

**FOREST ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST
Columbine Ranger District
RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST
Divide Ranger District**

Fire 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 Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest, San Juan County, and the Divide Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest, Hinsdale County, State of Colorado as of October 16, 2020. The closure pursuant to this Order (the "Restricted Area") as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into 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 Nebo wildfire.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1) Going in or being upon all NFS land in the Vallecito watershed and all NFS lands bounded by the intersection of the Vallecito Creek Trail (NFST 529) and Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (NFST 813) south to the intersection of the trail intersection of the Johnson Creek Trail (NFST 504) and the Vallecito Creek Trail (NFST 529); and west and south of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail and Ute Peak. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

T40 N R6 W Sections 33 and 34

T39 N R6 W Sections: 2, 3 1-12, 13-16, 21-28, 33-36

T39 N R5 W Sections: 16-21, 28-33

T38 N R6 W Sections: 1-4

T38 N R5 W Sections: 4-6, 7,9,10,14,15, 17, 18,20, 29, 32

T37 N R5 W Section: 4

- 2) Being upon any portion of the Lake Fork Trail (NFST 528) and the Flint Creek Trail (NFST 527). 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 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This Order shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Done at Durango, Colorado, this 15 day of October 2020.



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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*