

Special Order Travel Restrictions Uncompahgre National Forest

Pursuant to Title 16 United States Code, Section 551, and Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Sections 261.50(a) and (b), the following restrictions are in effect on National Forest lands, roads, and trails of the Uncompahgre National Forest, within the Colorado counties of: Montrose, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Ouray, Mesa, and San Miguel, from October 01, 2002, until further notice.

This Order establishes the general travel prohibitions as set forth in the Uncompahgre National Forest Travel Plan, Record of Decision, dated March 01, 2002.

In addition to the general prohibitions listed in this Order, specific areas and/or routes may have stricter restrictions, such as seasonal closures. Check with the local Forest Service Ranger District Office or Supervisor's Office for further information.

Prohibitions:

1. It is prohibited to possess or operate any motorized, or any mechanized vehicle off of a National Forest System Road, unless it is on a route designated for such travel (36 CFR 261.56).

NOTE: For the purpose of this Order, designated routes are travel routes that are posted with a trail number, and a sign identifying the allowed type of travel.

EXCEPTIONS:

- a) In areas where developed parking sites are not provided, and where not otherwise prohibited, direct access to a suitable parking site within 300 feet of the roadway is authorized. Travel under this exception must not damage the land or streams.
 - b) Wheelchairs, whether motorized or non-motorized, which are designed solely for use and possessed by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion, and are suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.
 - c) Carts, wagons and game carriers, unless otherwise prohibited.
 - d) Persons operating a track driven over-snow vehicle on at least 6 inches of snow, unless otherwise prohibited.
2. It is prohibited to operate any unlicensed motor vehicle, such as but not limited to, All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and trail motorcycles, on any National Forest System Road (36 CFR 261.54(a)).

NOTE: Pursuant to 33-14.5-108 Colorado Revised Statutes, off-highway (unlicensed) vehicles are prohibited on public highways within Colorado.

EXCEPTIONS:

- a) Unlicensed motor vehicles are authorized to operate on National Forest System Roads posted with a road number and the universal ATV symbol.
 - b) Persons operating a track driven, over-snow vehicle on at least 6 inches of snow, on an unplowed road, unless otherwise prohibited.
3. It is prohibited to possess or operate any motor vehicle on a National Forest System Road that has been closed to motorized vehicles (36 CFR 261.54(a)).

EXCEPTIONS:

- a) Wheelchairs, whether motorized or non-motorized, which are designed solely for use and possessed by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion, and are suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.
- b) Persons operating a track driven, over-snow vehicle on at least 6 inches of snow, or on an unplowed road, unless otherwise prohibited.



4. It is prohibited to possess or operate any type of vehicle on a Forest Development Trail that has not been specifically identified for that type of use (36 CFR 261.55(b)).

NOTE: Types of allowed uses on Forest Development Trails will generally be identified by, but not limited to, the following symbols (or something visually similar):



ATV

dirt bikes
(licensed or
unlicensed)bicycles/mechanized
vehicles

stock animals



foot travel

NOTE: Pursuant to Forest Service Handbook 2309.18-section 05, an ATV is a motorized, off-highway vehicle 50 inches or less in width, having a dry weight of 600 pounds or less, that travels on three or more low-pressure tires with a seat designed to be straddled by the operator. Low-pressure tires are 6 inches or more in width and designed for use on wheel rim diameters of 12 inches or less, utilizing an operating pressure of 10 pounds per square inch (psi) or less as recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Wheelchairs, whether motorized or non-motorized, which are designed solely for use and possessed by a mobility-impaired person for locomotion, and are suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian area.
- Carts, wagons and game carriers, unless otherwise prohibited.
- Persons operating a track driven, over-snow vehicle on at least 6 inches of snow, unless otherwise prohibited.

5. It is prohibited to possess any stock animals on Forest Service Trails that have been closed to stock animals (36 CFR 261.55(c)).

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempted from this Order:

- Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Any other person meeting exemption requirements specified in this Order.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done in Delta, Colorado this 8th day of October 2002.

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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable 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, or both. ((16 USC 551) and (18 USC 3559 and 3571))