ORDER No. WRNF-2020-02

FOREST ORDER

USDA FOREST SERVICE
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST
ASPEN RANGER DISTRICT

OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands within the White River National Forest on the Aspen Ranger District, Pitkin County, State of Colorado, on and surrounding the Government Trail #1980 and trails between Snowmass and Buttermilk Ski Areas as described below (the "Restricted Area"). The purpose of this Order is to protect annual elk calving.

The Restricted Area includes the NFS lands identified on the attached map (Exhibit 1 to this Order) as Areas A, B, and C:

1) Area A: East ½ of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 86 West, 6th P.M., from Elk Camp, Snowmass Ski Area north immediately east of Powerline Trail to the NFS Boundary, then east to immediately east of Tom Blake Trail and Sequel Trail, then east immediately north of Government Trail until it completes the area immediately east of Powerline Trail. Area A includes Sequel Trail, trails between Sequel and Powerline Trail, Sequel Connector, Tom Blake Trail, and the Tom Blake Equestrian Trail.

2) Area B: North ½ of Section 7 and west ½ of Section 8, Township 10 South, Range 85 West 6th P.M., immediately east of Sequel Trail from the Two Creeks lift line northeast to the NFS Boundary extending to the middle of Section 8. The southern boundary of Area B is immediately north of Government Trail extending west to immediately east of Sequel Trail. Area B includes Anaerobic Nightmare Trail (NFST 1980.1).

3) Area C: NFS lands outside of Area A and B east of Elk Camp and winter trails on Snowmass Ski Area extending to West Buttermilk Ski Area and from just southwest of Burnt Mountain east along the watershed divide to near the top terminal of West Buttermilk Express in portions of Sections 7, 8, 16, 17, and 18, Township 10 South, Range 85 West, 6th P.M. Area C includes Government Trail (NFST 1980), Sugarbowl Trail (NFST 1980.3), and Vista Reroute Hiking Trail.

PROHIBITIONS:

The following is prohibited in the Restricted Area:

1) Going into, being upon, or possessing a dog within Area A from April 25 through June 20, Area B from April 25 through June 27, and Area C from May 15 through June 27. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(b); 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)

2) Possessing a dog, except working stock dogs or dogs used for legal hunting purposes, within Areas A, B, and C (when those areas are open to entry – outside of the time periods specified above), unless there is a responsible person within 10 feet of the dog who exhibits physical or voice control over the dog and prevents the dog from disturbing or harassing any wildlife, livestock, or person. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)

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 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 the performance of an official duty.

This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2024, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, this 24th day of April, 2020.

SCOTT FITZWILLIAMS
Forest Supervisor
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Violations of the prohibitions in this Order 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).
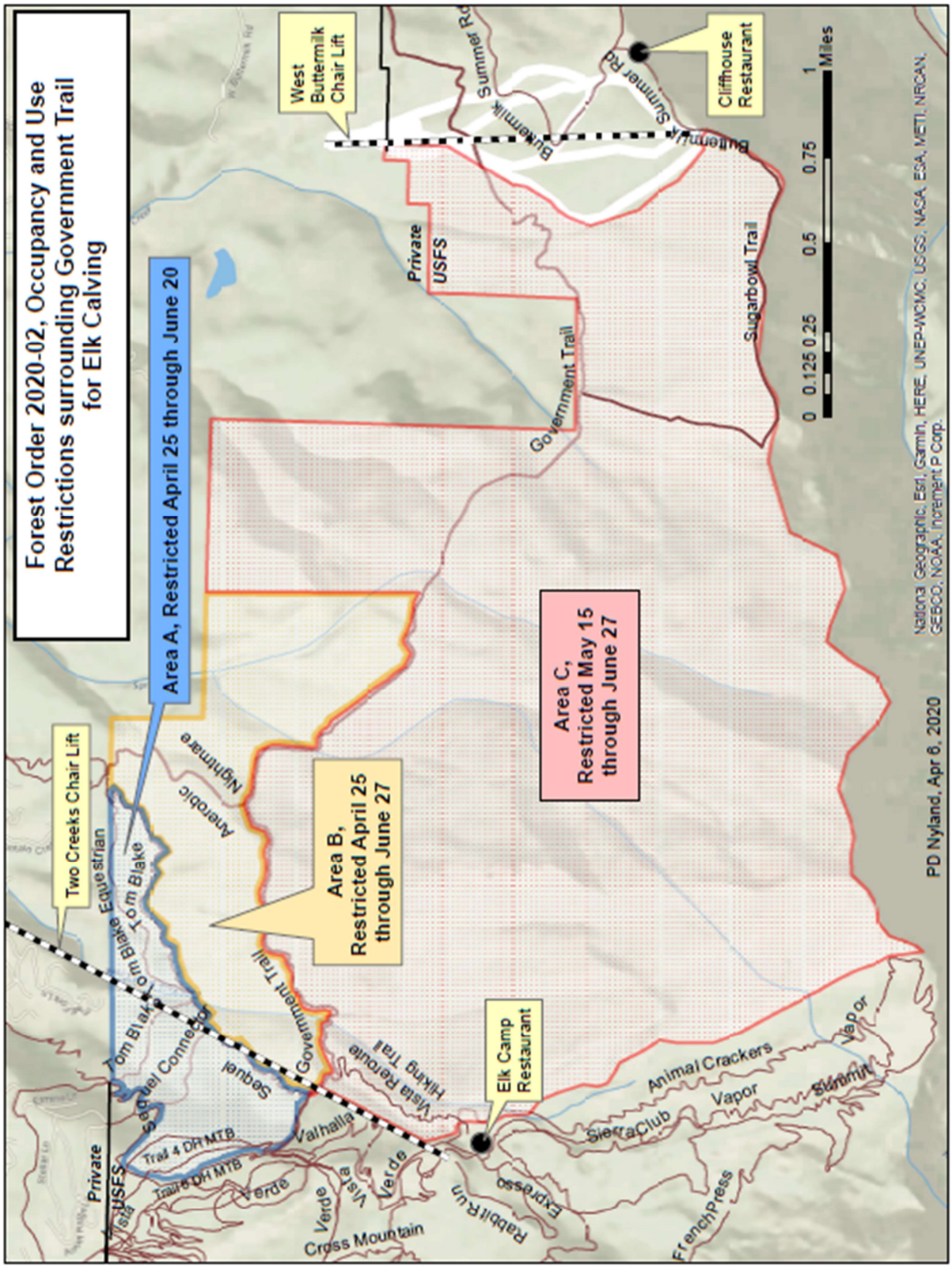
Exhibit 1. Map of Restricted Area, Aspen Ranger District, White River National Forest, Pitkin County, Colorado.