

Red Ryder Prescribed Fire

Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest

Forest Service Order 04-19-26-753

Area & road closure through December 31, 2026

Red Ryder Prescribed Fire: Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Area and Road Closure Through December 31, 2026

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Forest Service Order 04-19-26-753 closes the Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Project area and listed roads on the Logan Ranger District, Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests, from September 26 through December 31, 2026; Sinks Road closes during active ignitions.

On the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forests, Logan Ranger District, the Forest Service issued Order 04-19-26-753 for the Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Project. The order closes a mapped National Forest area and listed roads from September 26, 2026 through December 31, 2026, unless rescinded sooner. Sinks Road (Forest Service Road #20055) will also be closed during active fire ignitions.

This is a public-safety closure tied to prescribed fire operations — not a forest-wide recreation ban. Bring the official Exhibit A map. Do not navigate the boundary from memory.

What is prohibited

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and (b), the order prohibits going into or being upon the Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Project Area and Roads — including hikers, pedestrians, equestrians, bicycles, and any type of motorized vehicle — as described in the order and shown on Exhibit A (36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)).

Boundary in plain terms

The area closure starts at the intersection of Sinks Road (FSR #20055) and Cheney Creek Road (FSR #20239), then follows:

- East along Cheney Creek Road about 1.12 miles
- East about 0.7 miles to South Fork Cheney Creek
- East along South Fork Cheney Creek about 1.22 miles to the Forest boundary
- South along the forest boundary about 2.45 miles to Tufts Creek
- Northwest along Tufts Creek Trail (FST #7031) about 3.88 miles to Slide Out Road (FSR #20272)
- Northwest along Slide Out Road about 0.18 miles back to Sinks Road
- North along Sinks Road about 1.92 miles to Cheney Creek Road

Legal description location: Township 13 North, Range 4 East, Sections 10–16 and 21–25, Salt Lake Base Meridian.

Closed roads named in the order

- Jebo Spring 4X4 Road (FSR 20175) — about 2.19 miles from Sinks Road to the end of the road
- USU Cabin Road (FSR #20271) — about 0.07 miles from Slide Out Road to the end of the road

Plus the ignition-day closure of Sinks Road (FSR #20055) during active fire ignitions.

Exemptions

Exempt under 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e):

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically exempting them, or a written determination that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2)
2. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in official duty
3. Federal or state administrative personnel in official duty

Purpose, penalty, contacts

- Purpose: public and firefighter safety during implementation of the Red Ryder Prescribed Fire Project
- In effect: September 26, 2026 through December 31, 2026, unless rescinded; Sinks Road closed during active ignitions
- Signed: September 21, 2026, Forest Supervisor Kelly Orr, South Jordan, Utah
- Violation: Class B misdemeanor — fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both (16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, 3581)

Contacts:

- Logan Ranger District, Logan, Utah: (435) 755-3620
- National Forest Supervisor's Office, South Jordan, Utah: (801) 999-2103

Order PDF: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/nfs/files/r04/uinta-wasatch-cache/publication/alerts/04-19-26-753%20Signed%20Red%20Ryder%20Prescribed%20Fire%20Area%20Closure.pdf>

How this differs from a wildfire emergency closure

A wildfire emergency closure often follows active fire growth and can shift weekly. Red Ryder is a prescribed fire project with a published end date of December 31, 2026 and a mapped project footprint on the Logan Ranger District. Still treat ignition days seriously: Sinks Road can close when crews are lighting.

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