Order # SJ-2013-13

FOREST ORDER

USDA FOREST SERVICE
SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST
Zone 1 (Lower Elevation Zone)
Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, and Rio Grande Counties

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) §551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within Zone 1, the Lower Elevation Zone, within Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, and Rio Grande Counties in the San Juan National Forest in the State of Colorado (the "Restricted Area") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Roads and Trails").

The Zone 1 Restricted Area encompasses the Lower-Elevation portions of the San Juan National Forest, as displayed on the attached map in cross-hatched area and is incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. The Restricted Area (Zone 1) is further identified by the boundary as described below:

All San Juan National Forest lands identified by a boundary formed by the following line: Beginning on the east side of the San Juan National Forest at Wolf Creek Pass (boundary between San Juan and Rio Grande National Forests) running south along the Continental Divide to the South San Juan Wilderness boundary at Elwood Pass, then west and south along the Wilderness Boundary until you reach Navajo Peak, then following the San Juan National Forest boundary down to its southern edge, then west along the national forest boundary to McPhee Reservoir (north of Cortez), then continuing north and west along the National Forest boundary roughly parallel to the Dolores River to the northwestern corner of the San Juan National Forest, then east, below Disappointment Creek, then south and west to a point near Benchmark Lookout, then south and east to the intersection with Forest Road 526 (Dolores-Norwood Road), then south and east along Road 526 to its intersection with Forest Road 532 (Cottonwood Road), then east along Road 532 to its intersection with Forest Road 535 (West Dolores Road), then south along Road 535 to its intersection with State Highway 145, then east along Highway 145 to its intersection with Forest Trail 610 (Morrison Trail), then south along Trail 610 to its intersection with Forest Road 556 (Rock Springs Road), then east along Road 556 to its intersection with Forest Road 561 (West Mancos Road), then south along Forest Road 561 to its intersection with Forest Road 350 (Spruce Mill Road), then east along Road 350 to its intersection with Forest Road 346 (Twin Lakes Road), then easterly along Road 346 to the Sharkstooth Trailhead, then east along Trail 622 (Sharkstooth Trail) to its intersection with Trail 607 (Highline Trail), then east along Trail 607 to its intersection with Trail 520 (Colorado Trail) over Kennebec Pass to Forest Road 171N (Champion Venture Road), then east along Road 171N to its junction with Forest Road 171 (Junction Creek Road), then north along Rd 171 to its intersection with Trail 550 (Clear Creek Trail – east side of parking area) to its junction with Trail 514 (Hermosa Creek Trail), then south along Trail 514 to its intersection with Trail 516 (Dutch Creek Trail), then northeasterly along Trail 516 to its intersection with Trail 522 (Pinkerton-Flagstaff Trail), then along Trail 522 to its intersection Nary Draw, then easterly along Nary Draw to its intersection with Highway 550, then across Hwy. 550 to the Haviland Lake Road and east along this road to the west side of Haviland Lake, then along the west side of Haviland Lake to the north end of the lake, then along the national forest boundary on the south and east side of Electra Lake to Little Cascade Creek, then east along Little Cascade Creek to the Animas River and north along the river

until the intersection with Trail 511 (Purgatory Flats Trail), then east to the westernmost tip of the Weminuche Wilderness boundary on the south side of the Animas River, then in an easterly direction along the Wilderness boundary to Wolf Creek Pass on the Continental Divide.

The purpose of this order is to protect public health and safety due to the current and anticipated elevated risk of wildfire.

PROHIBITIONS:

1) Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36 CFR § 261.52(a).

   EXCEPT: Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites and the use of portable stoves, lanterns using gas, jellied petroleum, pressurized liquid fuel or a fully enclosed (sheepherder type) stove with a ¼" spark arrester type screen is permitted.

2) Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).

3) Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR § 261.52(i).

   EXCEPT: When in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of at least 2A.

4) Using an explosive. 36 CFR § 261.52 (b).

EXEMPTIONS:
Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from specified Prohibitions of this order:

1) Persons with a U.S. Forest Service permit issued by the Forest Supervisor or the District Ranger specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission may be eligible for an exemption from Prohibitions #1, #3, and #4.

2) Any federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty is exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, and #4.

Notice regarding Exemptions: Holders of valid exemption permits are on notice that when proceeding with activities that are authorized pursuant to these Exemptions, such holders are responsible for conducting authorized activities in a safe and prudent manner using extra precautions and are electing to proceed at their own risk. An exemption does not absolve an individual or

organization from liability or responsibility for damage, injury or loss to the United States for any fire started while undertaking the exempted activity.

This Order supersedes, rescinds, and replaces Order #SJ-2013-08 issued on July 1, 2013.

This order becomes effective at 9:00 am on July 17, 2013 and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2013, whichever event occurs first.

Executed in Durango, Colorado, on this 16th day of July, 2013.

Mark W. Stiles
Forest Supervisor

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organizations, or imprisonment for more than six months, or both 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571.