SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FOREST
Leadville Ranger District
Salida Ranger District
PIKE NATIONAL FOREST
South Park Ranger District
Colorado

Order No. 2020-02

## **FOREST ORDER**

## OCCUPANCY AND USE REGULATIONS BUFFALO PEAKS WILDERNESS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §551, and 36 C.F.R. §261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness of the Pike and San Isabel National Forests; Leadville, Salida and South Park Ranger Districts, in Lake, Park and Chaffee Counties, Colorado, and as shown in Exhibit A to this Order (the "Restricted Area").

This Order is necessary to protect physical and biological resources of the Buffalo Peaks Wilderness and to protect the character, solitude, and condition of this wilderness.

## **PROHIBITIONS**

The following acts are prohibited in the Restricted Area:

- 1. Entering or being in the Restricted Area with more than 15 people per group. 36 CFR §261.58 (f)
- 2. Entering or being in the Restricted Area with more than 25 pack or saddle animals and people in a stock group. 36 CFR §261.58 (f)
- 3. Camping within 100 feet of any lake, stream, NFS Trail, or any "No Camping" or "Restoration Site" sign. 36 CFR §261.58 (e)
- 4. Building, maintaining or using a campfire
  - a) within 100 feet of any lake, stream, or NFS Trail.
  - b) within 1/4 mile of tree line or above tree line. 36 CFR §261.52 (a)
- 5. Entering or being in the Restricted Area with a dog, unless 100 feet from NFS trails and the dog is (i) not harrassing or damaging wildlife, property, or people, and (ii) under physical restraint of a leash or direct verbal control by the dog's owner or handler at all times. 36 CFR §261.57 (a)
- 6. Hitching, tethering or hobbling pack or saddle animals within 100 feet of any lake, stream, or NFS Trail. 36 CFR §261.58 (aa)
- 7. Possessing, storing or transporting any plant material, such as hay or straw, unless that material is livestock feed processed through chemical or mechanical means to destroy viable seeds (e.g., pellitized feed or rolled grains). 36 CFR §261.58 (t)
- 8. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies for longer than 72 hours. 36 CFR §261.57 (f)
- 9. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. 36 CFR §261.55 (e)

- 10. Not covering pit toilets before vacating the restricted area and depositing any human waste within 100 feet of springs, lakes, or streams. 36 CFR §261.57 (g)
- 11. Failing to pack all refuse out of the Restricted Area or deposit refuse at places designated for garbage disposal. 36 CFR §261.57 (g)
- 12. Possessing or using a bicycle, wagon, cart, or other vehicle, including a wheelbarrow or game cart. 36 CFR §261.57 (h)

## **EXEMPTIONS:**

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

- 1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization exempting them from the effect of this Order.
- 2. Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

This Order shall become effective on the date of signature and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until five years after the signature date, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Pueblo, Colorado.

**DIANA M. TRUJILLO** 

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Violations of the prohibitions in this Order punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C §§ 3559 and 3571).