Order No. GMUG-2010-02

TEMPORARY CLOSURE
ICE CLIMBING GROUP SIZE RESTRICTION
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 within the areas known as Skylight and Horsetails on the Ouray Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests, Ouray County, 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 public safety, reduce conflict, and provide a better recreation experience for ice climbers using these two popular winter recreation areas.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Ice climbing on the north side of Camp Bird Road (FR 853 or CR 361) between Senator Gulch and Camp Bird (T43N, R8W) in the area known as "Skylight" with a group of six (6) people or more. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(f)

2. Ice climbing southwest of Colorado State Highway 550 on Bear Creek and Ralston Creek (T43N, R7W) in the area known as "Horsetails" with a group of six (6) people or more. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(f)

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This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded, or until April 15, 2013, whichever event occurs first. This Order supersedes, replaces, and rescinds Order No. 00-03.

Done at Delta, Colorado this 26th day of January 2010.

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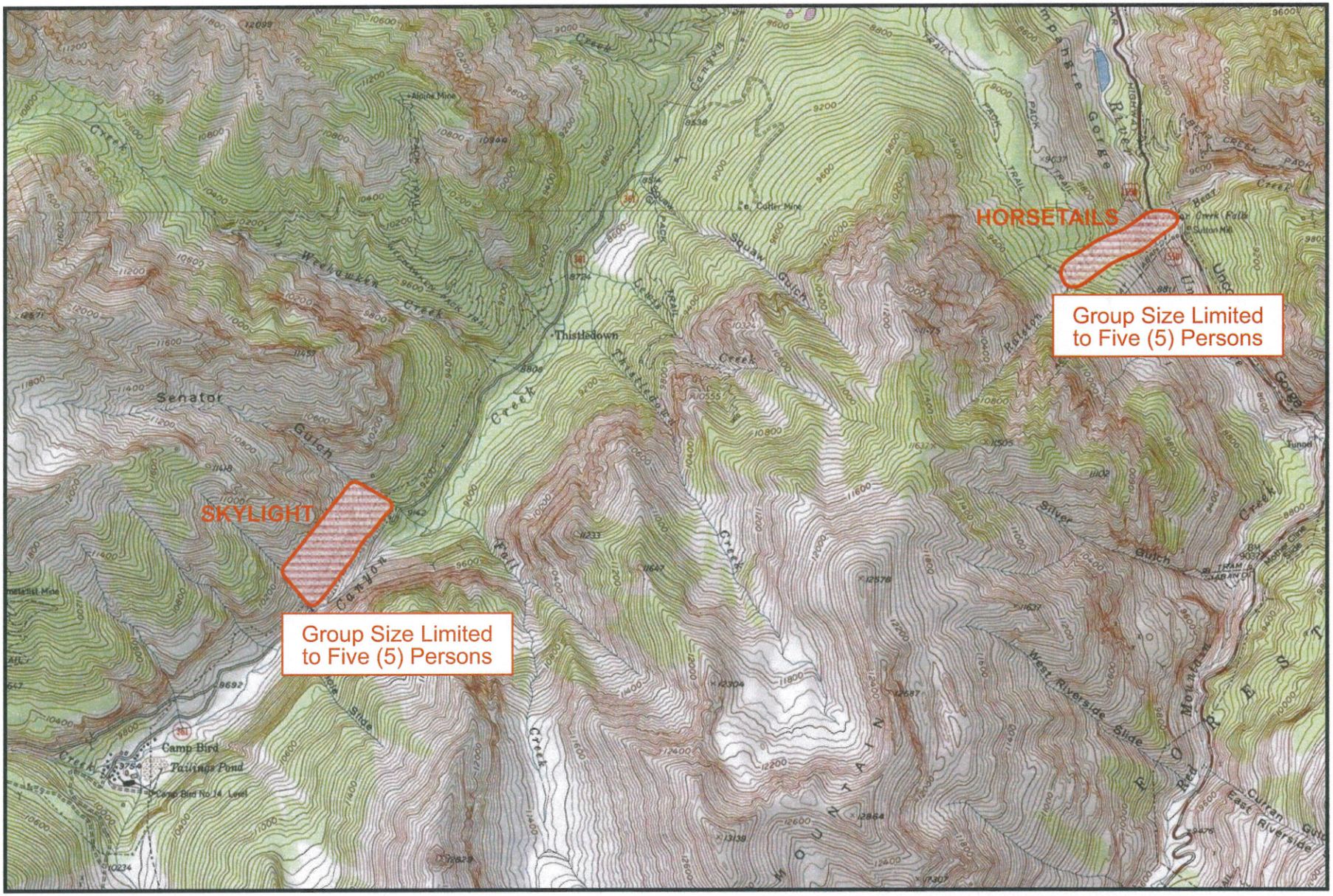
Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571.



Skylight-Horsetail Climbing Areas
Ouray Ranger District
Ice Climbing Group Size Restriction

EXHIBIT A