

**SPECIAL CLOSURE ORDER
RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on the Divide Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest, Mineral County, Hinsdale County and Rio Grande County, State of Colorado.

This Order is necessary to protect groomed snowmobile routes and groomed cross-country ski routes from rutting damage and to protect the motorized public from getting stranded in deep snow in remote areas during winter conditions. The seasonal closure is further depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A, B, C, D & E.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Using motor vehicles on the following roads from January 1 through April 1:
[36 CFR § 251.54(a)]

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Big Meadows Road (Forest System Roads 410 and 430) from the parking lot on US Highway 160 to the Hunters Lake Trailhead.

Tucker Ponds Road (Forest System Road 390) from the parking lot on US Highway 160 to the intersection with Forest System Road 388 at Campo Molino meadow.

Fox Mountain Road (Forest System Road 381) from the intersection at Forest System Road 380 (Summitville Road) to the end of the road at the top of Fox Mountain

Beaver Creek Road (Forest System Road 360) from the cattle guard just south of Cross Creek Campground to Poage Lake.

Del Norte Peak/Willow Park Roads (Forest System Roads 345 and 350) from the Forest Boundary near US Highway 160 to Willow Park.

Pinos Creek Road (Forest System Road 330) from the National Forest Boundary at the south end of Rio Grande County Road 14 to the district boundary at the Grayback Mountain turnoff.

Agua Ramon Road (Forest System Road 630) from the National Forest Boundary to the intersection with Forest System Road 615.

Alder Creek Road (Forest System Road 610) from the Alder Guard Station on the south to the intersection with Forest Road 600 on the north.

Pool Table Road (Forest System Road 600) from the National Forest Boundary cattle guard off Colorado Highway 149 to the Hansen Sawmill site.

Love Lake Road (Forest System Road 523) from the Forest Boundary at the Karper Ranch turnoff to Love Lake.

Rito Hondo Road (Forest System Road 513) from State Highway 149 to Rito Hondo Reservoir.

Bristol Head Road (Forest System Road 532) from State Highway 149 to Bristol Head Peak.

North Clear Creek Falls Overlook Road (Forest System Road 510) from State Highway 149 to the intersection with Forest Development Road 509.

Rat Creek Road (Forest System Road 505) from the intersection with Bachelor Loop Road at Windy Gulch to the end of the road near San Luis Pass.

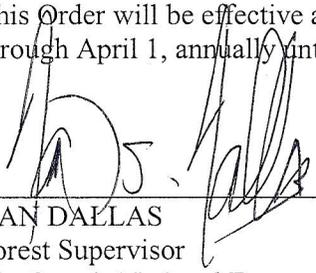
Archery Range Road (Forest System Road 265 1A) from the intersection with Rock Creek Road to the end of the Archery Range Road.

Signs and/or snow berms will mark the point of the closure.

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

1. Persons with a permit 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.
3. Snowmobiles operating on snow.

This Order will be effective at 12:00 a.m. on February 11, 2010 and will remain in effect from January 1 through April 1, annually until April 1, 2013, unless rescinded earlier.



DAN DAELLAS
Forest Supervisor
Rio Grande National Forest



Date

Violation of these provisions is punishable as a class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. (Title 16 USC § 551 and 18 USC § 3571).