



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
Ouray Ranger District**

Saint Germain Area Closure Order

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a), the following is prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands in the Ouray Ranger District, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area”):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. Contractors working with the Forest Service for work in the Described Area and those contractors’ employees and subcontractors.
2. 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).
3. 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 the St. Germain site, located east of Highway 550, in Section 29 of Township 43 North, Range 7 West, New Mexico Prime Meridian, in Ouray County, Colorado.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety during the rebuild of powerlines by San Miguel Power Association (SMPA).

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from June 1, 2024 at 0700 through October 31, 2024 at 1200, unless rescinded.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/gmug/alerts-notices>.
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 Ouray Ranger District in Montrose, CO at 970-240-5300, and the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests Supervisor's Office in Delta, CO at 970-874-6600, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on June 5, 2024



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
Exhibit A - Saint Germain Area Closure Order | Order # GMUG-2024-08

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The described Area is located in:
T.43N, R.7W, Section 29
New Mexico Principal Meridian

 Described Area
 Trail

