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**Motor Vehicle Use Map**  
Gunnison National Forest  
Paonia Ranger District

**VICINITY MAP**

**PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP**

The designations shown on this motor vehicle use map (MVUM) were made by the responsible official pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51, are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM, and will remain in effect until superseded by next year's MVUM.



It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM. This MVUM shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the Paonia Ranger and Gunnison Ranger Districts that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. This MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route and in each area, and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road, trail, or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated roads and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

These designations apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.

**PROHIBITIONS**

**It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle on National Forest System lands on the Gunnison National Forest other than in accordance with these designations (36 CFR 261.13)**

Violators of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, over-snow uses, or other facilities or restrictions on the Gunnison National Forest. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

Designated roads, trails and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with any such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such a temporary and/or emergency closure are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b), 36 CFR 201 subpart B).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

**OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the Gunnison National Forest is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the Paonia and Gunnison Ranger Districts. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.**

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact Paonia Ranger District, Gunnison Ranger District or the Supervisor's Office for clarification.

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

**BLANKET STATEMENT FOR TRAVEL MANAGEMENT.**

Where identified on this map, by the symbol, . . . motor vehicle use off of designated roads and trails for the purpose of dispersed camping is permitted on NFS lands for up to 300 feet from the centerline of the designated route. Direct access to a suitable camping site within 300 feet of a designated road or trail is authorized, providing such travel does not damage the land, vegetation or streams, or is not prohibited by other laws or regulations, such as wilderness designations.

**Legend**

- Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles
- Roads Open to All Vehicles
- Trails Open to All Vehicles
- Trails Open to Vehicles 50" or Less in Width
- Trails Open to Motorcycles Only
- Seasonal Designation (See Table)
- Dispersed Camping
- Highways, US, State
- Other Public Roads
- 811.1A Short Route Identifier (See Table)
- FS Campground
- Ranger District Office
- Motorized Trailhead
- Peaks
- Forest or Unit Boundary
- National Forest System Lands
- Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest
- Wilderness Areas
- Township and Range Lines
- Section Lines
- Lakes and Reservoirs

0 0.5 1 2 3 4 Miles

**EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS**

**Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:**  
These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the state.

**Roads Open to All Vehicles:**  
These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller off-highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway use (but not to oversize or overweight vehicles under State traffic law).

**Trails Open to All Vehicles:**  
These trails are open to all motor vehicles, including both highway legal and nonhighway legal vehicles.

**Trails Open to Vehicles 50 inches or Less in Width:**  
Trails open only to motor vehicles less than 50 inches in width at the widest point on the vehicle.

**Trails Open to Motorcycles Only:**  
These trails are open only to motorcycles. Sidecars are not permitted.

**Seasonal Designation:**  
This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open only during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonal Designation Table for further instructions.

**Dispersed Camping**  
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This symbol is used along with a designated road or trail to indicate limited cross-country motor vehicle use within a specific distance of that route, solely for the purpose of dispersed camping. The dots indicate where this activity is permitted. They may be on the left, right, or both sides of the route. Refer to the Blanket Statement for Travel Management.

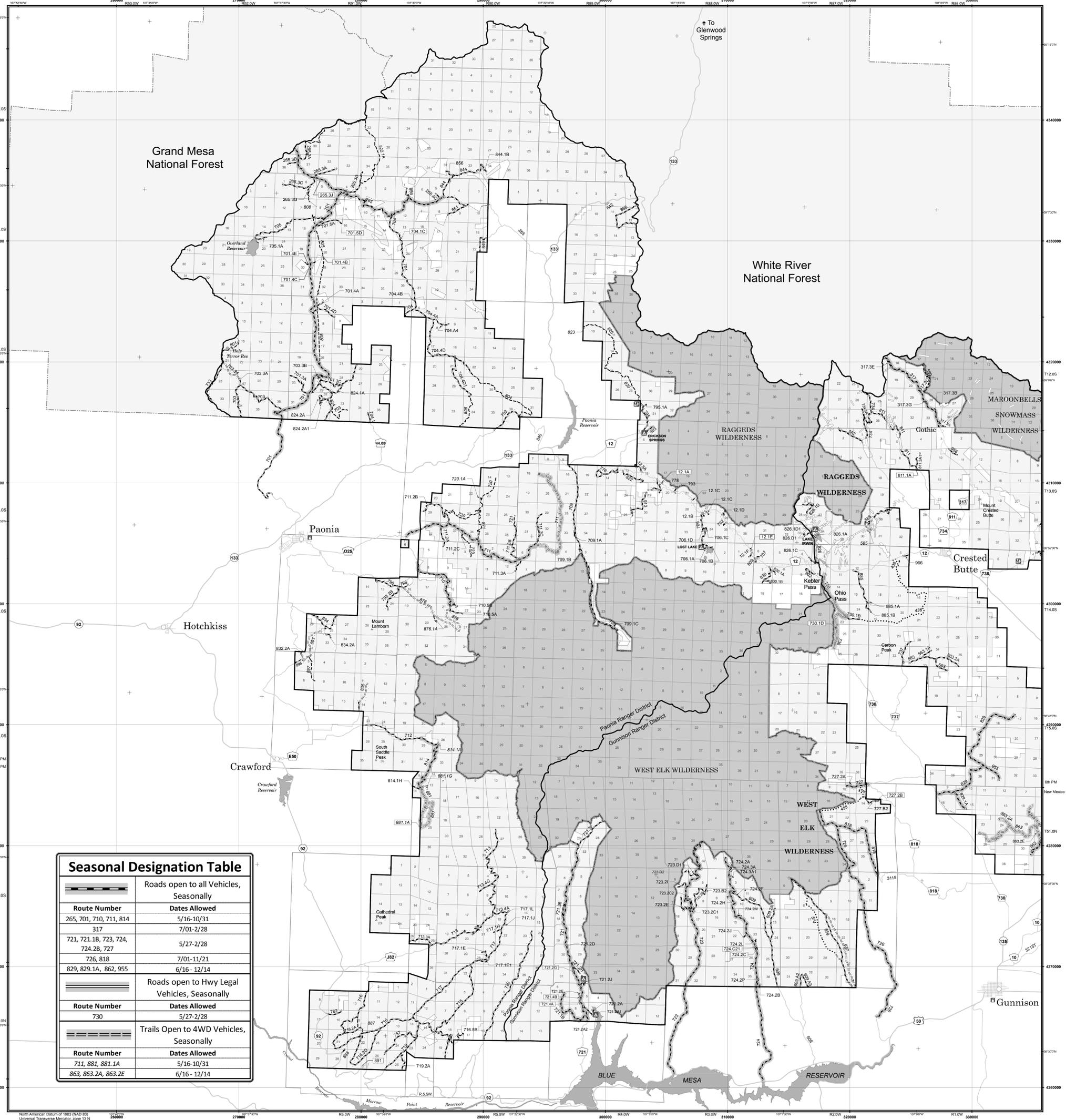
**Other Public Roads and Trails:**  
Highways, U.S. State  
Other Public Roads  
These symbols are used to show routes the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over or perfected access and has not designated for motorized use. These symbols are part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest boundary and routes where the Forest Service does not have perfected access within the forest boundary.

**Short Route Identifier:** See Short Route Table  
811.1A  
This symbol is used for roads that are too short to show a symbol type on the map. The symbol contains the number of the road or trail. Users should refer to the corresponding number in the Short Route Table for designation information.

**Motorized Trail Access:**  
This symbol indicates a trailhead for access to a motorized route. Not all motorized routes have trailheads and those that do may range from primitive to developed.

SHORT ROUTE TABLE	
Road Number	Open To:
12.1A	All Vehicles
12.1E	All Vehicles
265.3J	All Vehicles
701.4B	All Vehicles
701.4C	All Vehicles
701.4E	All Vehicles
701.5D	All Vehicles
704.1C	All Vehicles
721.2G	All Vehicles
721.4A	All Vehicles
724.2C	All Vehicles
724.C21	All Vehicles
727.2B	All Vehicles
730.1D	All Vehicles
811.1A	All Vehicles
Trail Number	Open To:
424.1C	Motorcycles
881.1A	All Vehicles

Seasonal Designation Table	
Route Number	Dates Allowed
Roads open to all Vehicles, Seasonally	
265, 701, 710, 711, 814	5/16-10/31
317	7/01-2/28
721, 721.1B, 723, 724, 724.2B, 727	5/27-2/28
726, 818	7/01-11/21
829, 829.1A, 862, 955	6/16- 12/14
Roads open to Hwy Legal Vehicles, Seasonally	
Route Number	Dates Allowed
730	5/27-2/28
Trails Open to 4WD Vehicles, Seasonally	
Route Number	Dates Allowed
711, 881, 881.1A	5/16-10/31
863, 863.2A, 863.2E	6/16- 12/14



**INFORMATION SOURCES**

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