

FOREST ORDER

USDA FOREST SERVICE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Aspen, Sopris, Eagle, Holy Cross, Rifle and Blanco Districts

OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Register (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the developed recreation sites and designated dispersed camping sites on the Aspen, Sopris, Eagle, Holy Cross, Rifle and Blanco Ranger Districts, White River National Forest. The Restricted Areas are located in Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Pitkin, and Rio Blanco Counties, and listed within the attached Table (Exhibit A). This Order also incorporates the attached definitions in Exhibit B.

The purpose of this Order is to protect people and property from possible bear interactions that have increased over time.

PROHIBITION:

1. Possessing or storing food or refuse anywhere except in bear-resistant containers or inside vehicles in sealed containers in the Restricted Areas between May 15th and October 1st of each year. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(cc)

EXCEPT WHEN:

1. The food or refuse is “acceptably stored” or “acceptably possessed” during daytime hours;
2. The food and refuse is being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, being prepared for acceptable storage, or is “acceptably stored” during nighttime hours; or
2. Possessing, storing or transporting any bird, fish, or other animal parts thereof except in bear-resistant containers or inside vehicles in sealed containers in the Restricted Areas between May 15th and October 1st of each year. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)

EXCEPT WHEN:

1. “Acceptably stored” or “acceptably possessed” during daytime hours;
2. Being prepared for eating, being eaten, being transported, being prepared for acceptable storage, or is “acceptably stored” during nighttime hours
3. Hanging or suspending animal carcasses within 100 yards of the Restricted Areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)

EXEMPTIONS:

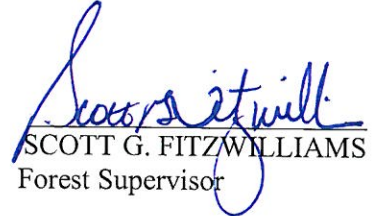
Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty, or
2. Any federal, state, or local officer placing baits to capture animals for research or management purposes in the performance of an official duty, or

3. Any person with a permit issued by the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.

These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A. This Order shall remain in effect from the date signed until October 1, 2018 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado this 17th day of June 2014.


SCOTT G. FITZWILLIAMS
Forest Supervisor

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 a corporation, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571

EXHIBIT B

Definitions:

1. "Food and Refuse" means any substance, solid or liquid (excluding water, baled hay, or hay cubes without additives) which is or may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or animal or any refuse which might attract bears. It includes items such as soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, canned foods, processed livestock feed and grains, personal hygiene products, and empty food and beverage containers and any item that may attract bears such as, but not limited to, pet and bird foods/feeders, cooking utensils and equipment, cooking grills, personal care products, and coolers.
2. "Acceptably stored" means:
 - a. Stored in bear-resistant container certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program. A container may be certified by the local District Ranger or their designated representative(s) if it meets the IGBC criteria, or
 - b. Stored in a closed, locked vehicle where the storage compartment is constructed of solid, non-pliable material that, when secured, will have no openings, hinges, lids, or coverings that would allow a bear to gain entry by breaking, bending, tearing, biting, or pulling with its claws (any window in the vehicle must be closed), or
 - c. Suspended at least 10 feet clear of the ground at all points and four feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole, or
 - d. Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan, or
 - e. Stored by other methods approved in a permit issued by the Forest supervisor responsible for the area where the method is proposed for use.
3. "Acceptably possessed" means:
 - a. Possessed or attended during daytime by a person(s) that is physically present within 100 feet and direct sight of the accessible food, refuse, or item.
4. "Daytime" means ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, Mountain Time.
5. "Nighttime" means ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise, Mountain Time.

EXHIBIT A: Recreation sites on White River National Forest where storage of food, garbage, and other items that may attract bears is required

Aspen and Sopris Districts

Name of recreation site	# of units	Elevation	camping	Location (sec, Township, Range)
Independence Pass Corridor				
Difficult Campground	47	8,100	Y	sec 33, T10S, R84W
Difficult Group	1	8,100	Y	sec 33, T10S, R84W
Lincoln Gulch Campground	7	9,600	Y	sec 6, T11S, R83W
Lost Man Campground	10	10,500	Y	sec 2, T11S, R83W
Portal Campground	7	10,500	Y	sec 24, T11S, R 83W
Weller Campground	11	9,400	Y	sec 1, T11S, R84W
Lincoln Cr. Dispersed Campsites	21	10,200	Y	T11s, R83W
Discovery/Braille Day Use		9,900	N	sec 6, T11S, R83W
Grottos Day Use		9,700	N	sec 6, T11S, R83W
Maroon/Castle Valley				
Silver Bar Campground	4	8,460	Y	sec 28, T10S, R85W
Silver Bell Campground	14	8,490	Y	sec 33, T10S, R85W
Silver Queen Campground	6	9,400	Y	sec 32, T10S, R85W
Castle Cr. Dispersed Campsites	7		Y	T12S, R84W
East Maroon Day Use		9,100	N	sec 8, T10S, R85W
West Maroon Day Use		9,600	N	sec 5, T10S, R85W
Fryingpan River Corridor				
Chapman Campground	78	8,800	Y	sec 34, T8S, R83W
Chapman Group	1	8,800	Y	sec 35, T8S, R83W
Dearhamer Campground	13	7,800	Y	sec 14, T8S, R84W
Elk Wallow Campground	7	8,800	Y	sec 24, T8S83W
Little Mattie Campground	19	7,800	Y	sec 7, T8S, R84W
Little Maud Campground	22	7,800	Y	sec 7, T8S, R84W
Mollie B. Campground	27	7,800	Y	sec 7, T8S, R84W
Ruedi Marina Campground	7	7,800	Y	sec 7, T8S, R84W
Black Bess Day Use		7,800	N	sec 18, T8S, R 83W
Freeman Mesa Day Use		7,800	N	sec 16, T8S, R84W
Rocky Fork Day Use		7,600	N	sec 12, T8S, R83W
Crystal River Corridor				
Avalanche Campground	13	7,400	Y	sec 34, T9S, R88W
Bogan Flats Campground	36	7,600	Y	sec 18, T11S, R88W
Bogan Flats Group	1	7,600	Y	sec 18, T11S, R88W
Redstone I Campground	19	7,200	Y	sec 9, T10S, R88W
Redstone II Campground	20	7,200	Y	sec 16, T10S, R88W
Dinkle Lake Day Use		8,600	N	sec 4, T9S, R87W

Eagle and Holy Cross Districts

Name of developed recreation site	# of units	Elevation	Camping	Location (sec, Township, Range)
Map Side A				
Campgrounds				
Gore Creek Campground	29	8,700	Y	NW 1/4 S18, T5S, R79W
Hornsilver Campground	12	8,800	Y	SW 1/4 S29, T6S, R80W
Halfmoon Campground	7	10,280	Y	S27, T6S, R81W
East Fork Group Site Campground	1	9,200	Y	SW 1/4 S24, T7S, R80W
Camp Hale Memorial Campground	21	9,200	Y	SE 1/4 S22, T7S, R80W
Gold Park Campground	11	9,200	Y	SW 1/4 S27, T7S, R81W
Fulford Cave Campground	7	9,520	Y	S35, T6S, R83W
Yeoman Park Campground	24	9,260	Y	S27, T6S, R83W
Cabins/ Lodges				
Piney Guard Station	1	9,040	N	S24, T4S, R82W
Tigiwon Lodge	1	10,000	N	S14, T6S, R81W
Picnic/ Day Use				
Mount of the Holy Cross Overlook	1	10,600	N	S6, T6S, R79W
Roadside Camping				
Homestake Road FDR 703.1		9,100	Y	S5-7, T7S, R80W and S12-13, S23-24, S27, T7S, R81W
Nolan Creek Road FDR 418.1		9,800	Y	NE 1/4 S27, T6S, R83W
Map Side B				
Campgrounds				
Sweetwater Lake Campground	9	7,830	Y	S16 T3S R87W
Coffee Pot Spring Campground	10	10,160	Y	S30 T4S R87W
White Owl Campground	9	10,650	Y	S31 T3S R88W
Deep Lake Campground	36	10,540	Y	S20 T3S R88W
Picnic/ Day Use				
Deep Creek Overlook	1	9,880	N	S19 T4S R88W
Deep Lake Fishing	1	10,470	N	S20 T3S R88W

Rifle District

Name of developed recreation site	# of units	Elevation	camping	Location (sec, Township, Range)
Meadow Lake	10	9,600	Y	Sec. 1, T3S, R91W
Meadow Ridge	20	9,600	Y	Sec. 7, T3S, R90W
Meadow Lake Day Use		9,600	N	Sec. 1, T3S, R91W
Spruce Picnic Area		9,000	N	Sec. 26, T3S, R92W

Blanco District

Name of developed recreation site	# of units	Elevation	camping	Location (sec, Township, Range)
East Marvine	9	8,000	Y	E ½ sec 36, T1N, R90W
Himes Peak	11	8,800	Y	NE ¼ sec 28, T1N, R88W
Marvine	22	8,100	Y	SE ¼ sec 36, T1N, R90W
North Fork	28	7,800	Y	NE ¼ sec 13, T1N, R90W
South Fork	16	7,600	Y	E ½ sec 19, T2S, R90W
Trappers Lake/Bucks	10	9,700	Y	sec 2, T1S, R88W
Trappers Lake/Cutthroat	14	9,700	Y	sec 2, T1S, R88W
Trappers Lake/Shephards Rim	20	9,700	Y	sec 2, T1S, R88W
Trappers Lake/Trapline	12	9,700	Y	sec 2, T1S, R88W
Trappers Lake/horse Thief	5	9,700	Y	sec 2, T1S, R88W
Trappers Lake/Scott's Bay			N	sec 2, T1S, R88W

Food Storage and Sanitation Order

White River National Forest

Your safety is important

This food storage order was created to help keep you and other forest visitors safe by avoiding encounters with bears and preventing bears from being attracted to campgrounds, picnic sites and high use camping areas frequented by people.

All food and other items that might attract bears must be stored where bears can't access them at night and during the daytime when they are unattended. Attended means that a person is physically present within 100 feet and in direct sight of items that must be stored in a bear-resistant manner.

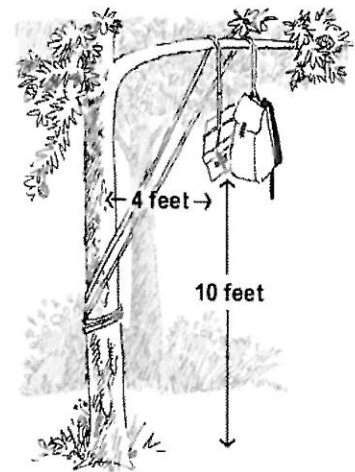


These items must be properly stored

- 1) Human food including fresh and canned food, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, cooking supplies
- 2) This also includes garbage, food scraps, and empty food and beverage containers.
- 3) Attractants including pet food, bird feeders, cooking equipment, and edible hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste and deodorants.

Proper storage methods

Proper storage methods include placing food and other items in bear resistant containers or hard-sided vehicles or suspending them at least 10 feet above the ground and 4 feet from any vertical support.



Bear resistant containers

Bear resistant containers include the heavy metal boxes available in many campgrounds and other approved containers such as bear resistant horse panniers and backpackers' containers that are certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee Courtesy Inspection Program.

NOTE: Plastic or metal food coolers, backpacks and leather or canvas horse panniers are NOT bear resistant.



Restrictions apply between May 15 and October 1 of each year. Restrictions are lifted starting October 2.