

# U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands San Carlos Ranger District

## Area, Trail, and Road Closure

## PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50, the following are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, trails, and recreation sites within the San Carlos Ranger District, Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) for the health and safety of the public and fire personnel of the Oak Ridge Fire, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this order as **Exhibit A**.

- 1. Going into or being in area (*Described Area*), 36 CFR § 261.52(e).
- 2. Being on the road (Described Roads), 36 CFR § 261.54(e).
- 3. Being on the trail (*Described Trails*), 36 CFR § 261.55(a).
- 4. Entering or using a developed recreation site or portion thereof (*Described Recreation Site*), 36 CFR § 261.58(b).

## EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), an order may exempt any of the following persons from any of the prohibitions contained in the order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- Owners or lessees of land in the area. 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. Residents in the area. Private landowners that have access from FSR 382 (Davenport Campground) and 382.A, unless an evacuation notice is implemented by the Forest Service and Custer County Sheriff's Department.
- 4. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
- 5. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area.

6. Any other person meeting exemption requirements specified in the order.

## DESCRIBED: AREA/ROADS AND TRAILS

The Described Area is all NFS lands withing the following boundaries are closed to all uses (e.g. travel, camping, fishing, etc.) and are referenced in Exhibit A of this Closure Order; NFS lands to the south of Forest Service Road (FSR) 386 (South Hardscrabble), from CO-165 to FSR-387 (North Creek), NFS lands to the west of North Creek, from South Hardscrabble to CO-78, NFS lands west and north of CO-78, from North Creek to CO-165, and NFS lands east of CO-165, from CO-78 to the beginning of this description.

The following roads are closed from travel and for all uses; FSR 321 (Roundtop Mountain), FSR 321.A (Roundtop Mountain Spur), FSR 324 (Bigelow), FSR324.A (Bigelow Spur), FSR 382 (Davenport Campground), FSR 382.A (Davenport), FSR 382.B (Second Mace Trailhead), FSR 383 (Ditch Creek), FSR 78.A with the exemption of Forest Service Road (FSR) 382 and 382.A for egress and ingress for private landowners to access their property, unless ordered by subsequent Forest Orders or Custer County Sheriff's Department.

The following trails are closed for travel and dispersed camping; NFST 1321 (South Creek), NFST 1322 (Second Mace), NFST 1322.A (Second Mace Spur), NFST 1323 (Silver Circle), NFST 1325 (Left Hand), NFST 1358, NFST 1384 (Squirrel Creek), NFST 1385 (Mountain Park), NFST 1386 (Coupler), NFST 1387 (Dome Rock), NFST 1388 (Middle Creek)

The following recreation sites are closed from use; Davenport Campground, Second Mace/Squirrel Creek Trailhead, Mingus Cabin, Squirrel Creek Interpretive Site.

#### PURPOSE:

This Order is needed to maintain safe conditions for the public and fire personnel that are working the Oak Ridge Fire located near Beulah, Colorado, on the Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) as stated in this Order. The Order provides for public and firefighter safety by preventing the public from using areas, roads, trails, and recreation areas within the "working area" of the Oak Ridge Fire. This Order prohibits the use of specific areas and will be posted by Law Enforcement and Investigation (LE&I) Officers, Forest Protection Officers (FPOs), and other authorized Forest and fire personnel.

Posting of the Order (36 CFR 261.51) will provide notification to the public that use of the outlined areas are prohibited while fire suppression, or other efforts supporting the Oak Ridge Fire, are commencing. An enforcement plan will be developed that will describe how the public will be informed of the prohibitions, how it will be posted, and planned enforcement strategies.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- 1. This Order shall be in effect [June 26, 2024] at 12:01 AM through [July 26, 2024] at 11:59 PM, unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described Area/Roads/Trails 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/psicc/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 CFR Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 CFR 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.
- Contact the San Carlos Ranger District in Canon City, Colorado, (719) 269-8500, and Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) Supervisor's Office in Pueblo, Colorado, (719) 553-1400, for more information about this Order.
- 6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in or on the same Described Area.

Signed and issued on 6/26/2024.

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