

FOREST ORDER

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Roosevelt National Forest - Canyon Lakes Ranger District

Routt National Forest - Parks Ranger District

WILDERNESS AREAS: Rawah, Comanche Peak, Neota, and Cache la Poudre,

OCCUPANCY AND USE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (USC) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR.) § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Rawah, Comanche Peak, Neota, and Cache la Poudre Wildernesses within the Canyon Lakes Ranger District of the Roosevelt National Forest, Larimer County, Colorado and within the Parks Ranger District of the Routt National Forest, Jackson County, Colorado, hereafter referred to as the Restricted Areas. The Restricted Areas as described in this order are depicted on the attached maps hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A-Rawah Wilderness; Exhibit B-Comanche Peak Wilderness; Exhibit C-Neota Wilderness; and Exhibit D – Cache La Poudre Wilderness.

I CAMPING

- A. Camping within 200 feet of all lakes, streams, developed trails and other areas as posted closed to camping. 36 CFR § 261.58 (e).
- B. Camping within the Rawah Wilderness in the Blue Lake closure area (1/4 mile surrounding Blue Lake and Hang Lake) as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR § 261.58 (e).
- C. Camping outside designated campsites within Browns Lake, Comanche Lake, Emmaline Lake, Big South or North Fork travel zones within the Comanche Peak Wilderness as shown on the attached map. Tents must be within 30 feet of the designated campsite marker. 36 CFR § 261.58 (e).
- D. Camping with more than one group (maximum group size of 12 persons) or more than three tents per site within Browns Lake, Comanche Lake, Emmaline Lake, Big South or North Fork travel zones' designated campsites within the Comanche Peak Wilderness as shown on the attached map. 36 CFR § 261.58 (f).

II FIRES

- A. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire or campfire (other than in a self-contained chemical stove) within 200 feet of all lakes, streams and developed trails. 36 CFR § 261.52 (a).
- B. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire (other than in a self-contained chemical stove) within the Browns Lake, Comanche Lake, Emmaline Lake, Big South or North Fork travel zones within the Comanche Peak Wilderness and the Alpine closure area within the Rawah Wilderness as shown on the attached maps. 36 CFR § 261.52 (a).

III DOGS

- A. Possessing or transporting dogs, except on a hand-held leash. Pets accompanying stock riders must be under voice control. 36 CFR § 261.58 (s)

IV RECREATION LIVESTOCK

- A. Corralling, hobbling, tethering and/or picketing saddle, pack or draft animals within 200 feet of all lakes, streams and developed trails. 36 CFR § 261.58 (s).
- B. Possessing or using any type of saddle, pack or draft animal on the Blue Lake Trail (#959) from May 15 through September 15. 36 CFR § 261.58 (s).
- C. Tethering or tying saddle, pack or draft animals to live trees. 36 CFR § 261.58 (aa).
- D. Corralling, hobbling, tethering and/or picketing saddle, pack or draft animals overnight within the Big South, Browns Lake, Comanche Lake, Emmaline Lake or North Fork travel zones within the Comanche Peak Wilderness and the Blue Lake closure area within the Rawah Wilderness as shown on the attached maps. 36 CFR § 261.58 (s).

V WHEELED CONVEYANCE

Possessing or using a wagon, cart, bicycle or other vehicle. 36 CFR § 261.57 (h).

VI GROUP USE

Entering or being in the Wilderness Area for day or overnight use with groups larger than a combination of 12 persons and/or livestock. Larger groups must obtain a permit prior to entering the Wilderness. 36 CFR § 261.58 (f).

Pursuant to 36 CFR, § 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from the order:

1. Persons with a 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 in the performance of an official duty.
3. Hunters are exempted from the dog leash regulation when possessing hunting dogs, while lawfully hunting.
4. Persons in wheelchairs or wheeled devices (manual or battery powered; as specified in ADA Title V Section 507c) that are essential to their mobility because of a physical disability, are exempt from the wheeled conveyance regulation.

This order will be in effect when signed and rescinds Order #s 10-00-04 Rawah , 10-00-05 Neota, 10-04-02 Comanche Peak, and 10-04-03 Cache la Poudre Wildernesses.

Done at Fort Collins, Colorado, this 31st day of May, 2013.

/s/ Ron J. Archuleta

May 31, 2013

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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5000 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).