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U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service White River National Forest Holy Cross Ranger District

Occupancy and Use Prohibitions

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 and trails in the Holy Cross Ranger District, White River National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Areas" and "Described Trails"):

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire except in campgrounds and dispersed camp sites designated and provided by the Forest Service, in the Described Areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(a)
- 2. Camping, except in campgrounds and dispersed campsites designated and provided by the Forest Service, in the Described Areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)
- 3. Possessing a dog on NFS Trail (NFST) 1896, North Vail Trail, except if it is on a leash six feet or less in length. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)
- 4. Being on the following NFST during the dates specified below:
 - a. NFST 2347 and 2347.1A, Eastern Hillside Trail, from December 1 thru June 20.
 - b. NFST 2349, Stone Creek/Paulie's Plunge Trail, from May 15 thru June 20.
 - c. NFST 2348, Whiskey Creek Trail, from November 23 thru June 20.
 - d. NFST 2136, Son of Middle Creek Trail, from April 15 thru June 20.
 - e. NFST 1896, North Vail Trail, from April 15 thru June 20.
 - f. NFST 2122, Everkrisp Trail, from November 23 thru June 20.
 - g. NFST 2005, Two Elk Trail, from May 6 thru June 30. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

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EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREAS AND TRAILS

The Described Areas include the C.:

- June and Berry Creek Described Area All NFS lands within Sections 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, and 34, Township 4 South, Range 82 West, 6th P.M. and Sections 2 and 3, Township 5 South, Range 82 West, 6th P.M.
- Red Sandstone Described Area All NFS lands within ¼ mile of NFS Road (NFSR) 700, Red Sandstone Road, beginning at mile point 0 and ending at mile point 2.7.
- Gore Creek Described Area All NFS lands within ¼ mile of Gore Creek Campground, which is located at the end of Bighorn Road.
- Two Elk Road Described Area All NFS lands within ¼ mile of NFSR 762, Two Elk Road.
- Camp Hale Described Area All NFS lands within the Camp Hale Historic Area.

The Described Trails include the entirety of the following NFST: NFST 1896, North Vail Trail; NFST 2347 and 2347.1A, Eastern Hillside Trail; NFST 2349, Stone Creek/Paulie's Plunge Trail; NFST 2348, Whiskey Creek Trail, NFST 2136, Son of Middle Creek Trail; NFST 2122, Everkrisp Trail; and NFST 2005, Two Elk Trail.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources and public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. This Order shall be in effect from January 1, 2024 at 12:01 a.m. through December 31, 2024 at 11:59 p.m., unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Areas and Trails are 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/wrnf/alerts-notices.
- 3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are

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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 White River National Forest Supervisor's Office, at (970) 945-2521, for more information about this Order.
- 6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Areas or on the same Described Trails.

Signed and issued on December 15th, 2023.

Scott Fitzwilliams
Forest Supervisor

White River National Forest

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