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U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
San Juan National Forest
Norwood and Dolores Ranger Districts

Lizard Head Wilderness Area Occupancy and Use

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a) and § 261.50 (b), the following acts are prohibited within the Lizard Head Wilderness of the Norwood and Dolores Ranger Districts of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests and San Juan National Forest, respectively, Dolores and San Miguel Counties, State of Colorado (the "Restricted Area") and on and off National Forest System (NFS) Trails located within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Trails").

The Restricted Area and the Restricted Trails are depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. The Restricted Area includes Navajo Basin, which is shown in greater detail on the map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit B.

1. Entering or being in the Restricted Area with a group size of more than 15 people. A combination of stock and people shall not exceed 25 per group, with the maximum amount of people per combined group limited to 15. 36 CFR § 261.58(f)

2. Camping:
   a. within 100 feet of any NFS trail or any lake, stream, pond, river, or other similar body of water. 36 CFR § 261.58(e);
   b. within Navajo Basin, except at designated campsites identified by physical markers and by designated campsite maps (as shown on Exhibit B). 36 CFR § 261.58(e).

3. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or wood-burning stove:
   a. Within 100 feet of any NFS trail or any lake, stream, pond, river, or other similar water body;
   b. Above tree line; or
   c. Within Navajo Basin, as depicted on Exhibit B. 36 CFR § 261.52(a).

4. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies. 36 CFR § 261.57(f)

5. Hitching, tethering, hobbling or fencing a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instructions. Instructions to include, but may not be limited to:
   a. Prohibiting hitching, tethering, hobbling, or fencing within 100 feet of any NFS

Trail or any lake, stream, pond, river, or similar water body *(except in designated campsites within Navajo Basin as shown in Exhibit B, where (a) would not be prohibited);* and

b. Prohibiting tying directly to trees except during loading and unloading.

6. Possessing a dog that is: (i) off leash; (ii) not under direct verbal control of the dog's owner or handler at all times; or (ii) disturbing or damaging wildlife, other animals, people or property. 36 CFR. § 261.58(s)

7. Shortcutting a switchback in a trail. 36 CFR § 261.55(e)

8. Possessing or using a wagon, cart, or other vehicle, including a wheelbarrow, bicycle or game cart. 36 C.F.R. § 261.57(h)

9. Possessing, storing, or transporting any plant material, such as hay or straw, unless it is certified weed-free or has been chemically or mechanically processed to destroy viable seeds (e.g., pelletized feed and rolled grains). 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(t)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or 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 member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA, ROADS AND TRAILS

The Described Area is all NFS lands within the boundary of the Lizard Head Wilderness (as shown in Exhibit A) located in San Miguel and Dolores Counties, Colorado, in the Norwood and Dolores Ranger Districts of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests and San Juan National Forest. The Described area includes Navajo Basin as depicted in Exhibit B.

PURPOSE

This purpose of this Order is to protect physical and biological resources of the Lizard Head Wilderness, and to protect the human experience of Wilderness character, solitude, and the untrammeled condition of the landscape.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from July 1, 2026 at 12:01 a.m. through July 1, 2029 at 12:01 a.m., unless rescinded whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Described Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. A Map identifying Navajo Basin is attached and made part of this order as Exhibit B. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibits A and B, go to https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/gmug/alerts-notices or https://www.fs.usda.gov/r02/sanjuan/alerts.

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 Norwood Ranger District in Norwood, Colorado, (970) 327-4261, the Dolores Ranger District in Dolores, Colorado (970) 882-7296, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest Supervisor's Office in Delta, Colorado, (970) 874-6600, or San Juan National Forest Supervisor's Office in Durango, Colorado, (970) 247-4874 for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on:

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CHAD STEWART
Forest Supervisor

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forests

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STEVE HATTENBACH
Forest Supervisor
Signed by: STEVEN HATTENBACH

San Juan National Forest