

Occupancy and Use

- * Residential use of Forest Service lands is PROHIBITED.
- * Personal property cannot be stored or cached on National Forest land.
- * Pack it in, Pack it out. All trash and personal items must be removed from the Forest.
- * Camping on the National Forest is limited to no more than 28 days within any 60 day period.
- * After 14 continuous days in one location you must move greater than 3 miles.
- * Possession or use of marijuana is illegal on Federal Land.
- * Do not park your vehicle in areas posted as off-limits to parking.
- * Do not ride or restrain your horse in areas closed to livestock and horses.
- * A permit is needed to construct or maintain a road, trail or facility.
- * Cutting live trees is prohibited without a permit.
- * A permit is required to sell merchandise, or work for pay or other compensation on FS Land.
- * Do not park a vehicle or place an object in a location or manner that creates an impediment or hazard to the safety of others.

Gathering Forest Products

- ◆ You must have a permit to cut or remove logs, firewood, transplants or other forest products.
- ◆ A validated load tag must be visibly posted and you must have a permit in your vehicle when you load, haul or remove logs or firewood.
- ◆ You are responsible for knowing the regulations on what you are allowed to remove and where.
- ◆ You must have written authorization from landowners to transport wood from private land across public lands.

Please follow the rules.

This brochure contains a listing of federal regulations and special orders on the San Juan National Forest. Failure to comply with rules and regulations may result in citations and fines. These regulations are in place to ensure your safety and that of other Forest visitors and to protect natural resources.

Disclaimer

Rules referenced in this brochure do not reflect the exact language of federal regulations and special orders. Specific language and legal terms are available from our offices and online.

This listing does not include all site specific closure orders on the San Juan National Forest. Forest officers patrol the National Forest to help fulfill the U.S. Forest Service mission of Caring for the Land and Serving People.

Forest visitors who receive citations may end up in federal court and be subjected to fines.

Please respect the National Forest and other Forest visitors.

Firearms

Firearms must be used in a safe manner. You cannot discharge a firearm or any other weapon:

Within 150 yards of a building, campsite or other occupied area.

On or across a road, trail or body of water.

Into or inside a cave.

- Targets must have a hillside or mound of dirt behind them.
- Do not use trees or vegetation as targets.
- All shells and items used for target practice must be picked up and removed.
- All firearms are prohibited in federal buildings.
- In motor vehicles, firearms must be fully unloaded and enclosed in a case.
- Concealed weapons are regulated by State laws and those laws apply to National Forest.



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San Juan National Forest Regulations

**A quick guide to staying
safe and legal!**

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Dolores Public Lands Office
Dolores, CO
(970) 882-7296

Columbine Ranger District
Bayfield, CO
(970) 884-2512

Pagosa Springs Ranger District
Pagosa Springs, CO
(970) 264-2268

Online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/SanJuan/>
or
www.facebook.com/sanjuannationalforest

Motor Vehicles

- ◆ Off-road and cross-country use of wheeled motorized vehicles is prohibited.
- ◆ Drivers of motor vehicles must stay on roads and trails open to their type of use as indicated in Motor Vehicle Use Maps and on posted signs.
- ◆ Drivers of motor vehicles must comply with regulations on Motor Vehicle Use Maps and signs.
- ◆ Motor Vehicles can only be driven up to 300 feet off any open road to camp or retrieve forest products.
- ◆ Motor vehicles must adhere to federal and state noise emission standards.
- ◆ All motor vehicles, including OHV's, must comply with state, local and federal laws, including registration requirements.
- ◆ Do not operate any vehicle under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- ◆ Do not operate a vehicle in a manner that may endanger any person or property.
- ◆ Do not operate a vehicle in a manner that damages or disturbs the land, wildlife or vegetation.

Roads and Trails

- ◇ You must have written authorization to use any forest road for commercial hauling.
- ◇ All activities that cause resource damage to roads and trails are prohibited.
- ◇ Do not violate posted road closures.
- ◇ Do not shortcut switchbacks.
- ◇ Do not block or interfere with the use of roads, trails or gates.

Developed Recreation

- No more than 8 people/two tents or two vehicles are allowed in a family campsite (group campsites allow more).
- Campfires are only allowed in provided fire rings or grills.
- No bathing or washing at hydrants or water faucets, unless otherwise posted.
- All pets must be physically restrained (leashed, caged or crated).
- Follow all current fire restrictions.
- Most campgrounds limit stays to 14 days.
- Livestock and pack animals are allowed only in specified campgrounds: Burro, Lower Hermosa, Palisades and Transfer.
- Motor vehicles can only be used to enter or leave campsites. No joy riding.
- You cannot save a campsite in advance of occupation. Reservations can be made at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) for some campgrounds, others are first come, first serve.
- Human waste can only be deposited in receptacles provided for that purpose.

Fire

- * Remove all flammable material from the immediate vicinity before starting campfires.
- * Campfires must be attended at all times and completely extinguished before left. (Don't leave a fire to burn out).
- * NO fireworks ever.
- * Obey fire restrictions.

Property

- Do not damage any natural feature or public property.
- Do not excavate, disturb, damage or remove any prehistoric, historic, or archaeological structure or artifact.

Designated Wilderness

INCLUDES: Weminuche, South San Juan, Lizard Head, Hermosa Wilderness Areas

- ◆ All motorized equipment is prohibited.
- ◆ All mechanized vehicles are prohibited including bicycles, hang gliders, wagons, and carts.
- ◆ Landing of aircraft or helicopters is prohibited.
- ◆ No storing of equipment or personal supplies.
- ◆ The maximum group number must not exceed 15 people or 25 heart beats (people, dogs, horses).
- ◆ Do not camp or build a campfire within 100 feet (35 adult steps) of streams, lakes or other water sources.
- ◆ Human waste and wash water must be disposed of at least 200 feet from any water source.
- ◆ Dogs must be leashed or under voice control and near you at all times.
- ◆ Obey site specific regulations regarding fire restrictions, camping and livestock use.
- ◆ Do not collect forest products for personal or commercial use in a wilderness area. It is OK to harvest plants and firewood for use and consumption while in the wilderness.
- ◆ Do not leave any permanent markers.

Livestock

- ◇ Leave gates as you found them (open or closed) once you pass through.
- ◇ Only certified weed-free hay and feed can be brought onto the National Forest for stock animals.
- ◇ Do not tie pack animals directly to trees.