



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CIBOLA NATIONAL FOREST AND NATIONAL GRASSLANDS
MOUNTAINAIR AND SANDIA RANGER DISTRICTS**

**OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS
FOOD STORAGE**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the areas described in this Order (the "Restricted Area") and as depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as **Exhibits A and B within the Mountainair Ranger District** and **Exhibit C within the Sandia Ranger District**, Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands, in Sandoval, Bernalillo, Torrance, Valencia and Lincoln Counties within the State of New Mexico. The Definitions of the terms used in support of this Order are attached and hereby incorporated as **Exhibit D**.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Possessing, storing, or transporting any bird, fish, or other animal, or parts thereof, except in accordance with the specifications in this Order. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)**
2. Possessing or storing any food or refuse, except in accordance with the specifications in this Order. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(cc)**
3. Camping, in a manner that is not in accordance with the specifications in this Order. **36 C.F.R. § 261.58(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 exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

SPECIFICATIONS:

1. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored or acceptably possessed during daytime hours.
2. All food and refuse must be acceptably stored during nighttime hours, unless it is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
3. Any harvested animal carcass must be acceptably stored, unless the carcass is being field dressed, transported, being prepared for eating, or being prepared for acceptable storage.
4. Camping or sleeping areas must be established at least 1/2 mile from a known animal carcass or at least 100 yards from an acceptably stored animal carcass.

RESTRICTED AREA:

These restrictions apply to all National Forest System Lands in their entirety that lie within the Mountainair and Sandia Ranger Districts (only) of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to minimize adverse interactions between bears and humans.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order is effective when signed, through December 1, 2019, and March 1, 2020 through December 1, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever occurs earlier.
2. A list of Definitions (Exhibit D) is attached and made part of this Order.
3. Maps identifying the closure area are attached and made part of this Order as Exhibits A, B, and C.
4. Any violation of these prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. See 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, 3581.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Albuquerque, New Mexico, this 25 day of April, 2019.



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