

FOREST ORDER

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
PIKE NATIONAL FOREST
South Platte Ranger District**

Occupancy and Use Restriction

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands within the Guanella Pass, Hall Valley, Geneva Creek, and North Twin Cone Areas in the South Platte Ranger District of the Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands described further below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Restricted Areas").

The Restricted Areas are those parts of the Guanella Pass, Hall Valley, Geneva Creek and North Twin Cone Areas that are alpine shrub and Krummholz ecosystems (which are ecosystems located above 11,500 ft. in elevation).

The purpose of this Order is for the protection of natural resources.

PROHIBITION:

- 1) Possessing or using a motor vehicle, including over-the-snow vehicles, off NFS Roads, annually from November 1 through May 31, in the Restricted Areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.56.

EXEMPTIONS:

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

- 1) Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
- 2) Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in performance of an official duty.

This Order shall be in effect from December 31, 2021 and will remain in effect for two years from the date signed, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

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

Diana M. Trujillo
Forest and Grassland Supervisor
Pike-San Isabel National Forests &
Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands

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 a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, 3581.