

**FOREST ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST
Columbine Ranger District**

416 and Burro Fires Area Closure

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands on the Columbine and Dolores Ranger Districts of the San Juan National Forest, La Plata, Dolores, and San Juan Counties, State of Colorado as of June 3, 2018. The closure pursuant to this Order (the "Restricted Area") is depicted on the attached map which is hereby incorporated in this Order as Exhibit A.

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety and provide for firefighter safety during fire operations associated with the 416 and Burro Wildfires.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1) Going in or being upon all NFS lands between U.S. Highway 550 and the Dolores River on State Highway 145, bounded by the Junction Creek Road and Animas Overlook (NFSR 171) north to the Lower Hermosa Road (NFSR 576), mile marker 3.22 along the Elbert Creek Road (NFSR 581) along the southern Purgatory Ski Area boundary, excluding the entire Purgatory Ski Area boundary on the east side. Bounded on the west side by the Dolores River on State Highway 145 between the Rock Springs H Road (NFSR 556.H), the Morrison Trail (NFST 610), and north to, but excluding, the Roaring Fork Road (NFSR 435) and Divide Road (NFSR 564) on the west side. Bounded on the south side by, but excluding, the Rock Springs Road (NFSR 556) and Spruce Mill Road (NFSR 350), and east to, but excluding, the Sharkstooth Trail (NFST 620) to Kennebec pass. Finally east along the Sharkstooth Trail (NFST 620) to the Colorado Trail at Taylor Lake. Bounded on the north by, but excluding, the Hermosa Park Road (NFSR 578) and Hotel Draw Road (NFSR 550) to its intersection with the Scotch Creek Road (NFSR 550.1). 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).

Note that the Dolores River and Colorado Trail remain open for their entirety within the closure area.

T36 N, R9 W, Sections: 1-9, 17-20
T36 N, R10 W, Sections: 1-2, 11-14, 24
T37 N, R9 W, Sections: 2-35
T37 N, R10 W, Sections: 1-27, 35-36
T37 N, R11 W, Sections: 1-17, 21-24
T38 N, R9 W, Sections: 2-11, 14-23, 26-35
T38 N, R10 W, Sections: 1-36
T38 N, R11 W, Sections: 1, 4-10, 12-36
T38 N, R12 W, Sections: 1-4, 8-30, 35-36
T38 N, R13 W, Section: 25
T39 N, R9 W, Sections: 19-23, 26-35
T39 N, R10 W, Sections: 9, 13-16, 21-36
T39 N, R11 W, Section 31

- 2) Within the Hermosa Creek watershed, being upon any portion of the Hermosa Creek Trail (NFST 514), Pinkerton-Flagstaff Trail (NFST 522), Jones Creek Trail (NFST 518), Goulding Creek Trail (NFST 517), Dutch Creek Trail (NFST 516), Upper Dutch Creek Trail (NFST 497), Little Elk Creek Trail (NFST 515), Big Lick Trail (NFST 499), Elbert Creek Trail (NFST 512), Clear Creek Trail (NFST 550), South Fork Trail (NFST 549), Neglected Trail (NFST 547), Salt Creek Trail (NFST 559), Big Bend Trail (NFST 519), and Corral Draw Trail (NFST 521). 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

Within the Dolores River watershed, being on that portion of the Rio Lado Trail (NFST 736), The Rough Canyon Trail (NFST 435), all portions of the Aspen Loop Trail system (NFST 631 and 561) within the closure area, Gold Run Trail (NFST 618), Bear Creek Trail (NFST 607), Little Bear Creek Trail (NFST 609), Morrison Trail (NFST 610), Grindstone Loop (NFST 658), Grindstone (NFST 608), Connector Trail (NFST 614). 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

- 3) Within the Hermosa Creek watershed, being upon any portion of the Lower Hermosa Road (NFSR 576), Mitchell Lakes Road (NFSR 740), Junction Creek Road (NFSR 171) above the closure gate at mile marker 7.2, Champion Venture Road (NFSR 171.N) beginning at the intersection with NFSR 171 and continuing to the crossing of the Colorado Trail (NFST 622), Elbert Creek Road (NFSR 581) above mile marker 3.2. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

Within the Dolores River watershed, being on the Hillside Drive Road (NFSR 436), Grindstone Road (NFSR 358), Rio Lado Road (NFSR 208), West Mancos Road (NFSR 561) beginning at the intersection with NFSR 556 and continuing to the intersection with NFSR 350, Spruce Mill Road (NFSR 350) beginning at the intersection with NFSR 346 to its end at NFSR 561, Rock Springs H Road (NFSR 556.H), Big Pole Springs Road (NFSR 401), Little Pole Springs Road (NFSR 402). 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 a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement 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 December 31, 2018, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Done at Durango, Colorado, this 12th Day of July, 2018.



Kara Chadwick
Forest Supervisor

Violations of these regulations are 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. § 3571