

## FOREST ORDER

### USDA FOREST SERVICE GUNNISON AND RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FORESTS GUNNISON, DIVIDE AND SAGUACHE RANGER DISTRICTS

#### LA GARITA WILDERNESS AREA OCCUPANCY AND 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 La Garita Wilderness on the Gunnison, Divide and Saguache Ranger Districts of the Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests, 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 La Garita Wilderness, and to protect the human experience of Wilderness character, solitude, and the untrammelled condition of the landscape.

#### **PROHIBITIONS:**

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:
  - a. Camping within one-hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, pond, river, or other similar body of water, or any National Forest System trail.
  - b. Within 300 feet of Machin Lake.
  - c. Within the Wheeler Geologic Area.  
36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)
3. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or wood-burning stove:
  - a. Within one-hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, water body, or National Forest System trail.
  - b. Above tree line.
  - c. Within 300 feet of Machin lake.
  - d. Within the Wheeler Geologic Area.  
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 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. Within 300 feet of Machin lake.
  - c. 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)

**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.

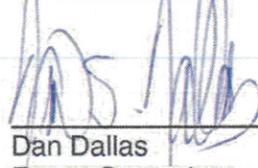
This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or five years from date of signature, whichever event occurs first.

Done in Delta, Colorado  
This 27<sup>th</sup> day of April



Scott G. Armentrout  
Forest Supervisor  
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre &  
Gunnison National Forests

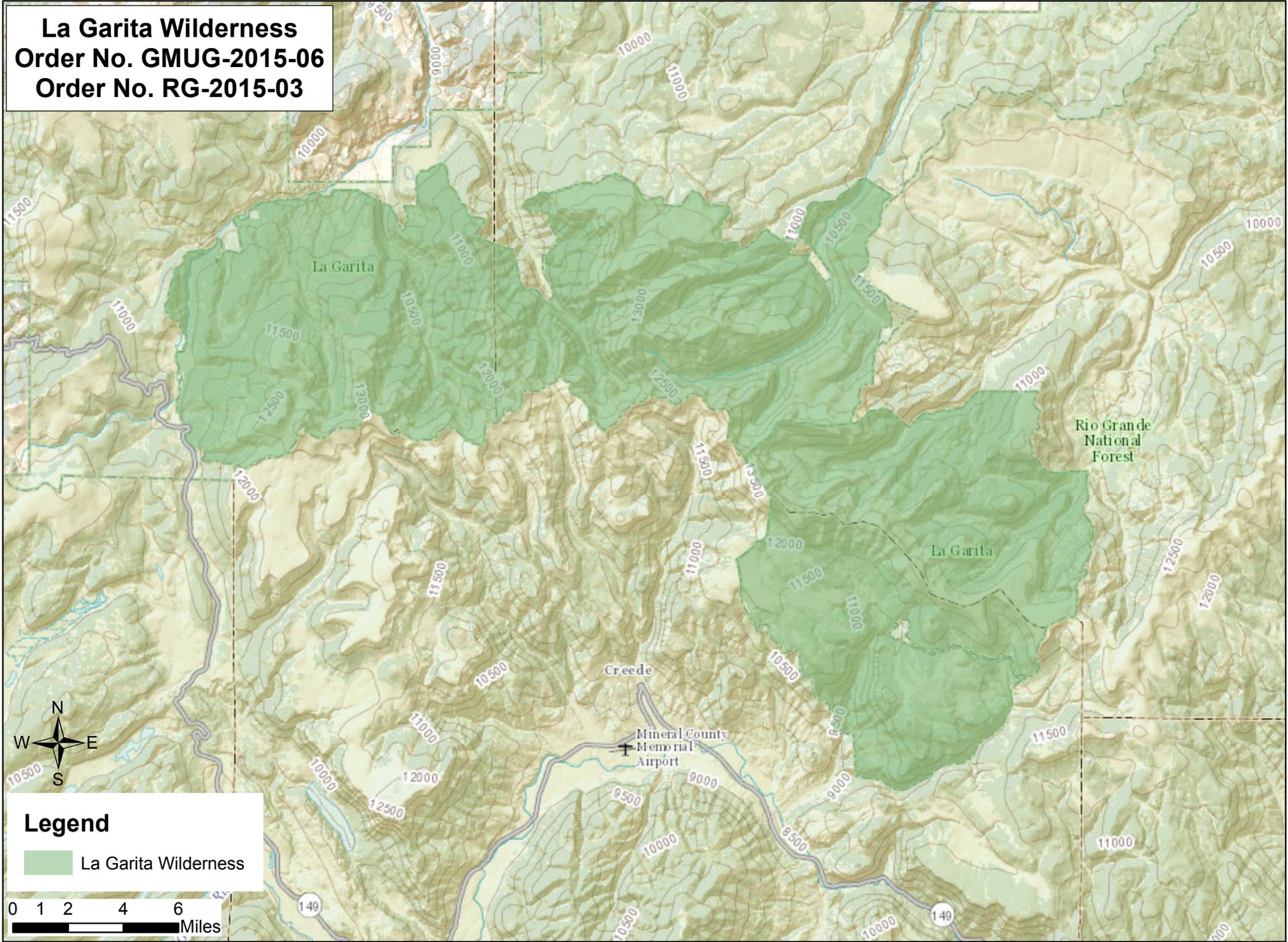
Done in Monte Vista, Colorado  
This 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015



Dan Dallas  
Forest Supervisor  
Rio Grande National Forest

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

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**Legend**  
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