



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Pike-San Isabel National Forests &
Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands
San Carlos Ranger District**

Bear Lake and Blue Lake Area and Road Closures

PROHIBITIONS

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 and roads around Bear Lake and Blue Lakes within the San Carlos Ranger District, San Isabel National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A ("Described Area" and "Described Roads").

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA AND ROADS

The Described Area includes the Bear Lake and Blue Lake Campgrounds, Bear Lake, and all Blue Lakes, except for the largest and southernmost Blue Lake. It also includes all NFS lands bordered by NFS Road 422 to the west, beginning at the Indian Creek/Bear Lake Trailhead and ending at the southernmost Blue Lake, and by Bear Lake and the other Blue Lakes to the east. The Described Area is in Sections 19, 29, 30, and 31, Township 31 South, Range 69 West; Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 69 West; and Section 1, Township 32 South, Range 70 West, 6th P.M., Huerfano County, Colorado. The Described Roads are NFS Road 413, 413.A, 422 from the Day Use Area at the

southernmost blue lake to the end of the road, 422.A, 422.AA, 422.B., 436, 436.A, 436.B, and 436.C.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety by prohibiting entry into the campgrounds, surrounding area, and associated roads due to severe blowdown and continuing danger of further downfall, as well as to protect public safety while contractors are in the area removing the downed material.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from 12:01 AM on March 13, 2023, through 11:59 PM on December 31, 2023, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area and Roads is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to [Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands - Alerts & Notices \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/land-man/forest/management/pest-management/pest-management-alerts-notices).
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the San Carlos Ranger District in Canon City, CO, (719) 269-8530, and the Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands Forest Supervisor's Office in Pueblo, CO, (719) 553-1400, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in or on the same Described Area or Roads.

Signed and issued on _____.

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