

FOREST DEVELOPMENT ROADS

PIKE AND ARAPAHO NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.50 (b), the following acts are prohibited on the South Platte Ranger District and Dillon Ranger District as described in this order and as depicted on the map as Exhibit A, within the Pike and Arapaho National Forests, until further notice. The following prohibition applies to a certain portion of the Red Cone Road, Forest Development Road (FDR) 565 on the South Platte Ranger District and a certain portion of the Webster Pass Road, Forest Development Road (FDR) 285 on the Dillon Ranger District. This order applies to the described roads from April 1 to June 30 of each year.

THIS ORDER PROHIBITS:

Using any type of motor vehicle, except snowmobiles and other over the snow machines that are operating on snow. 36 CFR 261.54(a)

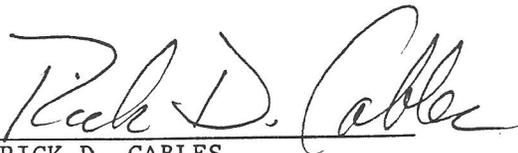
On that portion of the Red Cone Road, FDR 565 from its intersection with FDR 121 the Webster Pass Road to its end point at the summit of Webster Pass. Also, on that portion of the Webster Pass Road, FDR 285 from the closure gate to its end point at the summit of Webster Pass. See Exhibit A.

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- (1) Persons with a USDA, 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.

Done at Pueblo, Colorado this
27 day of FEB, 1997

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado this
21 day of Feb, 1997



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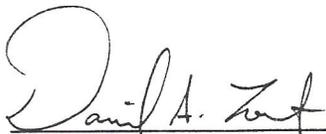
Violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. Title 16 USC, Section 551.

JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT

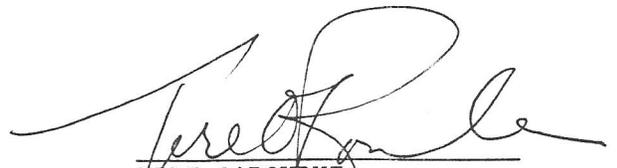
The purpose of this order is to restrict motor vehicle use of the Red Cone Road and the Webster Pass Road during a certain time of the year.

Both of these roads are at high elevation with a portion of each road above timberline. These roads remain snowed-in and impassable until late spring. As the spring melt occurs, the lower portion of these roads are dry while the upper portion of these roads are wet and/or impassable with deep snow. The motorized public attempt to drive around the snow drifts and wet, muddy areas. These detours around the impassable areas, causes damage to soil, water and vegetative resources. Some of this damage occurs above timberline on tundra and other very sensitive habitats. Other damage occurs in boggy wetlands and other soil sensitive areas which results in soil erosion.

This order will allow a strategy whereby these roads will remain closed seasonally until such time that volunteers from the Mile High Jeep Club can open the portions of road closed by snow. Then these closed portions of road can be opened to the public. These roads will be closed with locked gates. These gates may be opened prior to June 30 in any year that the jeep club is able to get the roads open before June 30.



For PAMELA DEVORE
District Ranger
South Platte Ranger District



TERE O'ROURKE
District Ranger
Dillon Ranger District

2/11/97
Date

2/17/97
Date