



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

La Plata Canyon Camping and Fire Restrictions

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) lands in La Plata Canyon, 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"):

1. Camping outside of Forest Service designated camping areas (Darby, La Plata City, Bay City, Miners Cabin, and Madden Creek) and developed campgrounds (Snowslide and Kroeger) shown on Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)
2. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire EXCEPT in metal fire-grates provided by the U.S. Forest Service. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)

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 is all NFS lands within ¼ mile of La Plata County Road 124, beginning at Mayday and ending at the end of Country Road 24. These NFS lands are in:

Sections 3, 4, 8-10, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, Township 36 North, Range 11 West;
Sections 19, 30, Township 37 North, Range 10 West;
Sections 24-26, 34-36, Township 37 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 This Order shall be in effect from September 4, 2024, at 12:00 a.m. through December 31, 2027, at 11:59 p.m., unless rescinded.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-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-2019-10 prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on September 3, 2024.

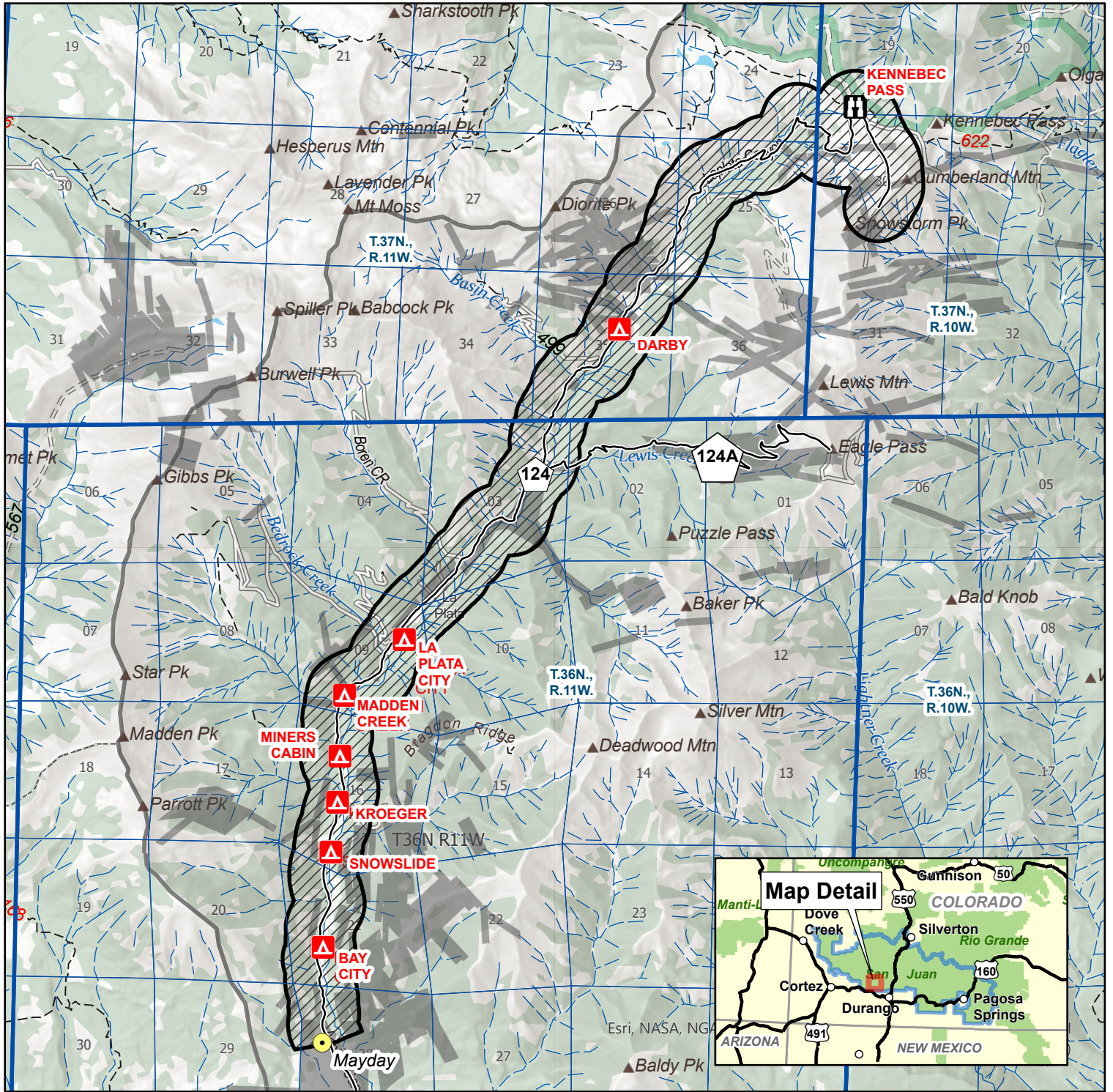
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DAVID NEELY

Forest Supervisor

Signed by: DAVID NEELY



- Described Area
- Section
- Township
- Municipality
- Designated Camping Site
- Observation Site
- Private Lands

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Order SJNF-02-13-08-24-05
Exhibit A
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Described Area

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