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ORDER #SJRG-97-03
SPECIAL CLOSURE
SAN JUAN and RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to Title 16 USC, Section 551 and 36 CFR, Sections 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), the following restrictions are in effect throughout all lands, roads, and trails on the San Juan and Rio Grande National Forests annually from April 15 through November 15:

The following is PROHIBITED:

Possessing or storing any food or refuse unless it is;

- A) Stored in a bear-resistant method, or
- B) being eaten, prepared for eating, or being transported.

"BEAR-RESISTANT METHOD" means in a hard-sided vehicle or camper, OR in an approved bear-resistant container, OR suspended at least ten feet above the ground and four feet from any tree, post, or other support, OR within a functioning electrical enclosure.

"BEAR-RESISTANT CONTAINER" means a securable container constructed of a solid, non-pliable material, which when secured or under stress will not have any cracks, openings, or hinges that would allow a bear to gain access by biting or clawing.

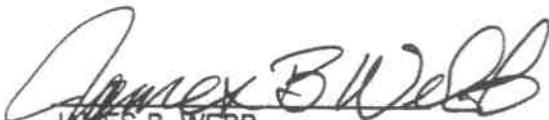
"FOOD OR REFUSE" means any food item for consumption, its container or the refuse from preparation or consumption. This also includes non-human consumables such as pet food and bird feeders (hummingbird sugar water as well as seed feeders), cooking utensils, and food packaging.

[36 CFR 261.58(cc)]

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following are exempt from this Order:

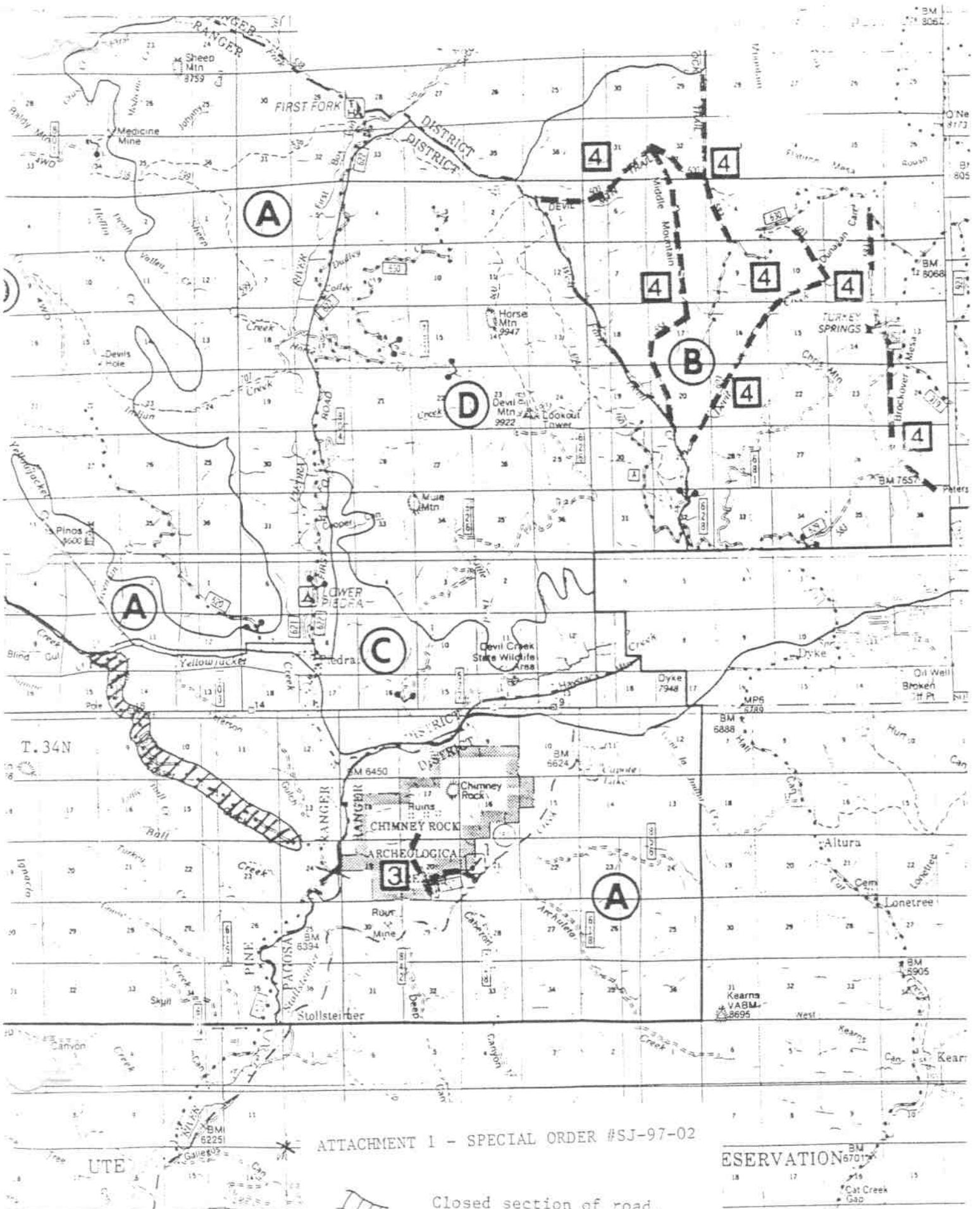
- a) Persons on forest lands above timberline are exempt from this regulation.
- b) Big game carcasses are not required to be stored in a bear-resistant method.
- c) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- d) Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done this 12th day of March, 1997, in Monte Vista, Colorado.


JAMES B. WEBB
Forest Supervisor

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by up to a \$5,000 fine for an individual or up to \$10,000 for an organization and/or up to six months in jail (18 USC 3671).

SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST



ATTACHMENT 1 - SPECIAL ORDER #SJ-97-02

RESERVATION

Closed section of road.