

FOREST ORDER

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST
GUNNISON RANGER DISTRICT**

**FOSSIL RIDGE WILDERNESS AND
FOSSIL RIDGE RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA
OCCUPANCY & USE**

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 land within the **FOSSIL RIDGE WILDERNESS and FOSSIL RIDGE RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA** on the Gunnison Ranger District of the Gunnison National Forest, Gunnison County(s), State of Colorado (the "Restricted Area") and on all trails located within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Trails"). The Restricted Area and the Restricted Trails are depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

This Order is necessary to protect physical and biological resources of the Fossil Ridge Wilderness and Fossil Ridge Recreation Management Area, and to protect the human experience of Wilderness character, solitude, and the untrammeled condition of the landscape.

PROHIBITIONS:

FOSSIL RIDGE WILDERNESS

1. Entering or being in the Restricted Area with a group of more than 15 people or with a group of people and stock consisting of a combined total of more than 25. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(f)
2. Camping within one-hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, pond, river, or other similar body of water, or any National Forest System trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)
3. Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire:
 - a. Within one-hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, water body, or National Forest System trail.
 - b. Above tree line. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)
4. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies for longer than seven (7) days. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(f)
5. Riding, hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instructions. Instructions to include, but may not be limited to:
 - a. Within one-hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, water body, or National Forest System trail.
 - b. Tying directly to trees except during loading and unloading. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(aa)
6. Possessing a dog which is not under control, or which is disturbing or damaging wildlife, other animals, people or property.

Note: the term "under control" is defined as the dog being leashed, and/or under direct verbal control by the dog's owner or handler at all times. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)
7. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(e)

FOSSIL RIDGE RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA

8. Camping within one-hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, pond, river, or other similar body of water, or any National Forest System trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)
9. Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire:
 - a. Within one-hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, water body, or National Forest System trail.
 - b. Above tree line. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)
10. Riding, hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instructions. Instructions to include, but may not be limited to:
 - a. Within one-hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, water body, or National Forest System trail.
 - b. Tying directly to trees except during loading and unloading. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(aa)
11. Possessing a dog which is not under control, or which is disturbing or damaging wildlife, other animals, people or property.
Note: the term "under control" is defined as the dog being leashed, and/or under direct verbal control by the dog's owner or handler at all times. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)
12. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(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 firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or five years from signature, whichever event occurs first.

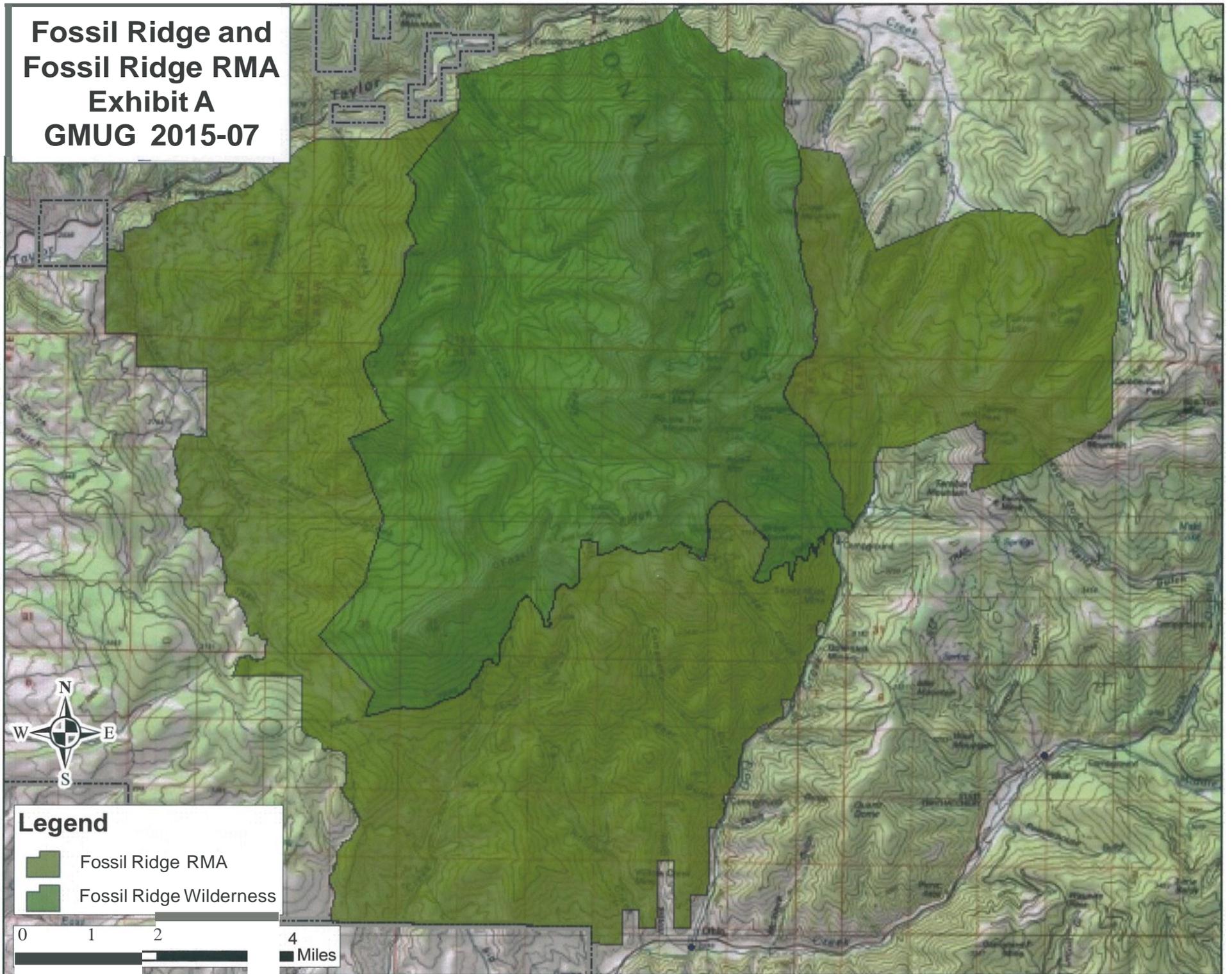
Done in Delta, Colorado this 6th day of April 2015.



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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable 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

**Fossil Ridge and
Fossil Ridge RMA
Exhibit A
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- Legend**
- Fossil Ridge RMA
 - Fossil Ridge Wilderness

