ORDER No. WRNF-2015-08

FOREST ORDER

USDA FOREST SERVICE
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST
ASPEN RANGER DISTRICT

EMERGENCY AREA CLOSURE to Overnight Camping

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a) and (b), overnight camping is prohibited within1/4 mile of Crater Lake, in the Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilderness, of the Aspen Ranger District of the White River National Forests in Pitkin County, State of Colorado. (the "Restricted Area").

The Restricted Area surrounds Crater Lake located in the 6th Principal Meridian, T11S R83W Section 22, NE 1/4 and Section 23, NW 1/4. The closure covers approximately 300 acres.

The Restricted Area is shown on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The purpose of this Order is the protection of health and safety to the public due to emboldened bear behavior documented at the site which has escalated to dangerous levels.

PROHIBITIONS:

1) Camping is prohibited . 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

(1) Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

(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This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2015, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, this 4th day of August, 2015.

SCOTT FITZWILLIAMS

Forest Supervisor
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Violations of this prohibition 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).
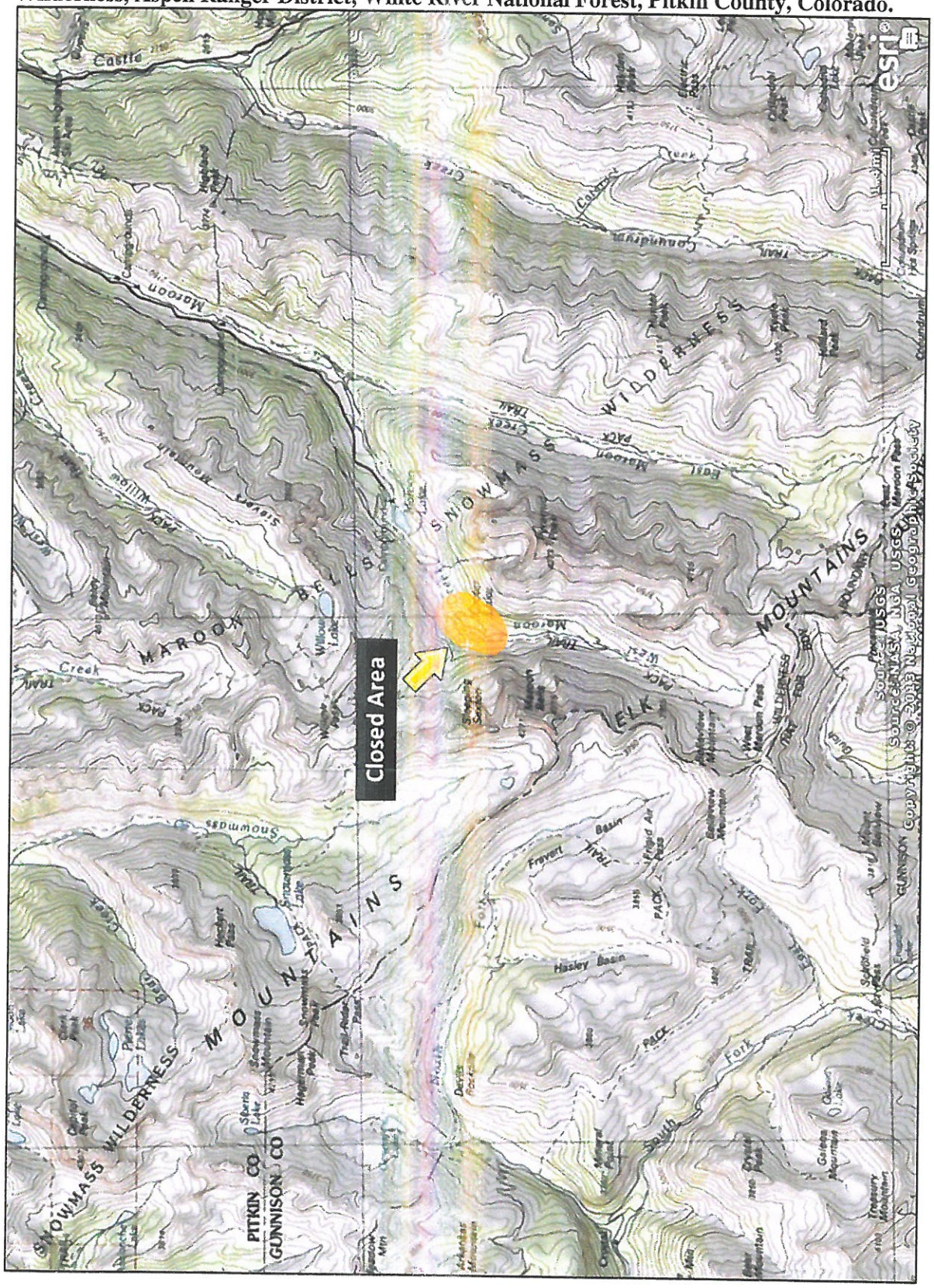
Exhibit A. Map of area closed to overnight camping at Crater Lake, Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilderness, Aspen Ranger District, White River National Forest, Pitkin County, Colorado.