

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

**Chicken Creek Ski Area hiking prohibition**

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a),(b) and 261.53 (e) the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands on the Dolores Ranger Districts of the San Juan National Forest, Dolores County, State of Colorado as of November 18, 2019. 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. The legal description for the area is: T37 N R13W Sections 21, 22, 23, 27, 28,32,33,34.

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety, and to provide for visitor safety during snow grooming operations on the mechanically groomed Nordic ski trails at the Chicken Creek Ski area.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

- 1) Going in or being upon the portions of NFS lands within the Restricted Area that are groomed for Nordic skiing use from November 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> annually, unless a person uses skis or snow shoes.

**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This Order shall remain in effect from November 25, 2019 to November 25, 2021, or until rescinded, whichever occur first.

Done at Durango, Colorado, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.



**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