

ORDER

Order No. 03-03

OCCUPANCY AND USE REGULATIONS

**PIKE AND SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FOREST
CIMARRON AND COMANCHE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS**

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System Lands within the Pike and San Isabel National Forests, and the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands until further notice.

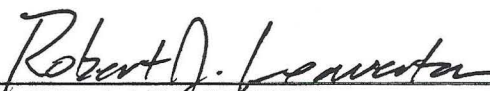
THIS ORDER PROHIBITS:

- (1) Camping in an area, developed site or campground that is posted as closed to camping. 36 CFR 261.58(e)

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done at Pueblo, Colorado, this 2 day of May, 2003.


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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. Title 16 USC, Section 551.

Justification Statement

Within the Hayman Burn Area, designated campground closures will need to be implemented for protection of public health and safety and resource protection due to the following conditions:

1. Public Health and Safety

A. - Flood Potential - Designated campgrounds are located adjacent to streams within the Hayman burn area. Burned areas are subject to flash flooding from moderate or even light weather events due to environmental conditions caused by the burn (denuded slopes and hydrophobic soils). The flash flooding would be hazardous to any persons camping nearby streams. Therefore overnight camping must stop until conditions improve naturally or the area is rehabilitated and judged to be safe for camping.

2. Resource Protection

A - Environmental and Facilities Damage - Many designated campgrounds found within the Hayman burn area have suffered damage to both the surrounding environment and facility infrastructure. The campgrounds will suffer further damage if used by the public before restoration efforts can repair damaged campground facilities. Therefore camping must be prohibited until rehabilitation of campgrounds is completed.

Future Campground Closures

Fires will occur on the Pike and San Isabel National Forests, Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) sometime in the future. These fires may occur near designated campground(s) and the aforementioned public safety and/or resource protection conditions could occur again. Therefore this order may apply to future impacted areas located on the PSICC as judged appropriate.



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