



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
San Juan National Forest
Pagosa Springs Ranger District
Chimney Rock National Monument
Area, Road, and Trail Closure**

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trail in Chimney Rock National Monument, Pagosa Springs Ranger District, San Juan National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area, Roads, and Trail):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area from 4:30 PM to 6:00 AM on the dates in the table below. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on the Described Roads and Trail from 4:30 PM to 6:00 AM on the dates in the table below. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e), 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

Major Lunar Standstill Occurrences and Closure Dates 2023-2025		
2023	2024	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 15-16, 2023 • August 11-12, 2023 • September 6-9, 2023 • October 3-5, 2023 • October 31-November 1-2, 2023 • November 27-29, 2023 • December 25-26, 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 3-4, 2024 • July 30-31 and August 1, 2024 • August 26-29, 2024 • September 22-24, 2024 • October 20-21, 2024 • November 16-18, 2024 • December 13-15, 2024 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 21-22, 2025 • August 16-18, 2025 • September 12-14, 2025 • October 10-11, 2025 • November 6-8, 2025 • December 4-5, 2025

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 resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA, ROADS, and TRAIL

The Described Area is in Archuleta County, Colorado and includes all of Section 17U, Township 34 North, Range 4 West, 6th P.M.

The Described Roads are NFS Road (NFSR) 617 Chimney Rock Road, and NFSR 617.A Chimney Picnic Parking Road.

The Described Trail is NFS Trail (NFST), 632 Great House Trail.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety during the Major Lunar Standstill occurrences at Chimney Rock National Monument.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect on July 15, 2023, at 4:30 PM through December 5, 2025 at 6:00 AM, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area, Roads, and Trail 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 Pagosa Ranger District in (970)-264-2268, and San Juan National Forest Supervisor's Office in (970) 247-4874, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area or on the same Described Roads and Trail.

Signed and issued on 07/05/2023

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