

FOREST ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST
Pass Creek Yurt Winter Recreation Area
Area Closure to Over Snow Vehicles

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 the Divide Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest, Mineral County State of Colorado, possessing or using an over snow vehicle in the "Pass Creek Yurt Winter Recreation Area". The "Restricted Area" is incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A on the map. The "Restricted Area" is posted on the south side of National Forest System Road 390 (NFSR 390), south of the junction of FSR 390 and FSR 390.1C to the Continental Divide trail, west to the Wolf Creek Ski Area boundary, and north to Alberta Reservoir. The closure area is 988 acres.

This order is necessary to protect public health and safety and to reduce user conflicts between Over Snow Vehicle Use and Back Country Skiing on National Forest System lands.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1) Possessing or using an "over snow vehicle" within the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.56

DEFINITION:

As prohibited by this Order, an "over snow vehicle" is defined to include any motorized equipment designed or used to travel over the snow. This includes, but is not limited to, Snowbikes - motorcycles with a track, Snowmobiles, Snow Cats, Off Highway Vehicles ("OHV's") and All Terrain Vehicles ("ATV's").

EXEMPTIONS:

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

- 1) Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty.
- 2) Persons with a Forest Service Permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

IMPLEMENTATION:

This Order shall be in effect until rescinded or until November 12, 2021, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Monte Vista, Colorado, this 12th day of November 2019.


 Dan S. Dallas
 Forest Supervisor, Rio Grande National Forest

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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. §§ 3571 and 3559

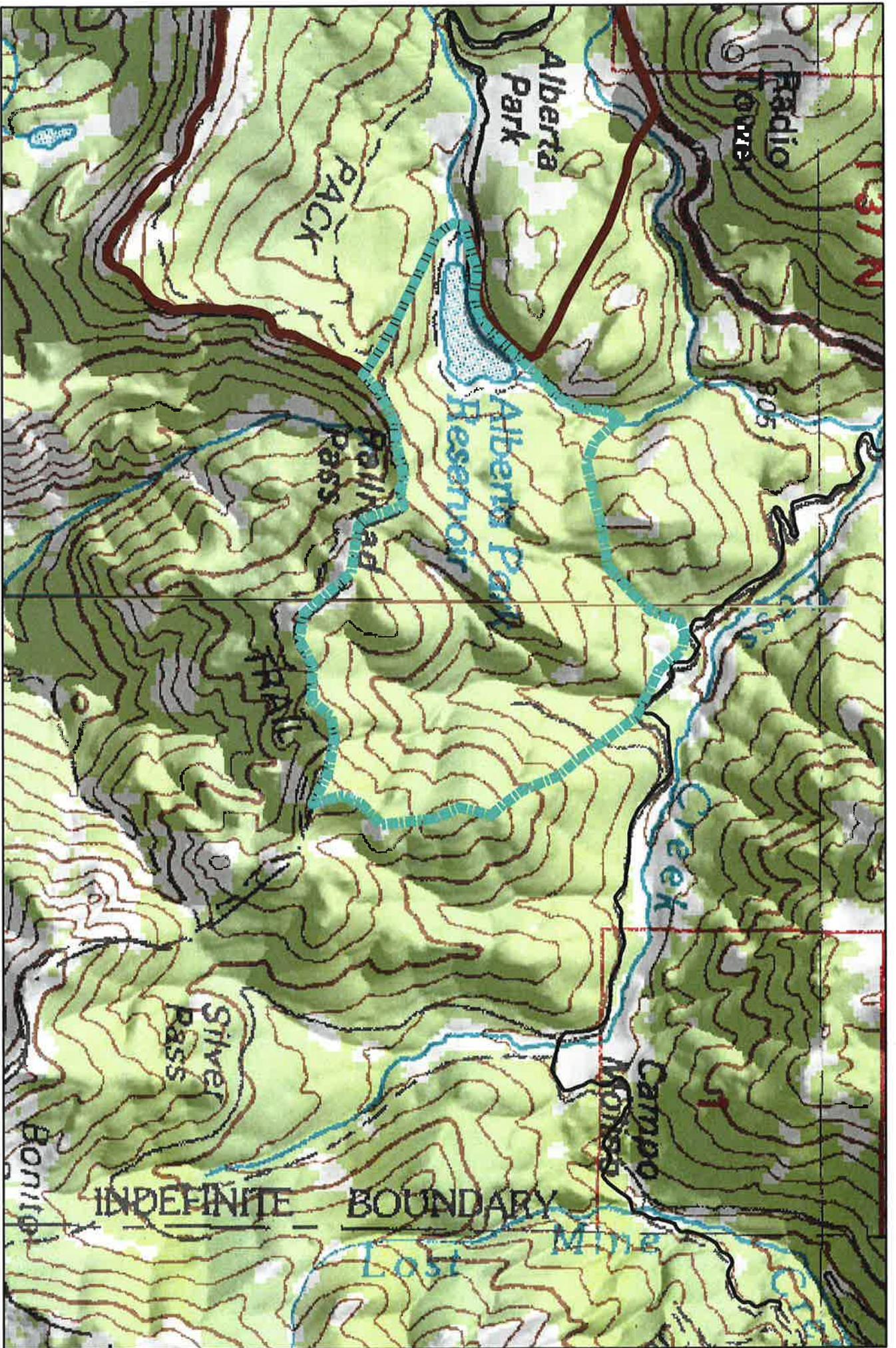


Exhibit A: Pass Creek Yurt Over Snow Vehicle Closure Area

Legend

-  Pass Creek Yurt OSV closure area
-  Wolf Creek Ski Area