TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE
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WHITE RIVER AND PIKE/SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the Holy Cross Wilderness on the Eagle/Holy Cross and Aspen/Sopris Ranger Districts of the White River National Forest, and the Leadville Ranger District of the Pike/San Isabel National Forest, in Eagle, Pitkin and Lake Counties, State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the Restricted Area. The Restricted Area is depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A and B. This Order is necessary to protect the wilderness resource and to manage recreational use within the Holy Cross Wilderness.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Entering or being in the restricted area with more than 15 people per group, and a maximum combination of 25 people and pack or saddle animals in any one group. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(t).

2. Camping:
   a. within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, National Forest System Trail, or any "No Camping" or "Wilderness Restoration Site" sign, or;
   b. along the Mount of the Holy Cross Trail (FDT 2009) within the East Cross Creek valley as described in Exhibit B, except in designated sites;
   c. inside the Notch Mountain Shelter as shown in Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(e).

3. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire:
   a) within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, or National Forest System Trail;
   b) above 11,000 feet in elevation;
   c) within the Missouri Lakes and Fancy Creek watersheds as described in Exhibit A; or
   d) within the East Cross Creek watershed as described in Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. §261.52(a)

4. Hitching, tethering or hobbling any pack or saddle animal within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, or National Forest System Trail. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(aa).

5. Possessing a dog or other animal that is uncontrolled, harassing wildlife, people, or damaging property. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(s).

6. Possessing, storing or transporting any plant material, such as hay or straw.

   NOTE: Exceptions are allowed for livestock feed that has been processed through chemical or mechanical means in a manner that will destroy viable seeds. Examples of allowed material include: pelletized feed and rolled grains. 36 C.F.R. §261.58(t).

7. Possessing or using a wagon, cart or other vehicle including a wheelbarrow or game cart. 36 C.F.R. §261.57(h).

8. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. 36 C.F.R. §261.55(e).

9. Being in the Holy Cross Wilderness overnight without a valid wilderness use permit for each group or individual overnight camping. 36 C.F.R. §261.57(a)
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 firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until May 8, 2023, whichever event occurs first. This Order supersedes, replaces and rescinds Order No. 2013-02.

Done in Glenwood Springs, Colorado this 17th day of May

SCOTT FITZWILLIAMS
Forest Supervisor
White River National Forest

Done in Pueblo, Colorado this 31st day of May

ERIN CONNELLY
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Violations of these regulations is 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 six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.