

ORDER NUMBER SJNF-2021-02

Supersedes Closure Order

Number SJ-2020-10

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

Fire Area Closure

This Order supersedes, replaces, and rescinds Order No. SJ-2020-10.

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, State of Colorado as of October 28, 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 resulting from fire impacts associated with the Ice wildfire. The order will protect public health and safety as there are numerous fire weakened trees along the Ice Lakes Trail, to the lower basin, and three quarters of the entire Clear Lake road. It is expected that trees, rocks, and boulders will continue to fall along the Ice Lake trail and Clear Lake road well into the winter.

The Forest Service intends to let the natural processes take place throughout the winter. In the spring the Forest Service will send crews into mitigate hazard and or fallen trees along the Ice Lake trail and Clear Lake road.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1) Going in or being upon NFS land below the Ice Lakes and Clear Lake headwaters and all NFS lands bounded on the west by the eastern side of Lower Ice Lakes Basin and a ridge forming the south east side of the basin to the Clear Creek. On the north from the top switch back of the Clear Lake road (NFSR 815) south to 100 yards south and west of South Mineral Creek including South Mineral road (NFSR 585). On the east from the locked gate just past the Goldenhorn Campground to where the South Mineral road crosses over Clear Creek, and running due north from the locked gate to an unnamed peak directly east of the top switch back of the Clear Lake road 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

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- 2) Being upon any portion of the Ice Lakes trail (NFST 505) from the trailhead to timberline in the Lower Ice Lake Basin. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

- 3) Being on the Clear Lake road (NFSR 815) between the beginning, mile post 0.0 and the top switch back, MP 3.77.
- 4) Being on the South Mineral Road (NFSR 585) between the locked gate near the Goldenhorn campground MP 2.47 and where South Mineral road crosses Clear Creek MP 4.51. 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 be in effect until rescinded or until September 15, 2021, whichever occurs first.

Done at Durango, Colorado, this 25th day of May 2021.

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*