

SPECIAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS  
ORDER NUMBER SJ-2013-14  
SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST  
PAGOSA RANGER DISTRICT

Pursuant to Title 16 U.S.C. § 551, and 36 CFR §§ 261.50(a), 261.50(b) 261.52(e), 261.54(a), and 261.58(e), the following is prohibited from July 24, 2013 until rescinded or no later than December 31, 2013.

1. Entering or being in the West Fork burn perimeter area within the Pagosa Ranger District administrative boundary, unless traveling on the Continental Divide Trail (NFST 813). The West Fork burn perimeter area is on the northeast side of the Pagosa Ranger District bounded by the following description.
  - East side: From Sheep Mountain, follow the ridgeline northeast to the Continental Divide, then north along the district boundary to a point on the Divide southwest of Sawtooth Mtn.
  - North side: From the point southwest of Sawtooth Mountain on the Divide, follow the district boundary west to the ridge on the Divide separating West Fork, Beaver and Goose Creek drainages, then southwest to summit separating West Fork, Cimarron and East Fork Piedra River.
  - West side: From the summit between East Fork, West Fork and Cimarron, south to the east summit of Red Mountain, then south to the ridge between Rainbow and Turkey Creeks that is east of the Turkey Creek Trail, then along this ridge to the wilderness boundary north of Saddle Mountain.
  - South side: From the point on the wilderness boundary north of Saddle Mountain, follow the wilderness boundary to Sheep Mountain. This closure only applies to National Forest System lands.
  
2. Entering or being in the West Fork River area within the Pagosa Ranger District administrative boundary described as follows:
  - 0.25 mile buffer around the West Fork River from, but not including, the bridge over the river on the West Fork Road (NFSR 648) (approximately 0.5 miles north past the West Fork Campground junction NFSR 648) upstream to the Weminuche Wilderness boundary. The described closure area includes the West Fork Trail (NFST 561) and West Fork Road (NFSR 648) within the described buffer. This closure only applies to National Forest System lands.
  
3. Using a motorized vehicle or camping in the West Fork River area within the Pagosa Ranger District administrative boundary described as follows:
  - 0.25 mile buffer around the West Fork Road (NFSR 648) from the West Fork Campground northeast to its junction with the Hatcher Lakes Road (NFSR 033), and a 0.25 mile buffer around the Hatcher Lakes Road (NFSR 033).

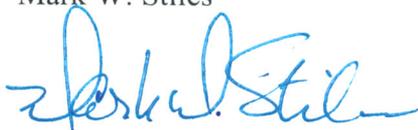
This closure is further depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated and included in this Order as Exhibit 1. In addition, signs are posted in accordance with 36 CFR § 261.51 at trailheads and trail junctures. The purpose of this fire restriction is protection of public health and safety during the exigencies of the West Fork Fire Complex.

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

1. Any federal, state, or local official, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an authorized official duty; and
2. Persons with a Forest Service permit issued by the District Ranger or Forest Supervisor specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Done at Pagosa Springs, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 2013. Previous order SJ-2013-11 is hereby superseded and terminated with the signing of this order.

Mark W. Stiles



Forest Supervisor  
San Juan National Forest