



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST
COLUMBINE RANGER DISTRICT**

Mainstem Hermosa Creek Culvert Installation Project Area Closure

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Entering the Described Areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(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 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

The Described Area exists 300 feet on either side of National Forest System Road 578 beginning west of the NFSR 577 intersection (T.39N, R.10W, Section 24, NW ¼, NE ¼) and ending south of the NFSR 550 intersection with NFSR 578 (T.39N, R.10W, Section 11, SE ¼, SE ¼).The Described Area does not include NFSR 578.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources and public health and safety during the construction and rehabilitation of the Mainstem Hermosa Creek Aquatic Organism Passage Project. This includes the rehabilitation of Described Areas.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from July 20, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. through June 30, 2027, at 11:59 p.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Areas is incorporated into this Order as Appendix A. For a digital version of this Order and Appendix A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sanjuan/alerts-notice>.
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. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Columbine Ranger District Office in Bayfield, CO (970) 884-1401, and at the San Juan National Forest Supervisor's Office in Durango, CO (970) 247-4874.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on:

7/7/2026

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