

FOREST ORDER

USDA FOREST SERVICE PIKE AND SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FORESTS CIMARRON AND COMANCHE NATIONAL GRASSLANDS

Occupancy and Use Restrictions Manufactured Target Requirement

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 all National Forest System lands open to target shooting within the Pike and San Isabel National Forests, Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands, as described below (the “Restricted Areas”) and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Areas (the “Restricted Roads and Trails”). The Restricted Areas and the Restricted Roads and Trails are located in the states of Colorado and Kansas, as depicted on the attached maps, which are hereby incorporated into the Order as Exhibits A and B.

The purpose of this Order is for the protection of public health and safety, and resource protection.

PROHIBITIONS:

- Discharging a firearm, air rifle, or gas gun. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(m)

EXCEPT:

- 1) Any person when shooting at cardboard targets, paper targets, manufactured metallic targets (metal targets specifically designed for firearms), manufactured thrown-type clay targets (clay pigeons), manufactured polymer ground-bouncing or self-healing firearm targets;
- 2) Any person possessing a valid Colorado or Kansas hunting license who is lawfully involved in hunting or harvesting game in accordance with Colorado or Kansas law.
- 3) Any person who is discharging a paintball or air soft gun more than 150 yards away from any residence, building campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area; not shooting across or on a National Forest System road or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge; and not shooting into or within a cave.

DEFINITION: An air soft gun is a special type of low-power smoothbore air gun, which can be operated manually with a spring-loaded air pump, or on an automatic cycling basis which is implemented either pneumatically with prefilled bottled gas (such as compressed green gas or CO₂), or mechanically driven by an electric motor gearbox, designed to pressurize air within an internal chamber to shoot non-metallic spherical projectiles, typically made of plastic or biodegradable resin materials. Air soft guns and pellets have significantly less penetrative and stopping powers than conventional air guns and are less likely to cause serious bodily injury/death. Air Soft guns are generally referred to as “toys”, but can cause injury if not utilized properly.

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a USDA 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 fire fighting force, in the performance of any official duty.

This Order supersedes, rescinds and replaces Order PSICC-2019-14 signed March 25, 2019.

This Order shall remain in effect for one (1) year from the date signed, or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Pueblo, Colorado.

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Violations of these prohibitions 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 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571