Order No.: 02-13-06-25-10

U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
San Juan National Forest
Pagosa Ranger District
Williams Creek Area Camping Closure

PROHIBITION

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 Section (b), the following is prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Pagosa Ranger District, San Juan National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area").

1. Camping within ¼ mile of Williams Creek Road (NFS Road 640) from its intersection with Piedra Road (NFS Road 631) to its terminus, as depicted in Exhibit A. [36 C.F.R. § 261.58 (e)].

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or any member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons camping in Forest Service designated dispersed sites as depicted in Exhibit A.
4. Persons camping in Forest Service developed campgrounds as depicted in Exhibit A.

DESCRIBED AREA

The Described Area is in Hinsdale County, Colorado and includes all NFS lands within ¼ mile of either side of Williams Creek Road (NFS Road 640) from its intersection with Piedra Road (NFS Road 631) to its terminus. The Described Area is located in Township 38N Range 3W Sections 9 and 31.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to prevent environmental damage to the meadows in the Williams Creek area caused by dispersed camping along the Williams Creek Road.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from September 04, 2025, at 12:00 a.m. through September 04, 2030, at 12:00 a.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sanjuan/alerts-notices
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.

4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than $5,000 for individuals and $10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Pagosa Ranger District in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, (970) 264-2268, or the San Juan National Forest Supervisor's Office in Durango, Colorado, (970) 247-4874, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order **supersedes** previous order "**SJ-2019-01**" prohibiting the same or similar acts in or on the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on:

9/3/2025

X Steve Hattenbach

Steve Hattenbach
Forest Supervisor
Signed by: STEVEN HATTENBACH

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Exhibit A
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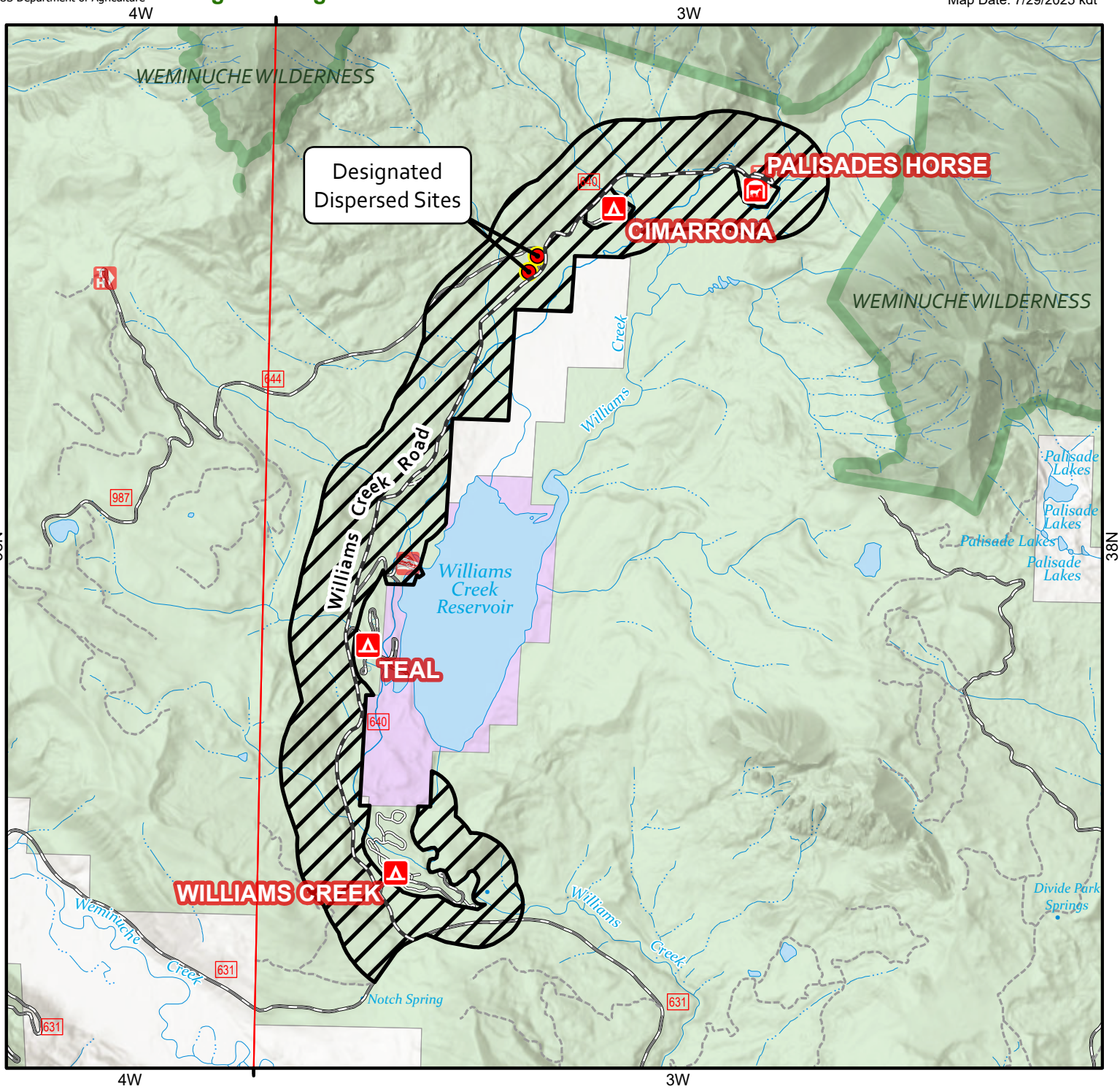

- Described Area
- Designated Dispersed Sites

Developed Campgrounds

- Campground
- Horse Camp

- National Forest System Land
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Private Lands
- Wilderness

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