

**La Garita Wilderness Area
Area Closure
Occupancy & Use
USDA Forest Service
Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System land within the **La Garita Wilderness Area** of the Gunnison and Rio Grande National Forests, Saguache, Hinsdale, and Mineral County(s), State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the Restricted Area. The Restricted Area is 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 more than 15 people per group, with a maximum combination group size not to exceed 25 people and stock. 36 CFR § 261.58 (f)
2. Camping:
 - 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. Within the Wheeler Geologic Area *except* designated sites. 36 CFR § 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.
 - c. Within 300 feet of Machin lake.
 - d. Within the Wheeler Geologic Area. 36 CFR § 261.52 (a)
4. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies for longer than seven (7) days. 36 CFR § 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. Within 300 feet of Machin lake.
6. Tying directly to trees except during loading and unloading. 36 CFR § 261.58 (aa)
7. Possessing a dog which is not under control, or which is disturbing or damaging wildlife, 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 CFR § 261.58 (s)
8. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. 36 CFR § 261.55 (e)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR section 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.

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2. Any Federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

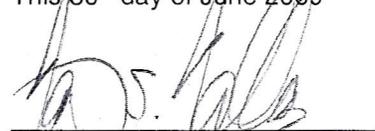
This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until June 29, 2013, whichever event occurs first. This Order supersedes, replaces and rescinds Order No. 02-04.

Done in Delta, Colorado
This 30th day of June 2009



Charles S. Richmond
Forest Supervisor
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre &
Gunnison National Forests

Done in Monte Vista, Colorado
This 30th day of June 2009



Dan Dallas
Forest Supervisor
Rio Grande National Forest

Violation of these regulations is 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 of both. 16 USC §551 and 18 USC §3559 and 3571.