

Order Number: # 01-18-00-24-05



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
DAKOTA PRAIRIE GRASSLANDS
SHEYENNE GRASSLANDS**

EMERGENCY FIRE ORDER AND RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Sheyenne National Grasslands, Denbigh Experimental Forest, and Souris Purchase Unit, Dakota Prairie Grasslands, described below and shown on the attached maps incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A & B:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. [36 CFR 261.52(a)].
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. [36 CFR 261.52(d)].
3. Being on a non-surfaced (Prairie Two Track) National Forest System Road with a wheeled motor vehicle. This also includes the current prohibition on off-route travel. [36 CFR 261.54(a)].

Prairie Two Track Definition: Parallel wheel depressions in the soil with no other recent visible maintenance work to maintain the road. (No grading, continuous aggregate surface, etc.)

4. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off established roads or established parking areas, including for the purpose of dispersed camping. (36 C.F.R. 261.56).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), an order may exempt any of the following persons from

any of the prohibitions contained in the order:

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48, 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. Persons using a stove or grill solely fueled by liquid petroleum or liquid petroleum gas (LPG) fuels that can be turned on and off, if used in an area that is barren or cleared of all overhead and surrounding materials within three feet of the device.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
4. Camping and parking are allowed within 50 feet of the shoulder of the road.

AREA DESCRIBED

All National Forest System Lands within McHenry, Ransom, and Richland Counties, North Dakota.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety and to protect National Forest System lands, resources, and facilities during the current period of severe fire danger.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from November 7, 2024 at 12:00 AM through December 1, 2024 at 11:59 pm, unless rescinded.
2. Maps identifying the Described Area/Roads is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibits A & B. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibits A & B, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/dpg/alerts-notices>.
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. Contact the Sheyenne Ranger District, Lisbon, ND, (701) 404-8950 and Dakota Prairie Grasslands Supervisor's Office in Bismarck, ND, (701) 989-7300, for more

information about this Order.

6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Restricted Area.

Signed and issued on this 7th day of November, 2024.

BETHANY IHLE
Grasslands Supervisor
Dakota Prairie Grasslands

EXHIBIT A

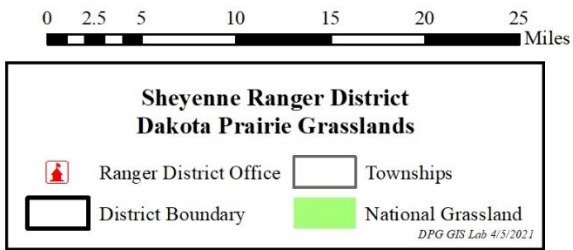
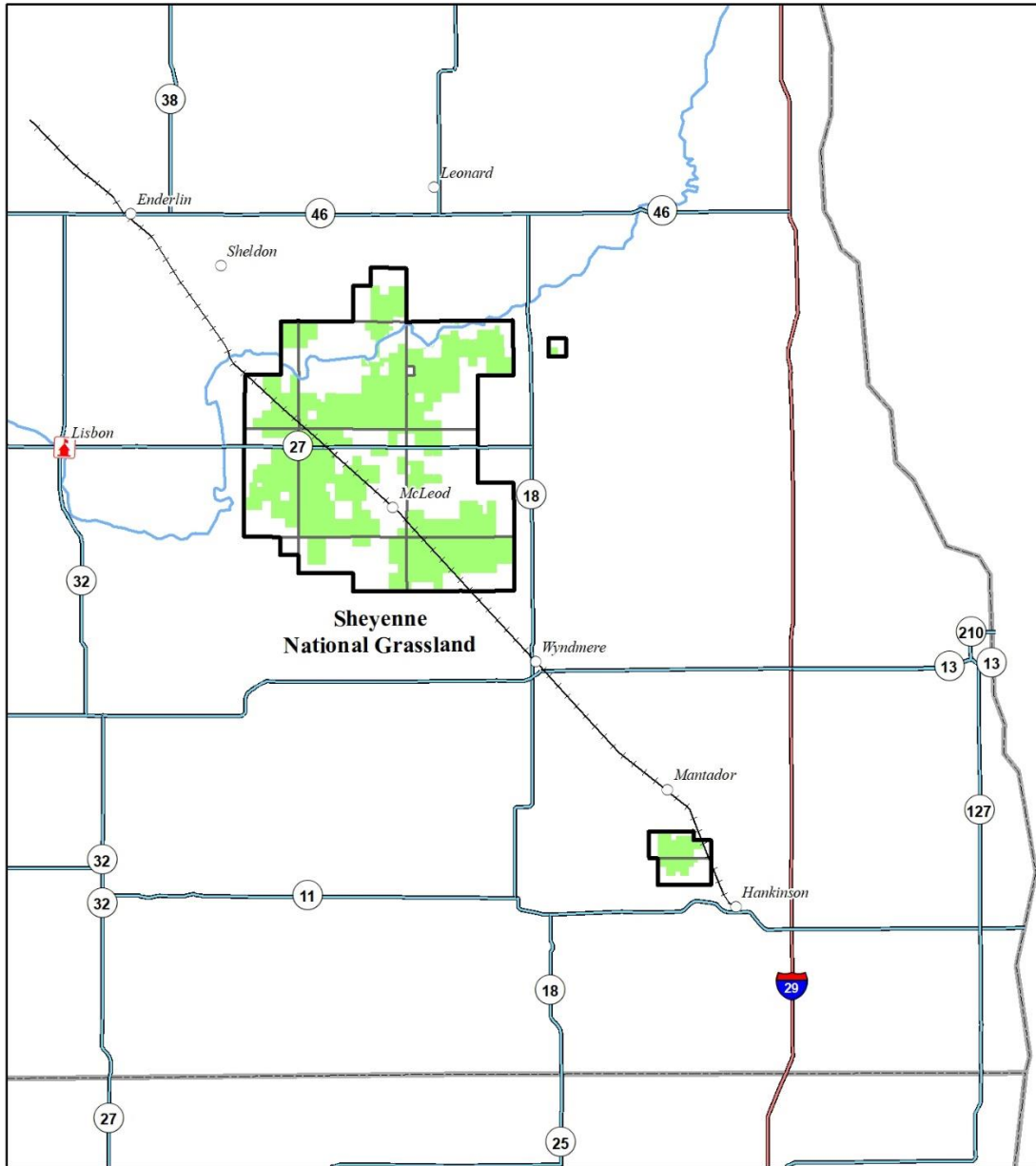


EXHIBIT B

