

PROTECT WATER QUALITY

- Bury human waste in cat holes 6-8 inches deep and at least 200 feet from water, trails, campsites and roads.
- Please do not leave waste materials scattered around the forest.
- Wash your body, dishes and dispose of waste water AT LEAST 200 feet from any water source.
- Use biodegradable soap.

WILDERNESS

- Leave No Trace. Pack out everything you packed in.
- No wheels, or mechanized equipment including chainsaws, bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, hang gliders, or carts are allowed in the wilderness.
- Group size limited to a combination of 25 people and livestock, with a maximum of 15 people in any group.
- Please read all wilderness regulations at the trailhead.

OTHER INFORMATION

- Dogs are to be kept within voice command.
- Off highway motor vehicle (OHV) trails, shown on the MVUM map are north of Steamboat Lake on FS road 500, 550, and other trails on MVUM.
- Firearms are prohibited from being fired within 150 yards of any building or occupied area. In addition, you cannot fire across roads, trails or any body of water.



Dispersed Camping Guidelines

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Dispersed camping is allowed on most of Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District. The Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) shows all roads where dispersed camping is allowed along roadways. Some restrictions apply to protect resources and visitor experiences.

There is a 14-day stay limit within 30 days on the Routt National Forest. You may camp in the Forest for recreation, but it may not be your only home, even if staying in the Forest for less than the 14 day limit.

36 CFR 261.10 **prohibits** “Taking possession of, occupying, or otherwise **using National Forest System lands for residential purposes** without a permit or as otherwise authorized by Federal law or regulations.”

- For dispersed camping, vehicles are allowed up to **300 feet** off the roads as long as no resource damage results.
- Pick a site that has been used before, instead of creating a new site.
- Keep your vehicle on hardened surfaces.
- Do not drive into meadows or cross-country to get to a campsite.

Standing dead trees (snags) and live trees may fall at any time. Use caution and pay attention to weather forecasts for high wind. Locate campsites away from all snags.



WILDLIFE

- Keep all food locked up and out of bears' reach.
- Black bears are very wary of people and other unfamiliar things. Their normal response to a perceived danger is to run away or to climb a tree.
- Black bears can smell food 5 miles away.

PROHIBITIONS

- Camping is prohibited within 1/4 mile of either side of Seedhouse Road and ANY developed campground, trailhead or picnic area.
- No camping or campfires within 100 feet of any lake, stream or trail, or within 1/4 mile (1320 feet or 440 yards) of Gilpin, Gold Creek or Three Island lakes.
- **Please refer to MVUM map for other prohibitions**

CAMPFIRES

- Use existing fire rings if you plan to have a fire.
- If no ring exists use an earthen pit rather than a rock ring.
- Firewood may be collected from dead or down trees.
- **BE SURE THE FIRE IS COLD TO TOUCH BEFORE YOU LEAVE!!**