

Occupancy and Use Order # 01-14-11-00-02

**United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service
Custer Gallatin National Forest
Beartooth, Bozeman, Gardiner, Hebgen Lake, and Yellowstone Ranger Districts**

OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Beartooth, Bozeman, Gardiner, Hebgen Lake, and Yellowstone Ranger Districts of the Custer Gallatin National Forest. Definitions of terms used in support of the restrictions are also included as (Attachment A). The area affected is depicted on the attached map. (Attachment B) This Order is effective **March 1 through December 1**, annually, until rescinded.

1. Possessing or storing any food, refuse or other attractant, as specified in the Order (36 CFR 261.58 (cc)).
2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any bird, fish, or other animal, or parts thereof, as specified in the Order (36 CFR 261.58 (s)).
3. Camping as specified in the Order (36 CFR 261.58 (e)).

UNDER THIS ORDER IT IS REQUIRED THAT

1. All food, refuse or other attractants must be acceptably stored or acceptably possessed during daytime hours.
2. All food, refuse or other attractants must be acceptably stored during nighttime hours, unless it is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
3. Any harvested animal carcass must be acceptably stored, unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
4. Camping or sleeping areas must be established at least ½ mile from a known animal carcass or at least 100 yards from a known acceptably stored animal carcass.
5. The responsible party shall report the death and location of livestock to a Forest Service official within 24 hours of discovery. Any Forest user finding dead livestock should contact the Forest Service.
6. Burnable attractants that cannot be completely consumed by fire (i.e., no post burning residue) must be packed out.

Attachment A
Special Order—Food Storage and Sanitation
Definitions

1. "Food, refuse and other attractants" means any substance, solid or liquid or refuse (excluding water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives), which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal. Also includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, canned foods, pet foods, processed livestock feed and grains, personal hygiene products, and empty food and beverage containers.
2. "Animal carcass" means the dead body or parts thereof, of any harvested mammal, bird, or fish, including the head or skull plate with antlers or horns and hide or cape of big game animals and any domestic livestock that may be found in the restricted area. Packaged or prepared animal carcass products transported into the restricted area for consumption, game birds, small mammals, or fish harvested for consumption in the restricted area are considered food under the previous definition.
3. "Burnable attractants" include items such as food leftovers, waste products, food grease or residue, food saturated containers or other substances that will not be completely consumed by fire. To be completely consumed, there must be no residual attractant on the surface or in the soil. These items shall not be buried, discarded or burned in an open campfire, unless placed in a suitable container (i.e. tin can or fire pan) to prevent leaching into the ground, and burned over an open campfire. Any remaining attractants unconsumed by burning shall be placed with other garbage, acceptably stored and packed out.
4. "Acceptably stored" means:
 - a. Stored in bear-resistant container and/or utilizing a method listed on the most recent Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Certified Bear Resistant Products List.
 - b. Stored in a closed vehicle, trailer or container where the storage compartment is constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, will have no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any windows in the vehicle must be closed),
or
 - c. Suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and 4 feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole, or
 - d. Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan, or
 - e. Stored by other methods approved in a permit issued by the Forest Supervisor responsible for the area where the method is proposed for use.
 - f. Animal carcasses must be acceptably stored (a. through e. above) when located 100 yards to ½ mile of a camping or sleeping area or within 200 yards of a Forest Road or Trail.
 - g. Animal carcasses more that ½ mile from a camping area and more than 200 yards from a Forest Road or Trail may be left on the ground.

ATTACHMENT B
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CUSTER GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST
Food Storage Order



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