



## Forest Service News Release

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### Area closure in place on Routt National Forest for Morgan Creek Fire

*Closure impacts National Forest System lands in both Jackson and Routt counties.*

**(STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo.) July 11, 2021** – Effective immediately, an area closure is in place on the Routt National Forest due to the Morgan Creek Fire, north of Steamboat Springs, Colo.

The area closure pertains to all public use, and utilizes National Forest boundaries, roads, trails, and natural features such as lakes, creeks, and mountains. Specific area closure boundaries are detailed within the Forest Order.

Roughly, the closed area goes from the National Forest boundary on the west near Clark, Colo. in Routt County; north to Big Agnes Mountain; east over the Continental Divide to the National Forest boundary in Jackson County near Red Canyon; and south to Mount Ethel.

Closures include a large section in the middle of the Mount Zirkel Wilderness, a section of the Continental Divide Trail, all Forest Service recreation sites along the Seedhouse corridor, including campgrounds, trailheads, and the Seedhouse Guard Station. Forest Road 400 is closed where County Road 64 enters National Forest. Forest Roads 440, 442, and their associated spur roads are also closed.

Many other trailheads and Forest Service recreation sites are impacted in both counties, such as part of the motorized Grizzly-Helena Trail in Jackson County. Please see the area closure map for details.

Visitors should plan in advance and be aware of conditions and restrictions in place.

Information about the Morgan Creek Fire can be found on [InciWeb](#) or by calling 720-689-3434 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Stage I fire restrictions are in effect on the Routt National Forest and Jackson County. Routt County has Stage II fire restrictions in place.

Information about National Forest recreation site status, maps, Burned Area Emergency Response and wildfire management efforts, as well as potential hazards and emergency contacts can be found on our [website](#).

Notices, links to news articles, and additional resources are available on social media: [@FS\\_MBRTB](#) on Twitter or [@FSMBRTB](#) on Facebook.

Local Forest Service offices can also provide site-specific information.

- Hahns Peak-Bears Ears Ranger District, Steamboat Springs, Colo., (970) 870-2299
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