

ORDER

WILDERNESS OCCUPANCY AND USE REGULATIONS

WEST ELK WILDERNESS,

GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE, AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FORESTS

Pursuant to Title 16, USC 551 and Title 36, CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are *prohibited* on National Forest System lands within the West Elk Wilderness of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (the restricted area) in the State of Colorado, as depicted on the maps attached as Exhibits A and B, hereby attached and incorporated into this order:

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Entering or being in the restricted area with more than 15 people per group with a maximum combination of people and stock not to exceed 25 per group.
(36 CFR 261.58(f))
2. Camping in the restricted area:
 - a) within 100 feet of all lakes, streams, and/or National Forest System Trails.
 - b) within the vicinity of Sheep Lake as depicted in Exhibit B.
(36 CFR 261.58(e))
3. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, or campfire in the restricted area:
 - a) within 100 feet of all lakes, streams, and/or National Forest System Trails.
 - b) at or above treeline.
 - c) within the vicinity of Sheep Lake as depicted in Exhibit B. (36 CFR 261.52(a))
4. Storing equipment, personal property, or supplies for longer than 7 days.
(36 CFR 261.57(f))
5. Riding, hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other pack or saddle animal in violation of posted instructions (specifically including the posting of this Order as required by 36 CFR 261.51) in the restricted area.
Posted instructions hereby prohibit:
 - a) hitching, tethering, hobbling, or fencing a horse or other pack or saddle animal within 100 feet of all lakes, streams, and/or National Forest System Trails.
 - b) Riding, hitching, tethering, or hobbling a horse or other pack or saddle animal within the designated area at Sheep Lake, as depicted in Exhibit B.
(36 CFR 261.58 (aa)).
6. Possessing a dog in the restricted area which is not under control, or which is damaging wildlife, people, or property, except for working stock dogs or dogs used for legal hunting purposes. (36 CFR 261.58(s))

NOTE: The term "under control" is defined as the dog being leashed and/or under direct verbal control of the dog's owner or handler at all times.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or a member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.
3. Riding saddle or pack stock on National Forest System Trail 848 and hitching in the designated area northwest of Sheep Lake, as depicted by Exhibit B.

The purpose of the Order is to protect the physical and biological resources of the West Elk Wilderness, and to enhance the human experience of Wilderness character solitude, and the untrammelled condition of the landscape.

Unless rescinded sooner, this order will expire on December 31, 2016.

DONE at Delta, Colorado this 15 day of December, 2006



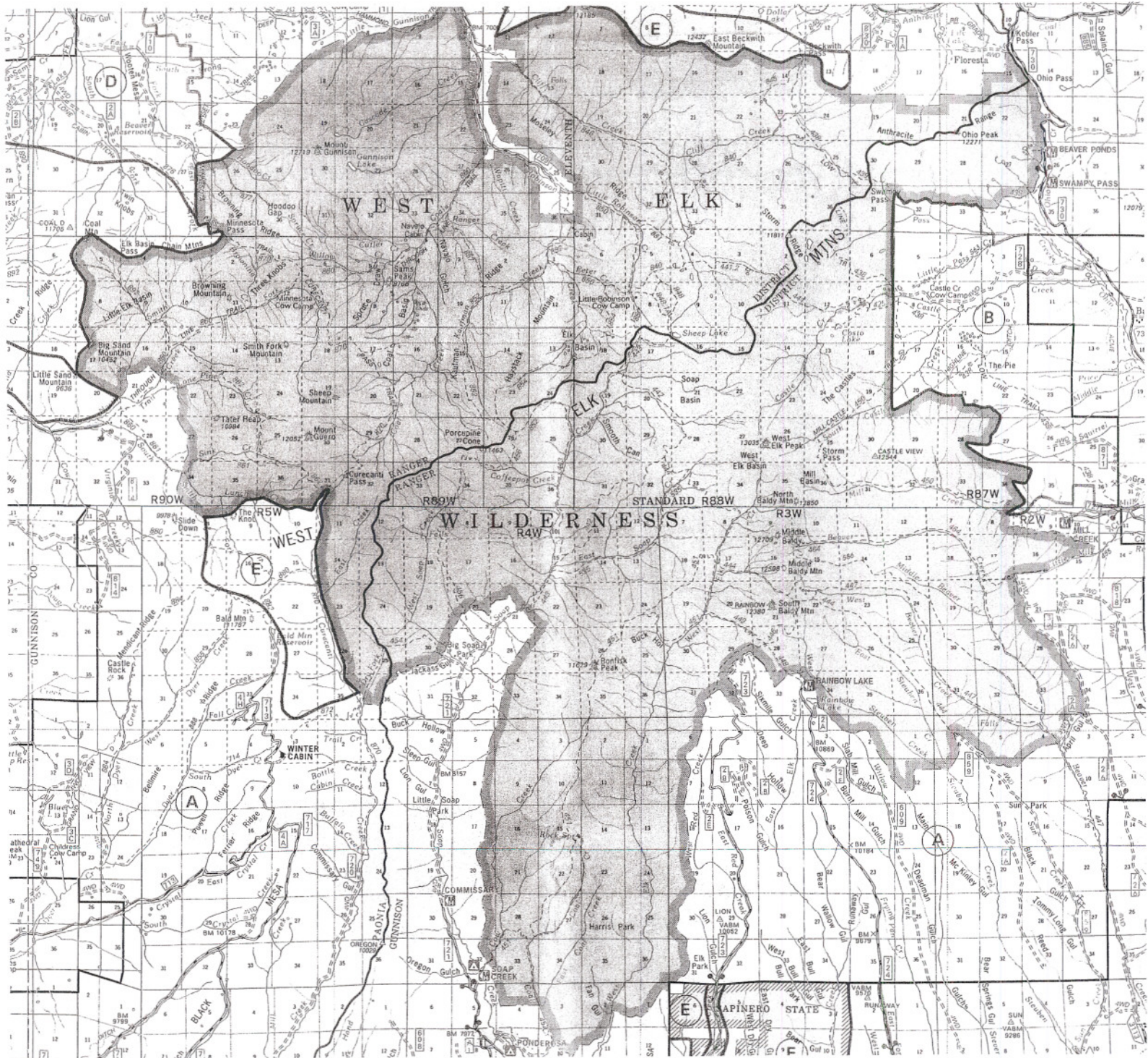
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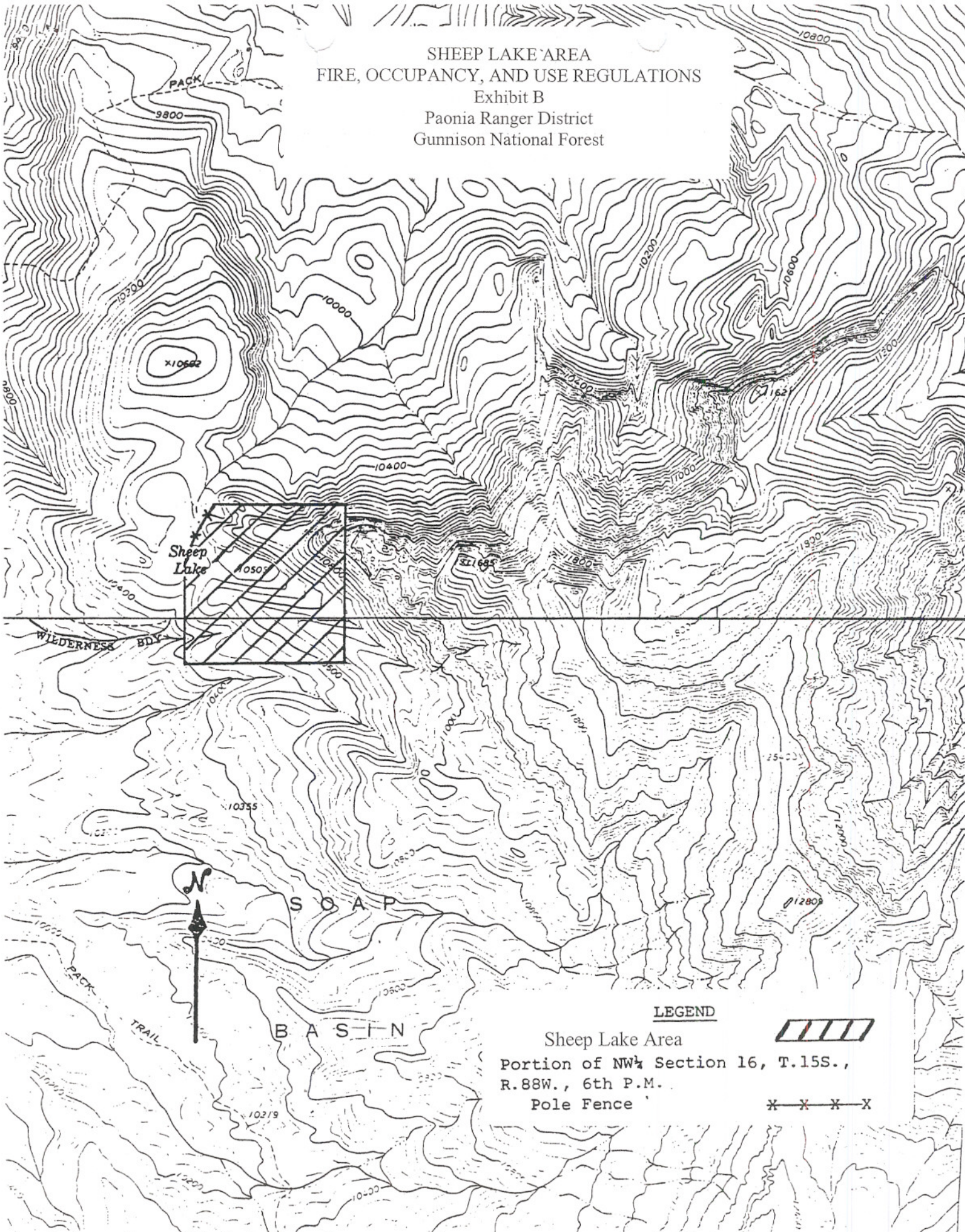
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000.00 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. (16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

EXHIBIT A
WEST ELK WILDERNESS
GUNNISON NATIONAL FOREST
3/2006



SHEEP LAKE AREA
FIRE, OCCUPANCY, AND USE REGULATIONS
Exhibit B
Paonia Ranger District
Gunnison National Forest



LEGEND

Sheep Lake Area
Portion of NW 1/4 Section 16, T.15S.,
R.88W., 6th P.M.
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