

ORDER #SJRG-97-13  
SPECIAL CLOSURE  
SAN JUAN and RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to Title 16 USC, Section 551 and 36 CFR, Sections 261.50(a) and 261.50(b), the following restrictions are in effect on the San Juan and Rio Grande National Forests annually from April 15 through November 15:

The following is PROHIBITED:

Possessing or storing any food or refuse in the listed campgrounds and / or areas (Attachment A) unless it is;

- A) Stored in a bear-resistant method, or
- B) being eaten, prepared for eating, or being transported.

**"BEAR-RESISTANT METHOD"** means in a hard-sided vehicle or camper, OR in an approved bear-resistant container, OR suspended at least ten feet above the ground and four feet from any tree, post, or other support, OR within a functioning electrical enclosure.

**"BEAR-RESISTANT CONTAINER"** means a securable container constructed of a solid, non-pliable material, which when secured or under stress will not have any cracks, openings, or hinges that would allow a bear to gain access by biting or clawing.

**"FOOD OR REFUSE"** means any food item for consumption, its container or the refuse from preparation or consumption. This also includes non-human consumables such as pet food and bird feeders (hummingbird sugar water as well as seed feeders), cooking utensils, and food packaging.

[36 CFR 261.58(cc)]

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

- a) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- b) Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Done this 15th day of August, 1997, in Monte Vista, Colorado.



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Violation of this prohibition is punishable by up to a \$5,000 fine for an individual or up to \$10,000 for an organization and/or up to six months in jail (18 USC 3571).

ATTACHMENT 1  
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Order #SJRG-97-13 applies to the following campgrounds and areas:

**SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST**

**COLUMBINE RANGER DISTRICT**

Vallecito CG  
Haviland Lake CG  
Chris Park Group CG  
Graham Creek CG  
Old Timers CG  
Pine Point CG  
North Canyon CG  
Middle Mountain CG  
Junction Creek CG  
Transfer Park CG  
Florida CG  
Miller Creek CG  
Purgatory CG  
Sig Creek CG  
Pine River CG  
Kroeger CG  
Snowslide CG  
Florida Group CG  
Haviland Lake Day Use Area

All campgrounds and dispersed areas within La Plata Canyon as shown on Attachment 2.

**PAGOSA RANGER DISTRICT**

Bridge CG  
Cimarrona CG  
Lower Piedra CG  
East Fork CG  
Teal CG  
Ute Group CG  
West Fork CG  
Williams Creek CG  
Wolf Creek CG

**RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST**

**CONEJOS PEAK RANGER DISTRICT**

Stunner CG  
Alamosa CG

**SAGUACHE RANGER DISTRICT**

North Crestone CG  
Buffalo Pass CG  
Storm King CG  
Poso CG  
Luders CG  
Stone Cellar CG

