

**USDA FOREST SERVICE
UNCOMPAGRE NATIONAL FOREST
NORWOOD RANGER DISTRICT**

Camping Closure along East Naturita & Thunder Roads

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 551 and 36 C.F.R. 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Norwood Ranger District of the Uncompahgre National Forest within San Miguel County, State of Colorado (hereinafter referred to as the "Restricted Area") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Roads and Trails"). The Restricted Area and the Restricted Roads and Trails are depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This Order is necessary to protect natural resources along Forest System Roads 609 and 642.

PROHIBITIONS:

It is prohibited to conduct the following activities within 300 feet of the entire length of Forest System Road 642 and along a segment of Forest System Road 609 that begins at the proposed Thunder Trails Trailhead at approximately milepost 1.4 and ends at the cattle guard at approximately milepost 3.1; as signed and as shown on Exhibit A of this Order:

1. Camping, other than in a signed, designated campsite provided by the Forest Service. Campsites are designated with a metal fire ring and a post that is signed with a universal camping symbol. 36 CFR § 261.58(e)
2. Building, maintaining or using a fire, campfire, or wood-burning stove fire unless it is within a metal fire ring provided by the Forest Service. 36 CFR § 261.52(a)
3. Possessing or operating any motorized vehicle unless it is on a designated road or trail or within a developed parking area provided by the Forest Service. Designated routes are posted with a road number and a sign identifying the allowed type of travel. Developed parking areas are designated with a sign identifying the site. 36 CFR § 261.56

EXCEPTIONS:

- a. In areas where developed parking areas are not provided, and where not otherwise prohibited, motorized vehicle travel to a suitable parking site within 20 feet of a designated route is authorized. Motorized travel under this exception must not damage the land, vegetation, or streams.
- b. Camping in a motorized vehicle is allowed in and within 20 feet of the East Naturita Parking Area (Exhibit A) as long as it does not impede vehicle traffic or damage the land, vegetation, or streams.

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.

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

Unless rescinded sooner, this Order will expire on December 31, 2015.

Executed in Delta, Colorado this 6th day of December, 2012.



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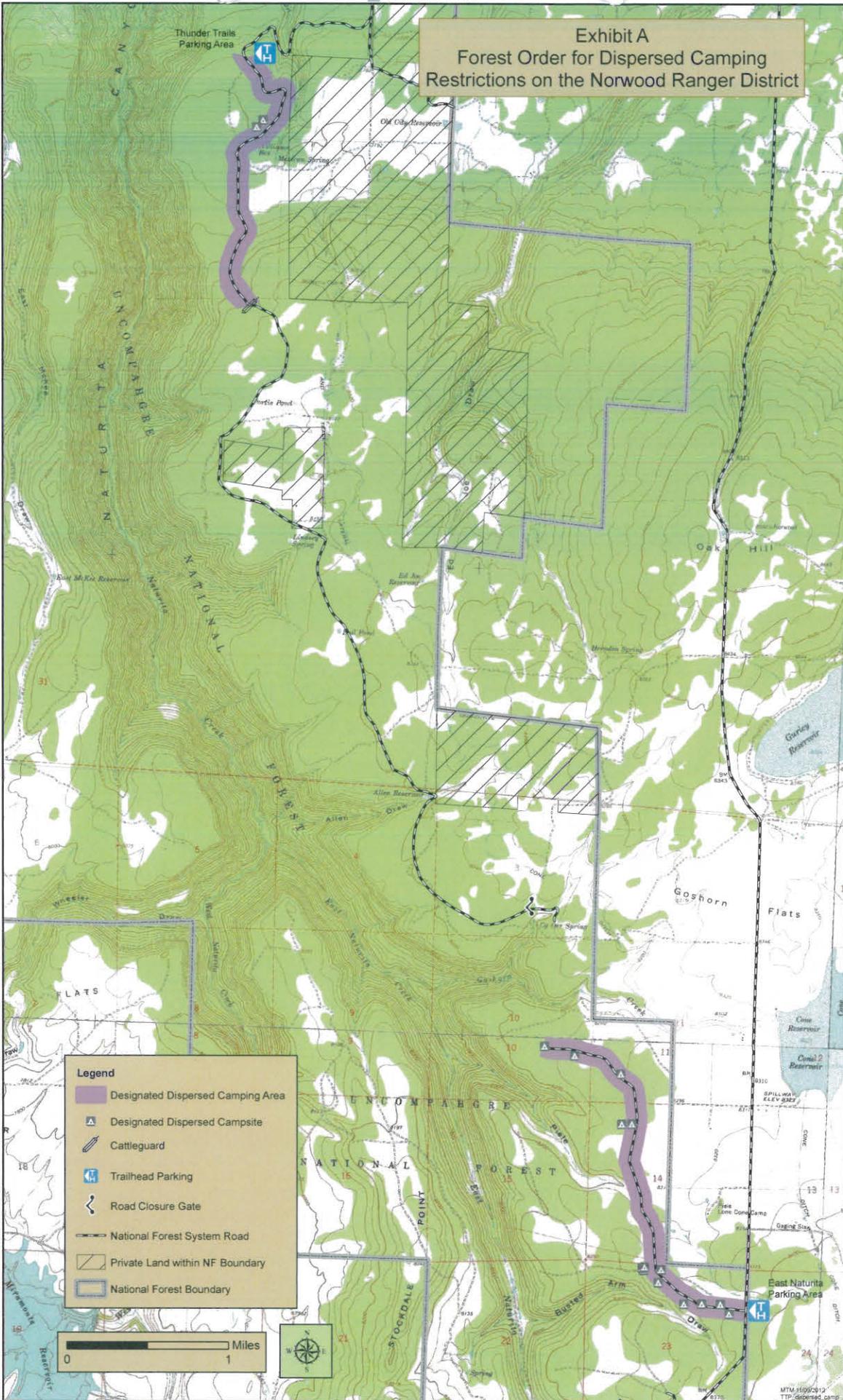
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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571).

Exhibit A Forest Order for Dispersed Camping Restrictions on the Norwood Ranger District

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Legend

- Designated Dispersed Camping Area
- Designated Dispersed Campsite
- Cattleguard
- Trailhead Parking
- Road Closure Gate
- National Forest System Road
- Private Land within NF Boundary
- National Forest Boundary

