ORDER
WILDERNESS OCCUPANCY AND USE-REGULATIONS
MAROON BELLS-SNOWMASS WILDERNESS
USDA - FOREST SERVICE
WHITE RIVER AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), the following acts are prohibited within the **Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness** of the White River and Gunnison National Forests, Pitkin and Gunnison Counties, State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the Restricted Area. The Restricted Area is further depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This Order is necessary for the protection of Wilderness resources.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Entering or being in the restricted area with more than 10 persons per groups, and a maximum of 15 pack or saddle animals. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(a).

2. Camping:
   a) Within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, National Forest System Trail;
   b) Within ¼ mile of Conundrum Hot Springs, Copper Lake, Crater Lake, Geneva Lake, Capitol Lake, and Thomas Lakes, except at designated campsites. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e).

3. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire:
   a) Within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, or National Forest System Trail;
   b) Within ¼ mile of Crater Lake;
   c) Above 10,800 ft. elevation, as shown on **Exhibit A.** 36 C.F.R.§ 261.52(a).

4. Hitching, tethering or hobbling any pack or saddle animal:
   a) Within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, or National Forest System Trail;
   b) Within ¼ mile of Crater Lake, Conundrum Hot Springs, or Snowmass Lake. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(aa).

6. Possessing a dog, except for working stock dogs and/or dogs used for legal hunting purposes, unless under physical restraint of a leash not to exceed six (6) feet in length. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s).

7. Possessing a dog:
   a) Within the Conundrum Creek Valley from Silver Dollar Pond (2.25 miles North of Conundrum Hot Springs) to Triangle Pass (1.5 miles Southwest of Conundrum Hot Springs), including Conundrum Hot Springs, as depicted in **Exhibit A**. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s).

8. Possessing, storing, or transporting any plant material, such as hay or straw.
   Note: An exception is allowed for livestock feed that has been processed through chemical or mechanical means in a manner that will destroy viable seeds. Examples of excepted material include: **pelletized feed and rolled grains.** 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(t).

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

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

11. Entering or being in the restricted area without a valid self-registration Wilderness Use Permit for each group or individual camping overnight. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(a).

13. Possessing or storing any food or refuse as specified in the order, as described in **EXHIBIT B**. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(cc).
EXCEPT WHEN:
1. The food or refuse is "acceptably stored" or "acceptably possessed" during daytime hours;
2. The food or refuse is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, being prepared for acceptable storage, or is "acceptably stored" during nighttime hours. See **EXHIBIT B**.

EXEMPTIONS

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.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until December 31, 2020, whichever event occurs first. This Order supersedes, replaces, and rescinds Order No. 2003-08.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, this 20th day of JUNE, 2016.

Scott M Fitzwilliams

SCOTT FITZWILLIAMS
Forest Supervisor, White River National Forest

Done at Delta, Colorado, this 21 th day of June, 2016.

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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.

EXHIBIT B

Definitions:

1. "Food and Refuse" means any substance, solid or liquid (excluding water) which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal or any refuse which might attract bears. It includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, canned foods, processed livestock feed and grains, personal hygiene products, and empty food and beverage containers and any item that may attract bears such as, but not limited to, pet foods/feeders, cooking utensils and equipment, cooking grills, personal care products, and coolers.

2. "Acceptably stored" means:
   A) Stored in bear-resistant container certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program.
   B) Stored by other methods approved in a permit issued by the Forest Supervisor responsible for the area where the method is proposed for use.
   C) Meat carcasses or game parts harvested by hunting that occurred legally under Colorado State Hunting Laws are more than 100 yards from overnight camping site.

3. "Acceptably possessed" means possessed or attended during daytime by a person that is physically present within 100 feet and direct sight of the accessible food, refuse, or item.

4. "Daytime" means ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, Mountain Time.

5. "Nighttime" means ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise, Mountain Time.