FOREST ORDER

USDA FOREST SERVICE
UNCOMPAHGRE NATIONAL FOREST
NORWOOD RANGER DISTRICT

Camping Closure along East Naturita Road (NFSR 642) & Thunder Road (NFSR 609)

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on portions of the Norwood Ranger District of the Uncompahgre National Forest within San Miguel County, State of Colorado (the "Restricted Areas"). The Restricted Areas are depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The Restricted Areas are further defined as those National Forest System Lands located on and within 300 feet of the entire length of National Forest System Road 642 (NFSR 642) also known as East Naturita Road and on and within 300 feet of that segment of National Forest System Road 609 (NFSR 609) that begins at the proposed Thunder Trails Trailhead at approximately milepost 1.4 and ends at the cattle guard at approximately milepost 3.1; as signed and as shown on Exhibit A of this Order.

This Order is necessary to protect natural resources along National Forest System Roads 609 and 642.

PROHIBITIONS:

:

1. Camping, other than in a signed, designated campsite provided by the Forest Service. Campsites are designated with a metal fire ring and a post that is signed with a universal camping symbol. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)
    a. Except: Camping in a motor vehicle is allowed in and within 20 feet of the East Naturita Parking Area (Exhibit A) as long as it does not impede vehicle traffic or damage the land, vegetation, or streams.
2. Building, maintaining or using a fire, campfire, or wood-burning stove fire unless it is within a metal fire ring provided by the Forest Service. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)
3. It is prohibited to possessing or operating any motor vehicle within the Restricted Areas unless it is on a NFS designated road or trail or within a developed parking area provided by the Forest Service. Designated roads and trails are posted with a road or trail number and a sign identifying the allowed type of travel. Developed parking areas are designated with a sign identifying the site. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(a)
    a. Except: In areas where developed parking areas are not provided, and where not otherwise prohibited, motor vehicle travel to a suitable parking site within 20 feet of a designated road or trail is authorized where it does not damage the land, vegetation, or streams.

EXCEPTIONS:

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

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 engaged in the performance of an official duty.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. § 261, Subpart A.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2020, whichever occurs first. This Order replaces, supersedes and rescinds Order No. 2012-17.

Executed in Delta, Colorado this 29th day of December, 2015.

SCOTT G. ARMENTROUT
Forest Supervisor
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests)

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