

News Release



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ENJOY THE FOURTH ON THE NATIONAL FORESTS!

Delta, CO., (June 29, 1009) – Summer weather is here and folks are planning their picnics, camping and other recreational pursuits on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests for the Fourth of July Celebration and for future weekends.

“We want everyone to have a safe and enjoyable summer on the national forests,” stated Charlie Richmond, GMUG Forest Supervisor. “We have some of the most spectacular scenery and opportunities for recreation right here on our local national forest; we just ask that folks obey the rules while they are out there.”

Before heading out for your holiday weekend or any other time on the Forest, citizens are reminded that:

- Fireworks are illegal on national forest lands;
- Even though we’ve had rain, the potential for wildfires is still high. Please ensure campfires are attended and put out until completely (cool to the touch) before leaving camp;
- When driving/riding on Forest roads and trails, stay on designated motorized roads and trails, and only ride those vehicles allowed on the route;
- Please be safe. Drive carefully and defensively and remember that others are in the woods too;
- Be respectful of other recreationists you encounter;
- Please pick up and pack out your trash;
- Island Lake Campground is closed this year for reconstruction;
- Granby reservoir access is closed to full-sized vehicle access. The road will be reconstructed this summer; and
- Most of all enjoy your time on the national forests.

For more specific information or conditions, please reference the Forest’s website at: www.fs.fed.us/r2/gmug or contact the local Ranger District Office near your destination.

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