Order No: GMUG-2009-12

TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE

USDA - FOREST SERVICE
GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 C.F.R. 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands in Grand Valley, Gunnison, Norwood, Ouray and Paonia Ranger Districts of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Saguache, San Miguel Counties, State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the Restricted Area. Parts of the Restricted Area are depicted on the attached maps, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibits A & B. This Order is necessary to protect Forest visitors, to protect the resources of the National Forest System within the Restricted Area, and to provide quality recreational opportunities for visitors.

PROHIBITIONS:

General Occupancy/Use Restrictions

1. Camping for more than 14 consecutive days in any one location. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(a)

2. Camping for more than 28 days, on any one National Forest, within a 60 day period. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(a)

3. Camping within 3 miles of a previous National Forest System camp location for more than 14 additional days. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(a) and (e).

   Note: This Order does not authorize camping in areas prohibited to camping by other regulations or special restrictions, and some National Forest System lands may have stricter camping stay limits. The 3 mile move to another campsite is measured and defined as 3 National Forest System road or trail miles between old and new campsite.

4. Shortcutting a switchback on a National Forest System Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(e)

5. Camping outside of Forest Service developed campgrounds within the area know as Taylor River Canyon and Taylor Park Reservoir, more specifically as shown on Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

6. Camping within 500 yards of the following developed campgrounds: 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

Mosca Campground	Gunnison National Forest
Dinner Station Campground	Gunnison National Forest
Big Creek Campground	Grand Mesa National Forest

7. Camping for more than 7 consecutive days in a 30 day period within the Horse Ranch Park and Cliff Creek Trailhead areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(a)

Boating

Restrictions Nos. 8-10 affect recreational boating on the specified bodies of water in the Restricted Area as indicated. For the safety of visitors, and/or the protection of fisheries and water quality, other state or federal agencies with jurisdiction may impose their own regulations.

8. Entering or being in Carson Lake on the Grand Mesa National Forest while in possession of, or while operating or using, a boat, raft or other flotation device. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(k)

9. Possessing or operating a motorboat on the following lakes and reservoirs. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(n):

National Forest	Lake or Reservoir
Grand Mesa	Beaver Reservoir, Blue Lake (Kannah Creek drainage), Bonita Reservoir, Butts Lake, Cobbett Lake, Colby Horse Park Reservoir, Clear Lake, Glacier Lake, Granby Lake #7, Griffith Lake, Jumbo Reservoir, Little Grouse Reservoir, Mesa Lake, Middle Griffith Lake, Sackett Reservoir, Sunset Lake, Trout Lake, West Griffith Lake
Uncompahgre	Alta Lakes #1, #2 and #3, Beaver Lake (Cimarron drainage), Priest Lake, Silver Jack Reservoir
Gunnison	Deer Lakes, Dollar Lake, Emerald Lake, Lost Lake Slough, Meridian (Long) Lake, Mill Lake, Taylor Lake, Texas Lakes, Waterdog Lake

10. Possessing or operating a motorboat, *unless powered by an electric motor,* on the following lakes and reservoirs 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(n):

National Forest	Lake or Reservoir
Grand Mesa	Big Meadows Reservoir, Cottonwood Reservoir #5, Forty Acre Lake, Fruita Reservoir #1, #2, #3, Goodenough Reservoir, Kenney Creek Reservoir, Kiser Reservoir, Kitson Reservoir, Leon Lake, Military Park Reservoir, Rimrock Lake, Sheep Slough Reservoir, Silver Lake, Y&S Reservoir, Youngs Lake, Dogfish Reservoir, Mesa Lake, Sunset Lake
Gunnison	Lake Irwin, Mirror Lake, Pothole Lakes #1, #2, Spring Creek Reservoir

Developed Recreation Sites

Restrictions #11-13 apply to all Forest Service developed recreation sites, including: campgrounds, picnic grounds, and summer home groups as indicated, in the Restricted Area.

11. Camping in any part of any developed campground for longer than 14 consecutive days, except for the following locations 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(a):

Camping Restricted to Seven (7) consecutive days:

Campground	National Forest	Segment of Campground
Amphitheatre	Uncompahgre	entire campground
Matterhorn	Uncompahgre	entire campground
Sunshine	Uncompahgre	entire campground

Camping Allowed Up To Thirty (30) consecutive days:

Campground	National Forest	Segment of Campground
Cottonwood Lake	Grand Mesa	back loop
Silver Jack	Uncompahgre	Loop #2
Spruce Grove	Grand Mesa	entire campground
River's End	Gunnison	entire campground
Cold Springs	Gunnison	entire campground
Slumgullion	Gunnison	entire campground
Snowblind	Gunnison	entire campground

12. Being in a Forest Service developed campground between 10 pm and 6 am, except a person who is camping or who is visiting a person camping in that campground. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(u)

13. Parking or leaving a vehicle outside a parking space assigned to one's own camp site in any Forest Service developed campground. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(h)

Protection of Forest Resources

Prohibitions 14 and 15 apply to the Restricted Area except developed campgrounds:

14. Camping within 100 feet of the high water line of the Taylor River from the point where it enters Taylor Park Reservoir, upstream to Dorchester Campground, more specifically as shown on Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

15. Building, maintaining, or attending, or using fire or a campfire, except a stove fire, within 100 feet of Taylor River from the point where it enters Taylor Park Reservoir, upstream to its confluence with Trail Creek, more specifically as shown on Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempted from this order.

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

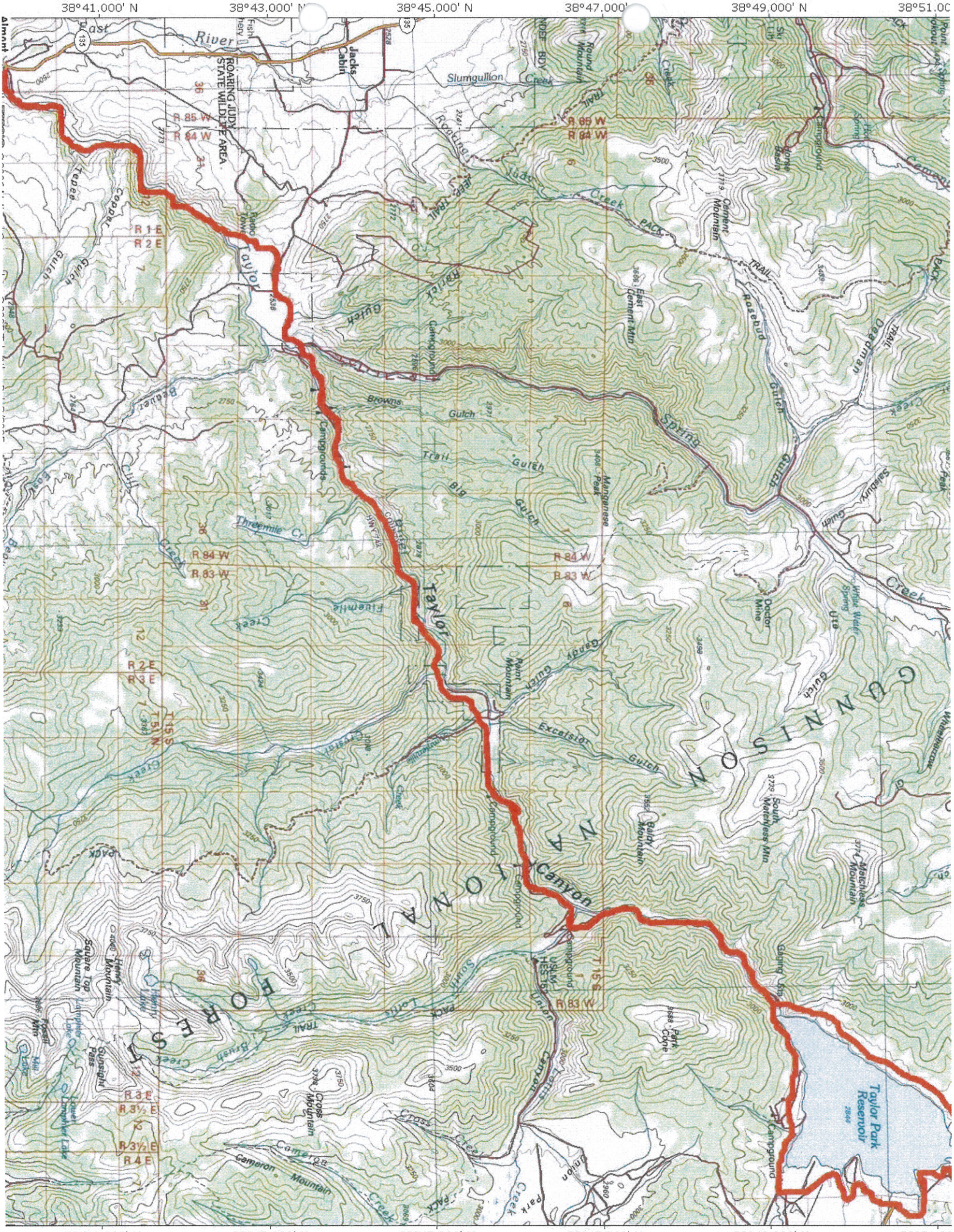
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until December 31, 2014, whichever event occurs first. This Order supersedes, replaces, and rescinds Order # GMUG-2008-10 and 01-04.

Done in Delta, Colorado this 28th day of July 2009.

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 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.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ROARING JUDY STATE WILDLIFE AREA
Slumgullion Creek
Round Mountain
Roaring Judy Creek
Cement Mountain
East Cement Mtn
Rosebud Gulch
Deadman Creek
Taylor
Browns Gulch
Trail Gulch
Big Gulch
Manganese Peak
Spring Gulch
Salisbury Gulch
Threemile Cr
Fivemile Creek
Doctor Mine
Paint Mountain
Gandy Gulch
Excelsior Gulch
Baldy Mountain
South Matchless Mtn
Matchless Mountain
Canyon
Campground
Square Top Mountain
Henry Mountain
Gunsight Pass
Cross Mountain
Cameron Mountain
Park Cone
Taylor Park Reservoir
GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST
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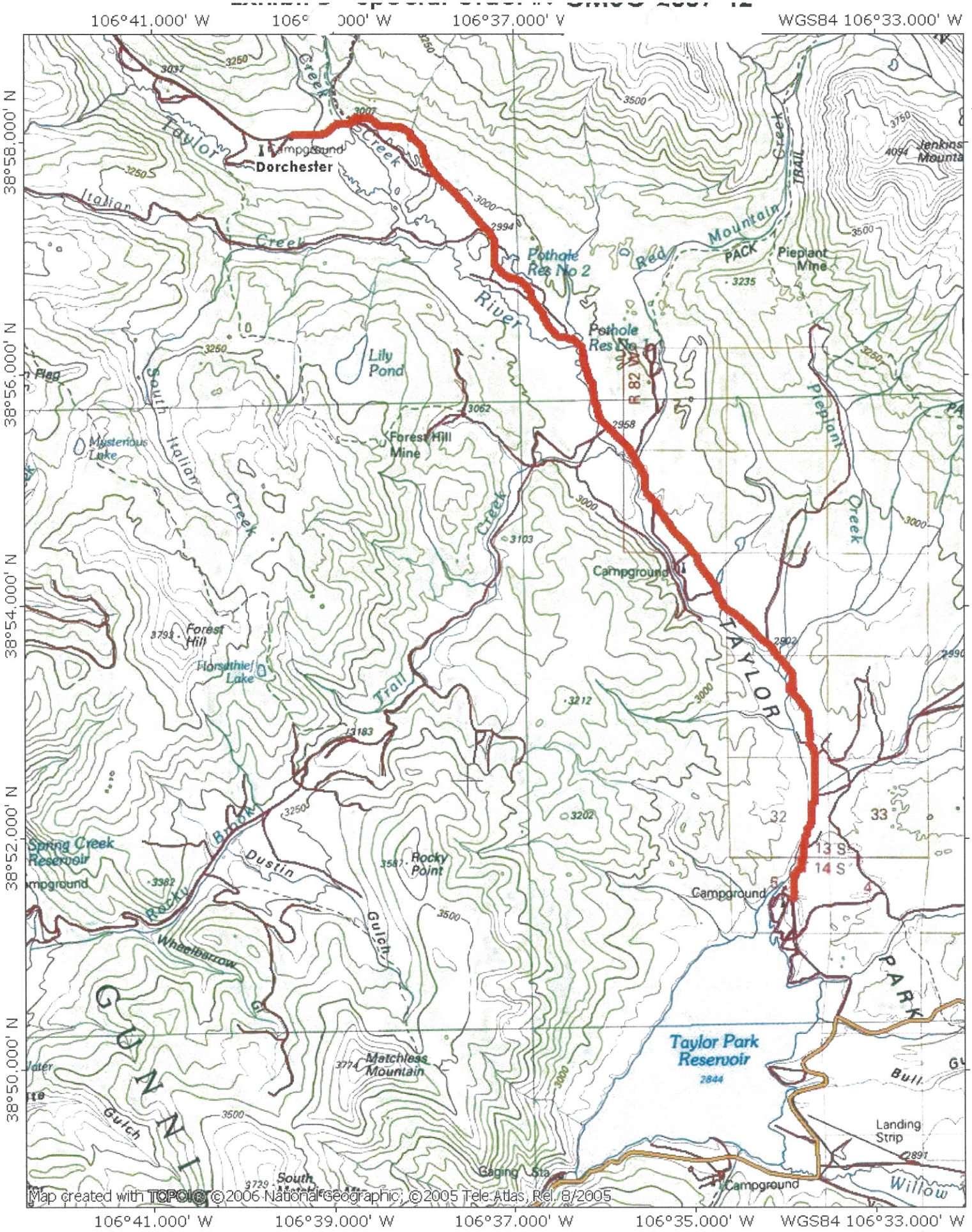

Shows section of Taylor River affected by this Special Order.

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