

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
RIO GRANDE
AND
PIKE AND SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FORESTS
CIMARRON AND COMANCHE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS
San Carlos, Salida, Saguache, and Conejos Peak Ranger Districts
Forest Order 2021-19
Occupancy and Use Restrictions
Sangre De Cristo 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 Sangre de Cristo Wilderness (the "Restricted Area") and the NFS trails within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Trails"). The Restricted Area is located in the San Carlos and Salida Ranger Districts, San Isabel National Forest, in Custer, Fremont, and Huerfano Counties, as well as the Saguache and Conejos Peak Ranger Districts of the Rio Grande National Forest, in Saguache and Alamosa Counties, State of Colorado. The Restricted Area is depicted on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

This Order is necessary for the protection of natural resources.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Entering or being in the Restricted Area with a group of more than 15 people and with a group of people and livestock consisting of a combined total of more than 25. 36C.F.R. § 261.58(f)
2. Camping within 100 feet of any stream or 300 feet of any lake, except for in sites with posted signs authorizing camping. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(e)
3. When fire restrictions are not in effect: Building, maintaining attending or using a fire or campfire within 100 feet of any stream or 300 feet of any lake. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)
4. Hitching, tethering, or hobbling any pack or saddle animal within 100 feet of any stream or 300 feet of any lake. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(aa)
5. Possessing a dog or other animal that is not leashed or under direct verbal control of the dog's handler at all times. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)
6. Shortcutting a switchback in a Restricted Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(e)
7. Possessing or using a wagon, cart, or other vehicle, except persons with wheelchairs as a necessary medical appliance. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(h)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty;

2. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization exempting them from the effect of this Order.

This order rescinds, replaces, and supersedes Order 2020-25, dated July 24, 2020.

This Order shall become effective on the date of signature, and remains in effect until rescinded, or for three (3) years, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Pueblo, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Done at Monte Vista, Colorado this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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A violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 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, 3571, 3581).