ORDER #98-07

SPECIAL CLOSURE

GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE, AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FORESTS

PAONIA RANGER DISTRICT

.rsuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following restriction is in effect on the trails and roads described in this order within the Gunnison national Forest, Paonia Ranger District from September 10, 1998 until further notice:

1.) Possessing or using any motorized vehicles upon closed roads and trails located within the Stevens Gulch EIS analysis area as detailed below and further delineated in Exhibit A. ***[36CFR261.54A]***

EXCEPT: Snowmobiles operating upon 6 inches or deeper snow.

A. Elk/Main Hubbard Creek Trail (Old Hubbard Road)
Township 11S., Range 91W., Portions of Section 30.
Township 11S., Range 92W., Portions of Section 25, 26, 36.
Approximately 2.8 miles.

B. Little Dyke Trail
Township 11S., Range 91W., Portions of Section 19, 30.
Township 11S., Range 92W., Portions of Sections 24.
Approximately 2.2 miles.

C. Old Terror Creek Trail (Electric Mountain)
Township 11S., Range 91W., Portions of Section 25, 26, 27, 33 & 34.
Township 12S., Range 91W., Portions of Section 4, 5, 32.
Approximately 4 miles.

D. Nonsystem, unauthorized Fawn Park Trail (South)
Township 11S., Range 91W., Portion of Section 17 & 20.
Approximately 0.25 miles.

E. Nonsystem, unauthorized Fawn Park trail (North)
Township 11S., Range 91W., Portion located in Section 22.
Approximately 1 mile.

F. Elk Park Trail #800, (Overland Trailhead)
Township 11S., Range 92W., Portion located in Section 22.
Approximately 0.5 miles.

G. Beaver Creek Trail
Township 11S., Range 91W., portions of Section 18 & 19.
Approximately .1 mile.

H. Rainbow Park trail
Township 11S., Range 91W., Portion of Section 18.
Approximately .15 miles.

I. Snotell Road
Township 11S., Range 92W., Portion of Section 23.

J. Cow #3 Timber Sale Road
Township 11S., Range 91W., Portion of Section 12 & 13.

K. Cattle Guard Trail
Township 11S., Range 91W., Portion of Section 7.

L. Terror Ditch Road
Township 12S., Range 92W., Portion of Section 17 & 18.

M. Overland Ditch System
Township 11S., Range 92W., Portions of Section 23, 24, 26, 35 & 36.
Township 12S., Range 92W., Portions of Section 1.
Township 12S., Range 91W., Portion of Section 7 & 18.
Approximately 11.5 miles.

This order updates order # 97-04 which was implemented 9/97. The purpose of this order is to implement specific resource protection direction contained in the Stevens Gulch Record of Decision (1986) and subsequent amendments (1992/1997). In addition the Stevens Gulch Environmental Impact Statement (1986) specified that all new roads would be closed to promote wildlife diversity by decreasing road densities.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e) each of the following persons are exempted from this order:

1.) Persons with a 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 Delta, Colorado this 11th ***day of*** September

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Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months or both. ***(Title 16 US 551 & Title U.S.C.G. 3571)***