

**TEMPORARY Trail Closure Order
NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAIL RESTRICTION
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited on the described National Forest System Trail located on the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District of the White River National Forest, in Garfield County, in the State Colorado. The Trail shown on the attached map is hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

Hubbard Cave is closed to all entry. Hubbard Cave trail only serves to access Hubbard Cave therefore the Hubbard Cave trail is closed to public use.

The Trail is further defined as the following National Forest System Trails:

- 1) The Hubbard Cave Trail # 1910, (0.9 miles) that goes to the entrance of Hubbard Cave located in the 6th Principal Meridian, T6S, R88W, Sections 3, 4 and;

PROHIBITIONS:

Being on the Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a)

EXCEPTIONS:

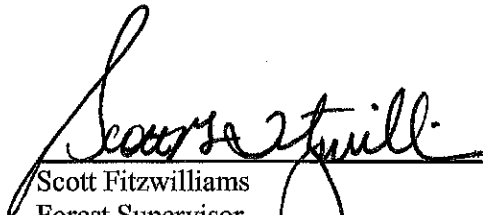
Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force working in the performance of an official duty is Exempt from all Prohibitions.
2. When conducting White-nose Syndrome-related activities, Forest Service employees, contractors to the Forest Service, and personnel from State wildlife agencies are Exempt from Prohibitions #1 and #2.
3. Tribal members wishing to conduct ceremonies, rituals, or other culturally important events are exempt from Prohibitions #1, #2 and #3.
4. Persons with a valid Special Use Permit authorizing cave access are exempt from Prohibition #1.
5. For all caves listed in Exhibit A, persons with written authorization from a Forest Supervisor specifically authorizing cave entry to conduct research, inventory, or monitoring as needed to understand and manage White-nose Syndrome and to contribute to the nomination of cave resources as significant under the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 4301 – 4309 and 36 C.F.R.290) with such written authorization in the physical possession of the person or persons when undertaking the exempted activities are Exempt from Prohibition #1 and #2. The written authorization for these purposes takes the place of the registration form identified in Prohibition #1
6. Members of the National Speleological Society or Cave Research Foundation conducting activities consistent with the national Memorandums of Understanding between the Forest Service and these caving organizations (Agreements #11-MU-11132424-018 and MU-1113-2424-010, respectively) with a written authorization from a Forest Supervisor specifically authorizing cave entry are Exempt from Prohibition #2, and Prohibition #1 is not valid under these circumstances. These Members must have proof of their Current Membership and the written authorization from the authorized Forest Supervisor must be in the physical possession of the Member or

Members when undertaking the exempted activities. Related activities involve for example leading or assisting cave research, survey and monitoring, identification of sensitive resources, installation of bat gates and signs, monitoring cave use and impacts, survey and cartographic work, cave cleanup and restoration activities, bat observations, monitoring cave and karst resource or environmental conditions, white-nose syndrome surveillance, or related activities or information-gathering of mutual interest and benefit to inform management and conservation of the cave and karst resources.

This order will be in effect from August 1, 2013 – July 31, 2015, or until terminated or modified by the Forest Supervisor

Dated this 24th day of July, 2013, at Glenwood Springs, Colorado.



Scott Fitzwilliams
Forest Supervisor
White River National Forest, USDA Forest Service

Violations of these prohibitions are 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 and 3571).

Exhibit A

