

**Order Number 2012-01
Road Closure Order
For National Forest System Roads (NFSR) 654
Road Wash – Public Danger
Rifle Ranger District
White River National Forest
Garfield County, Colorado**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (b) the following acts are prohibited on the described National Forest System Roads (NFSR) located within the Rifle Ranger District, White River National Forest, Garfield County, Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the Closed Road. The Closed Road is also depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This Order shall be in effect beginning approximately April 9, 2012 and continue until rescinded or until November 30, 2012, whichever occurs first. The road will be closed to all vehicular travel until the road damage on NFSR 654 has been repaired and is once again safe for public use.

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety, until road damage can be repaired.

The Restricted Road is further defined as follows:

1. National Forest System Road NFSR 654 East Elk Creek Road from the White River National Forest Boundary to the end of the road; approximately 1.25 mile. Alternative route is not available.

PROHIBITIONS:

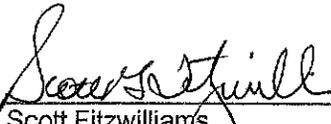
1. Being on the Restricted Road when road closure devices and signs are in place, beginning approximately April 9, 2012 and continuing until rescinded or until November 30, 2012, whichever event occurs first. (36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e))

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado this 26 day of April, 2012.



Scott Fitzwilliams
Forest Supervisor
White River National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are 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)

Exhibit A – Map of Road Closure for East Elk Creek
Rifle Ranger District, White River National Forest

