

FOREST ORDER

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FORESTS
ASPEN RANGER DISTRICT**

EMERGENCY AREA CLOSURE to Overnight Camping

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a) and (b), overnight camping is prohibited within 1/4 mile of Crater Lake, in the Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilderness, of the Aspen Ranger District of the White River National Forests in Pitkin County, State of Colorado. (the "Restricted Area").

The Restricted Area surrounds Crater Lake located in the 6th Principal Meridian, T11S R83W Section 22, NE 1/4 and Section 23, NW 1/4. The closure covers approximately 300 acres.

The Restricted Area is shown on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The purpose of this Order is the protection of health and safety to the public due to emboldened bear behavior documented at the site which has escalated to dangerous levels.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1) Camping is prohibited . 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

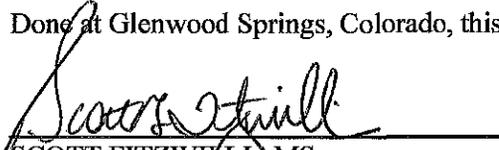
EXEMPTIONS:

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 officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until November 15, 2014, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, this 15th day of August, 2014.


SCOTT FITZWILLIAMS
Forest Supervisor
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Violations of this prohibition 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).

Exhibit A. Map of area closed to overnight camping at Crater Lake, Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilderness, Aspen Ranger District, White River National Forest, Pitkin County, Colorado.



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USDA FOREST SERVICE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FORESTS ASPEN RANGER DISTRICT

EMERGENCY 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 West Maroon Valley, in the Maroon Bells Snowmass Wilderness of the Aspen Ranger District of the White River National Forests in Pitkin County, State of Colorado. (the "Restricted Area",). This Order also incorporates the attached definitions in Exhibit B.

The Restricted Area is the West Maroon Valley located in the 6th Principal Meridian, T11S R83W Section 22, and Section 23.

The Restricted Area is shown on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. The restricted area covers approximately 7,000 acres.

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

PROHIBITION:

1. Possessing or storing any food or refuse, as specified in the order in the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(cc)
2. Possessing, storing, or transporting any bird, fish, or other animal or parts thereof, as specified in the order. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)

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.

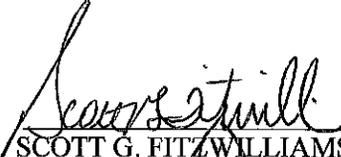
EXEMPTIONS:

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 November 15, 2014 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado this 15th day of August 2014.


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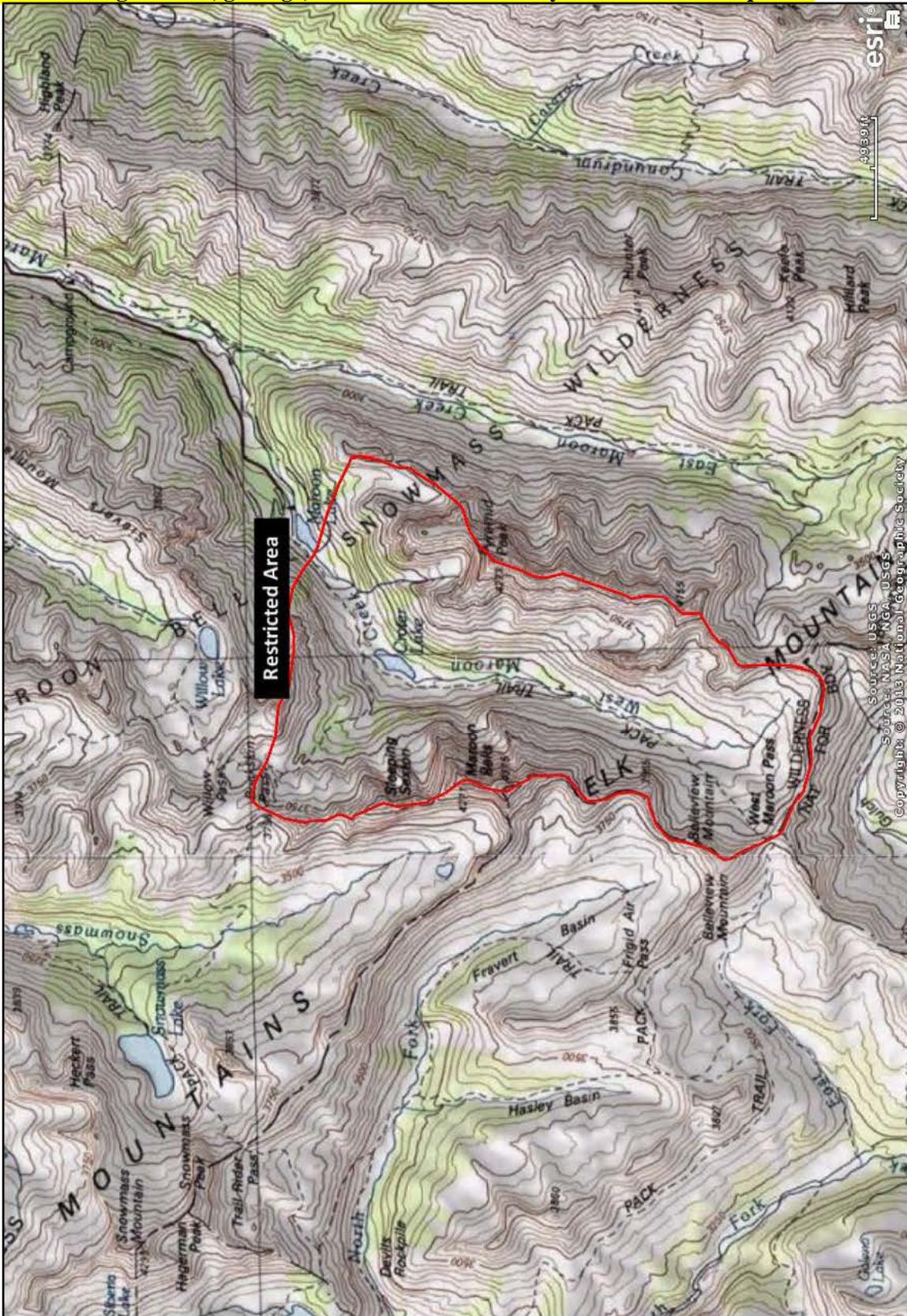
Violations of these prohibitions are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a corporation, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571

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 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 by other methods approved in a permit issued by the Forest supervisor responsible for the area where the method is proposed for use.
 - c. **Meat carcasses or game parts harvested by hunting that occurred legally under Colorado State Hunting Laws are more than 100 yards from overnight camping sites.**
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: Restricted area of West Maroon Drainage, White River National Forest, where storage of food, garbage, and other items that may attract bears is required.



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 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.



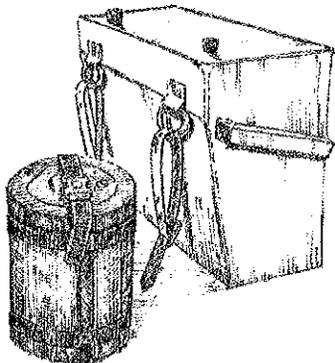
These items must be properly stored

- 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, 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. Legally harvested meat carcasses or game parts must be stored more than 100 yards from overnight camping sites unless acceptably possessed.

Bear resistant containers



Approved bear resistant containers are 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.