Order No. 2010-01

ORDER
WILDERNESS OCCUPANCY AND USE-REGULATIONS
MAROON BELLS-SNOWMASS WILDERNESS
USDA - FOREST SERVICE
WHITE RIVER AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), the following acts are prohibited within the **Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness** of the White River and Gunnison National Forests, Pitkin and Gunnison Counties, State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the Restricted Area. The Restricted Area is further depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A and Exhibit B. This Order is necessary for the protection of Wilderness resources.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Entering or being in the restricted area with more than 10 persons per groups, and a maximum of 15 pack or saddle animals. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(a)

2. Camping:

   a) Within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, National Forest System Trail;

   b) Within ¼ mile of Conundrum Hot Springs, Copper Lake, Crater Lake, Geneva Lake, Capitol Lake, and Thomas Lakes, except at designated campsites.

   c) Within three hundred (300) feet of Twin Lakes. 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, or National Forest System Trail;
   b) Within ¼ mile of tree-line, or above tree-line;
   c) Within the entire Bear Creek drainage;
   d) Within ½ mile of Crater Lake and ¼ mile of Conundrum Hot Springs, Copper Lake, Geneva Lake, Capitol Lake, Snowmass Lake or Cathedral Lake. 36 C.F.R.§ 261.52(a).

4. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies for longer than 7 days. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(f).

5. Hitching, tethering or hobbling any pack or saddle animal:
   a). within one hundred (100) feet of any lake, stream, or National Forest System Trail;
   b). within ¼ mile of Crater Lake, Conundrum Hot Springs, or Snowmass Lake.
   c) within three hundred (300) feet of Twin Lakes. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(aa).

6. Possessing a dog, except for working stock dogs and/or dogs used for legal hunting purposes, unless under physical restraint of a leash not to exceed six (6) feet in length. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s).

7. Possessing a dog, except a service dog assisting a disabled person, within the Conundrum Creek Valley, from Silver Dollar Pond (2.25 miles North of Conundrum Hot Springs) to Triangle Pass (1.5 miles Southwest of Conundrum Hot Springs), including Conundrum Hot Springs, as depicted in **Exhibit A**. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s).

8. Possessing, storing, or transporting any plant material, such as hay or straw.
   Note: An exception is allowed for livestock feed that has been processed through chemical or mechanical means in a manner that will destroy viable seeds. Examples of excepted material include: **pelletized feed and rolled grains.** 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(t).

9. Possessing or using a wagon, cart, or other vehicle including a wheelbarrow or game cart. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(h)

10. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(e).

11. Entering or being within the White River National Forest portion of the restricted area without a valid self-registration Wilderness Use Permit for each group or individual overnight camping. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(a).

12. Entering or being within the Gunnison National Forest portion of the restricted area without a valid self-registration Wilderness Use Permit for all users for each visit as depicted in **Exhibit B**. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(a).

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt:

(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 engaged in the performance of an official duty.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until December 31, 2015, whichever event occurs first. This Order supersedes, replaces, and rescinds Order No. 2003-08.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, this 4th th day of Jan, 2010.

Scott G. Fitzwilliams
Forest Supervisor, White River National Forest

Done at Delta, Colorado, this 12th day of February 2010.

CHARLES S. RICHMOND
Forest Supervisor, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests

Violations 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 six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 18, U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.

Exhibit A

Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness Area Special Order

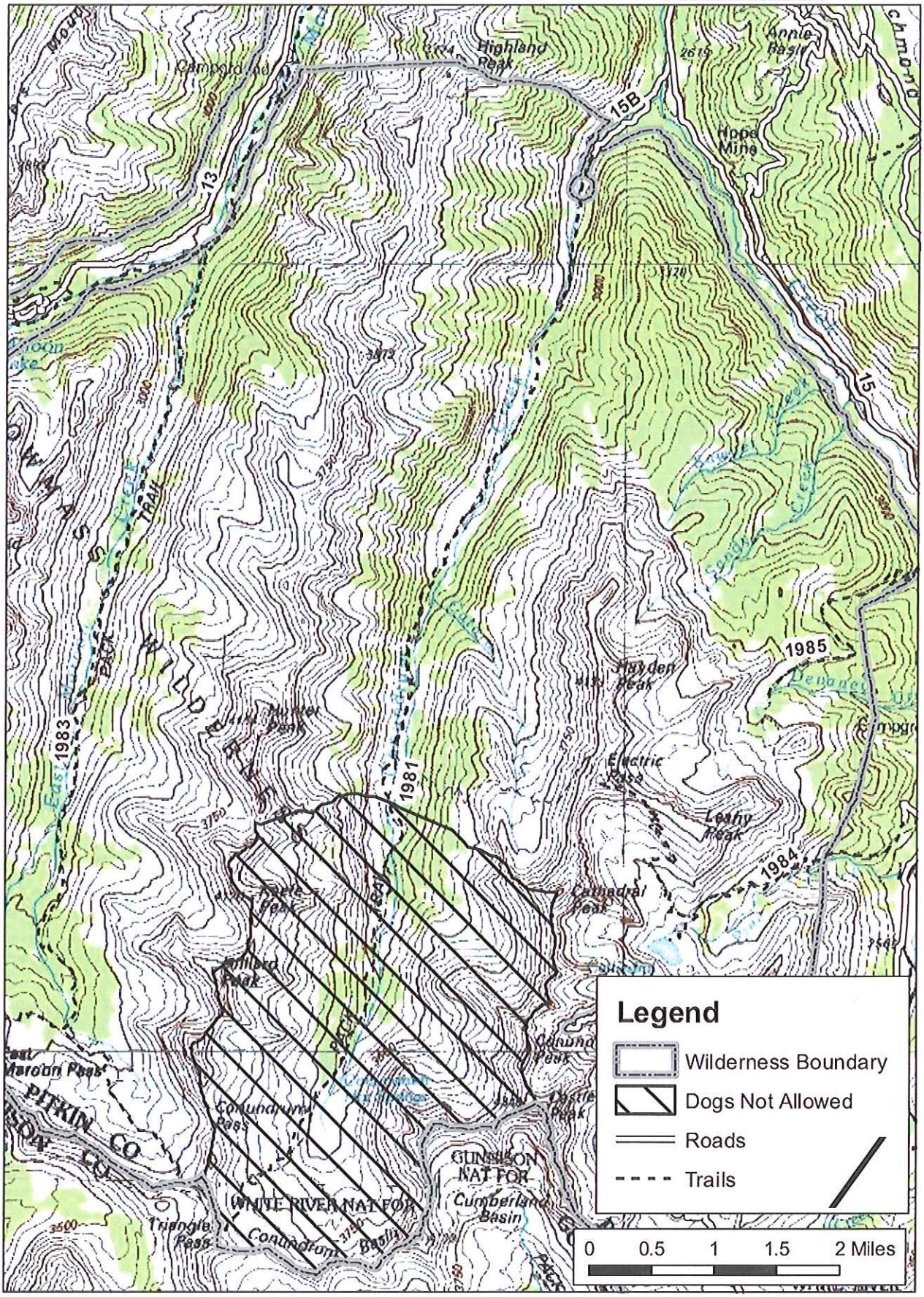

Exhibit B
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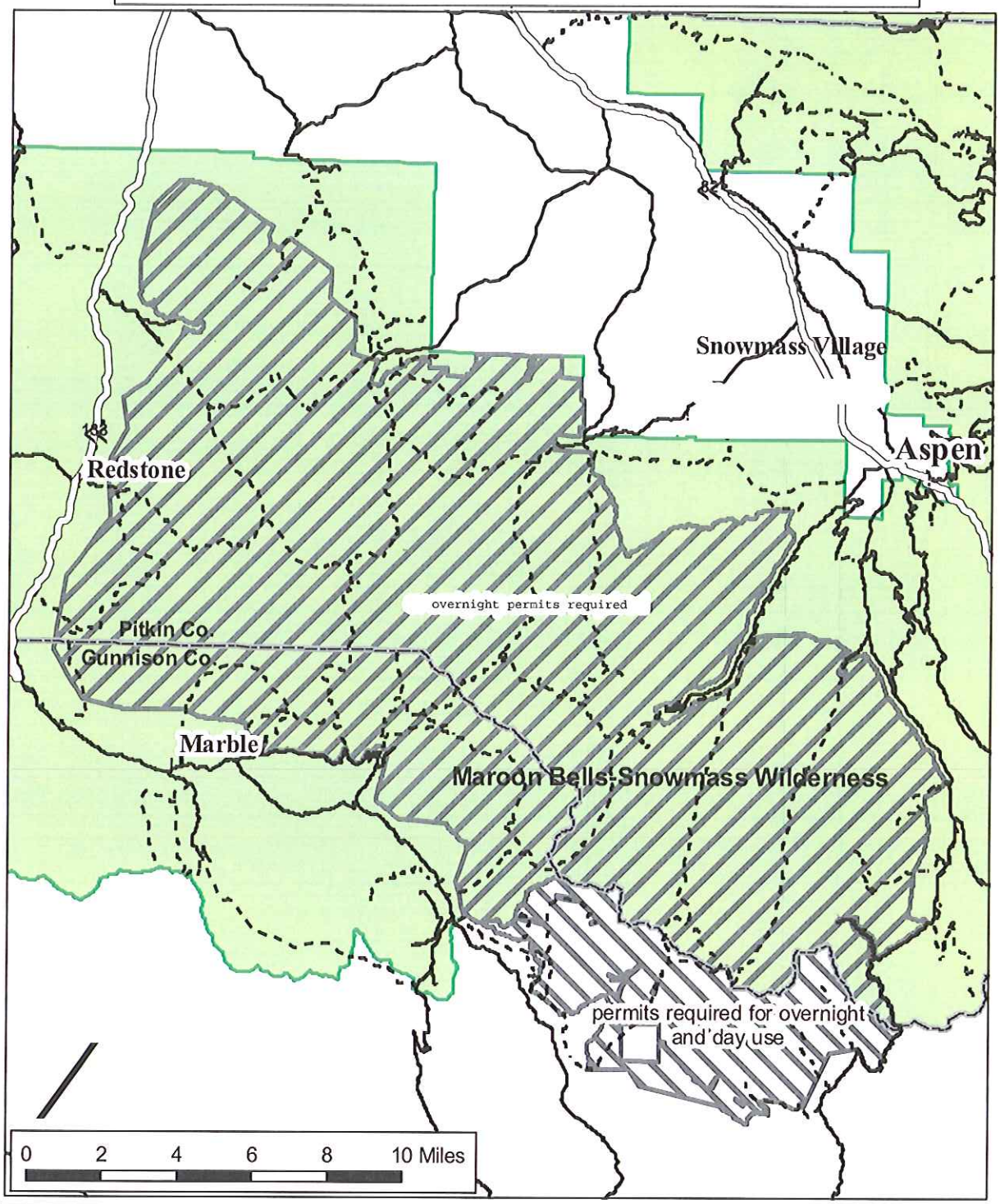

Legend

- Highways
- Roads
- Trails
- Counties
- White River NF
- Maroon Bells/Snowmass Wilderness, White River NF (overnight permits required)
- Maroon Bells/Snowmass Wilderness, Gunnison NF (permits required for overnight and day use)