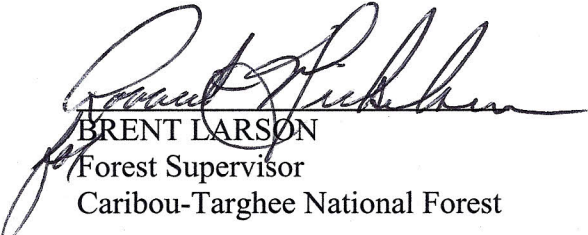
PURPOSE:

These restrictions are necessary to protect bat species from White-Nose Syndrome, while investigations are ongoing as to the presence of bats and their risk to this disease.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until December 1, 2010.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals, and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].
3. This order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order

Done at Idaho Falls, Idaho this 27th day of August, 2010.


BRENT LARSON
Forest Supervisor
Caribou-Targhee National Forest

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