

FOREST ORDER

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**Chimney Rock National Monument
Occupancy and Use Restrictions**

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within all or a portion of the Chimney Rock National Monument (the “Restricted Areas”) and on the roads and trails located within the Restricted Areas (the “Restricted Roads and Trails”). The Restricted Areas and the Restricted Roads and Trails are depicted on three maps, hereby attached and incorporated as Exhibit A, Exhibit B, and Exhibit C.

The Restricted Area identified in Exhibit A is further defined as all of the Chimney Rock National Monument; the Restricted Area identified in Exhibit B is further defined as that area located within ¼ mile of Companion Rock; and the Restricted Area identified in Exhibit C is further defined as Chimney Rock and Companion Rock from the base of their spires to their summits including the ridge extending from the terminus of the Great Hous Trail (NFST 632) Companion Rock and the rock saddle that connects the two spires.

The purpose of this Order is to protect the objects of the monument through implementing restrictions prescribed in the Chimney Rock National Monument Final Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

PROHIBITIONS

1. Camping within the Restricted Area, as depicted in Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58 (e)
2. Using or being on the Restricted Roads with an over-snow vehicle, as depicted in Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54 (a) and (e)
3. Using or possessing an over-snow vehicle off National Forest Systems Roads within the Restricted Area, as depicted in Exhibit A. 36 C.F.R. § 261.56
4. Entering or being within ¼ mile of Companion Rock, depicted in Exhibit B, between March 15 and July 31, except when on the Great House Trail (National Forest System Trail (NFST) 632). 36 C.F.R. § 261.53 (c)
5. Riding or tethering a horse or other saddle or pack animal on the Great Kiva Trail (NFST 699), the Great House Trail (NFST 632), or the archaeological sites accessed by these trails, as depicted in Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58 (aa)
6. Possessing a dog (except for service dogs) while on the Great Kiva Trail (NFST 699) or the Great House Trail (NFST 632), as depicted in Exhibit B. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55 (c)

7. Climbing or otherwise going onto or being on the Restricted Area consisting of the two rock spires, Chimney Rock and Companion Rock, from the base of the spires to their summits, and including the ridge extending from the terminus of the Great House Trail (NFST 632) to Companion Rock and the rock saddle that connects the two spires, as depicted in Exhibit C. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53 (c)

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. §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 any member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This order will remain in effect from September 30, 2016 until rescinded, or until September 30, 2021, whichever comes first.

Done in Durango, Colorado this 30 day of September 2016 .



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Violations of these regulations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for more than six(6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3571(b)(6)