



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
San Juan National Forest
Columbine Ranger District**

Wilderness Occupancy and Use Restrictions

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Entering or being upon a trail, campsite, or other area by a group larger than 15 people, with a maximum combination of people and stock not to exceed 25 in one group. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(f)
2. Hitching or tethering a horse or other saddle or pack animal in violation of posted instructions. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(aa).
3. Camping within 50 feet of any lake shore, stream, or other water source. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e).
4. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, within 50 feet of any lake shore, stream, or other water source. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a).
5. Possessing a dog, except those dogs on a leash or under direct voice control of their owner/handler. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s).

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.
3. Persons camping at Forest Service designated campsites are exempted from prohibition #3 above.
4. Fires not using wood as a source of fuel are exempted from prohibition #4 above.

DESCRIBED AREA AND TRAILS

The Described Area is all NFS lands within the Hermosa Creek Wilderness. The Described Trails are all NFS trails located within the Described Area.

The Described Area and Trails are located in:

Sections 7-8, 17-21, 28-29, Township 37 North, Range 9 West;
Sections 1-24, Township 37 North, Range 10 West;

Sections 1-2, 11-14, 24, Township 37 North, Range 11 West;
Sections 3-10, 15-22, 27-35, Township 38 North, Range 10 West;
Sections 1, 12-13, 24-26, 35-36, Township 38 North, Range 11 West;
Sections 20-21, 28-29, 31-34, Township 39 North, Range 11 West;
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources.

IMPLEMENTATION

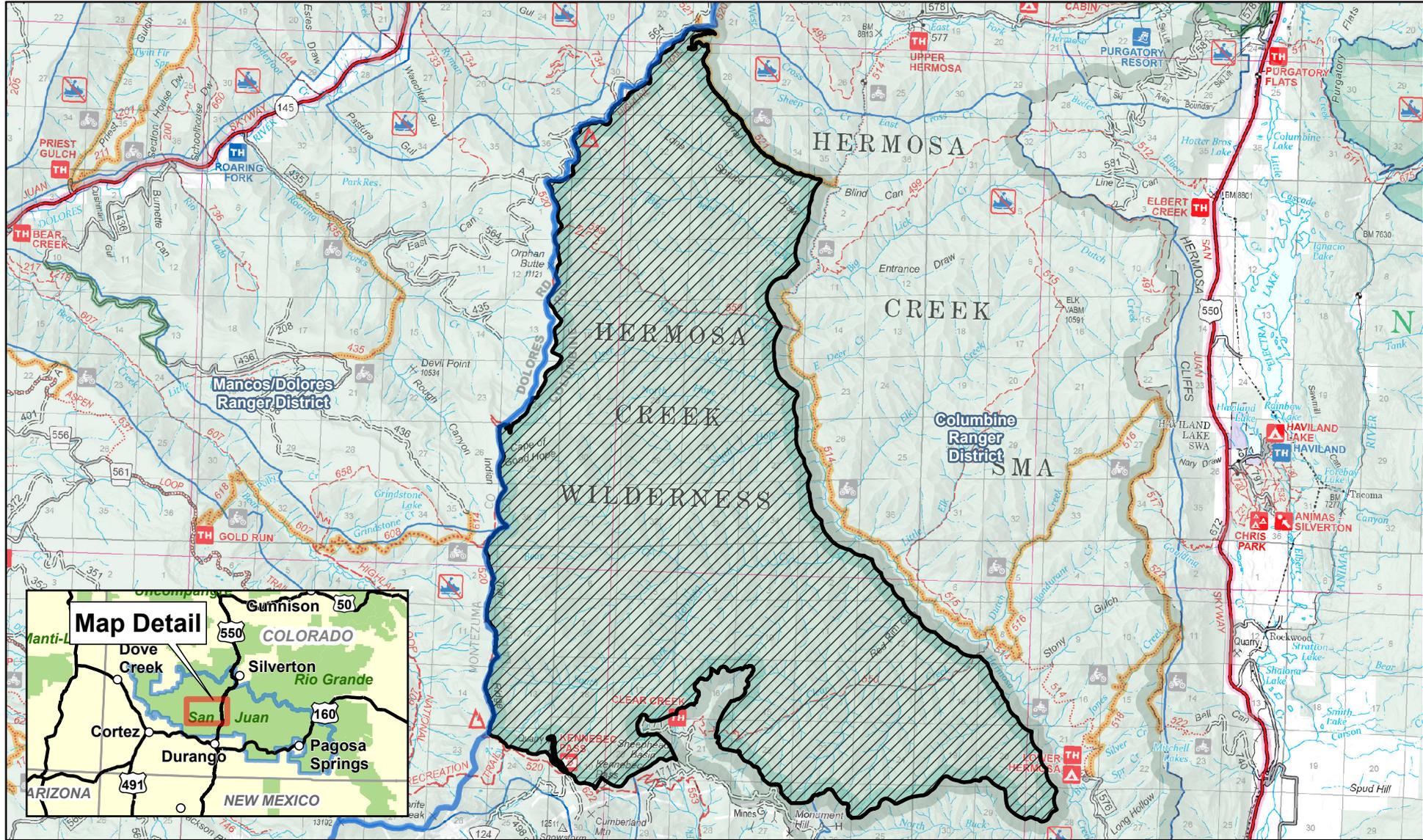
1. This Order shall be in effect from August 20, 2024, at 0001 hours through December 31, 2027 at 11:59, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area and Trails is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sanjuan/alerts-notice>.
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. Contact the Columbine Ranger District in Bayfield, Colorado, (970) 884-2512, and the San Juan National Forest Supervisor's Office in Durango, Colorado, (970) 247-4874, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes Order Number SJ-2019-05 prohibiting the same or similar acts in and on the same Described Area and Trails.

Signed and issued on August 20, 2024 .

8/20/2024

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DAVID NEELY
FOREST SUPERVISOR
Signed by: DAVID NEELY



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Order SJNF-02-13-00-24-04
Exhibit A

Hermosa Creek Wilderness Use Restrictions
Described Area



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