

Proposed Supplementary Rules for Emerald Mountain SRMA

The Bureau of Land Management Little Snake Field Office is proposing supplementary rules for Emerald Mountain. The BLM has determined these rules are necessary to protect Emerald Mountain's natural resources and to provide for public health and safe public recreation. Comments on the proposed supplementary rules can be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management, Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, CO 81625 by September 17, 2010. Comments postmarked or received in person after this date may not be considered in the development of the final supplementary rules.

Unless otherwise authorized by the Field Manager, the following proposed rules would apply within the Emerald Mountain SRMA boundary:

1. Camping and overnight use is prohibited. The area is closed between sunset and sunrise, except for lawful hunting licensed periods and for retrieval of legally taken game. Hunters are not allowed to camp overnight.
2. No mechanized transport activities are allowed within Zone 2, including game carts.
3. No person or persons shall discharge a firearm or other projectile shooting device of any kind, including those used for target shooting or paintball, except licensed hunters in pursuit of game during the proper season with appropriate firearms, as defined by the Colorado Division of Wildlife.
4. Zone 2 and trails south of Ridge Trail in Zone 1 are closed to the public from December 1 to June 30 to protect wintering and calving elk.
5. Non-working dogs must be on a six-foot or less hand-held leash at all times. Working dogs are allowed off-leash only during legal hunting periods when controlled by someone legally hunting, or when working as cattle dogs.
6. Fires are not allowed except at the trailheads in a mechanical stove or other appliance fueled by gas and equipped with a valve that allows the operator to turn the flame on and off.
7. Possession of glass containers is prohibited.
8. The entire area is designated closed to motorized vehicle travel, with the exception of Cow Creek Road (Routt County Road 45). The closure excludes:
 - Any military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement vehicle being used for emergency purposes; and
 - Any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the authorized officer, or otherwise officially approved (e.g., grazing permittee, CDOW, Routt County personnel).

The entire Proposed Supplementary Rules Notice can be viewed in the Federal Register at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-20346.pdf>