

**SPECIAL CLOSURE ORDER  
BIG MEADOWS BLASTING AREA  
RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited in the Big Meadows Area on the Divide Ranger District of the Rio Grande National Forest, Mineral County, State of Colorado, hereinafter referred to as the Restricted Area.

The Restricted Area is further defined as located in Sections 17 & 18, T.38N, R.2E. The Restricted Area is depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This Closure Order is necessary to protect the public for health and safety, while blasting operations take place on June 25, 2012 from 06:00 am to 14:00 pm.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)

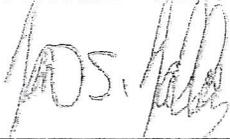
**EXEMPTIONS:**

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 firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty;
- 2) Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or until June 26, 2012, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Monte Vista, Colorado, this 21st day of June, 2012.



Dan S. Dallas  
Forest Supervisor, Rio Grande National Forest

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. §§ 3571 and 3559.