

**FOREST ORDER**

**USDA FOREST SERVICE**  
**GRAND MESA, UNCOMPAHGRE, AND GUNNISON NATIONAL FORESTS**  
Grand Valley, Norwood, Ouray, Gunnison, and Paonia Districts

**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), the following acts are prohibited in specified developed recreation sites (Restricted Areas) on the Grand Valley, Norwood, Ouray, Gunnison, and Paonia Ranger Districts, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests. The Restricted Areas are located in Delta, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, Saguache, San Juan, and San Miguel Counties, and listed in the attached Exhibit B. This Order also incorporates the attached definitions in Exhibit A.

The purpose of this Order is to protect people and property from possible bear interactions that have increased over time.

**PROHIBITION:**

1. Possessing or storing food, refuse or other items that may attract bears in the Restricted Areas from March 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, except when “acceptably possessed” or “acceptably stored” (See Exhibit A). 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(cc); or
2. Possessing or storing any bird, fish, or other animal parts thereof, in the Restricted Areas from March 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year, except when “acceptably possessed” or “acceptably stored” (See Exhibit A). 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(cc); or
3. Hanging or suspending animal carcasses within 100 yards of the Restricted Areas. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(s)

**EXEMPTIONS:**

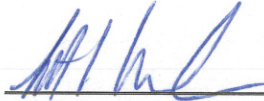
Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty, or
2. Any federal, state, or local officer placing baits to capture animals for research or management purposes in the performance of an official duty, or
3. Any person with a permit issued by the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act.

These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 C.F.R. Part 261, Subpart A. This Order shall remain in effect from the date signed until December 31, 2021 or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

This order supersedes, replaces, and rescinds Order No. GMUGNF-1998-05.

Executed in Delta, Colorado this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



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Scott G. Armentrout

Forest Supervisor

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests

**Violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571**

## Exhibit A: Definitions

### 1) Restricted Elements Defined:

- a) "Food" means any substance (including packaged substances), solid or liquid (excluding water) which may be eaten or otherwise taken into the body to sustain health or life, provide energy, or promote growth of any person or pet/livestock.
- b) "Refuse" means the remains of those substances or the packaging that the substances came in. It includes, but is not limited to: soft drinks, alcoholic beverages, packaged foods, raw or unprocessed foods, exterior hulls, husks or skins, empty food and beverage packaging/containers and visible scraps of food from eating or feeding pets/livestock.
- c) "Items" means any substance except (baled hay, or hay cubes without additives) or thing that may attract bears. These items typically are a food stuff residual on a cooking implement or surface or an item with scents that would attract a bear. These items include, but are not limited to, cooking utensils and equipment, cooking grills, personal hygiene/care products, pet, bird or other animal foods/feeders, and processed livestock feed and grains.
- d) "Bird, fish, or other animal" refers to hunted or fished animals.

### 2) "Acceptably stored" means:

- a) Stored in bear-resistant containers certified through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (<http://igbconline.org/certified-products-list/>) which are displaying the certification number for commercial products or for homemade products with proof of certification through the Interagency Grizzly Bear Courtesy Inspection Program, or
- b) Stored in one of the following 3 devices that are closed (including doors, windows and access panels) and are locked in a:
  - i) hard-sided vehicle, or
  - ii) camping unit that is constructed of solid, non-pliable material, or
  - iii) food storage box provided at the developed site.

A hard-sided vehicle is defined as: the interior of an automobile, or truck. A camping unit is defined as the interior of a motor home, fifth wheel, camping trailer or truck camper. A hard-sided vehicle or camping unit does not include any type of tent, pop-up camper, truck camper with nylon, canvas or other pliable materials.

The following vehicle accessory devices: car-top carriers, motorcycle panniers (storage boxes, top cases, trunks), tag-along trailers, or shells on the back of trucks are not considered hard-sided vehicles or camping units. The aforementioned devices would be acceptable if approved under item a.

Food, Refuse or Other Items stored in 1) or 2) of the Prohibitions above must be shielded from view and preferably are stored inside a resistant container, and a sealed container designed to contain odors. The most secure location inside a vehicle or camping unit should be used, or

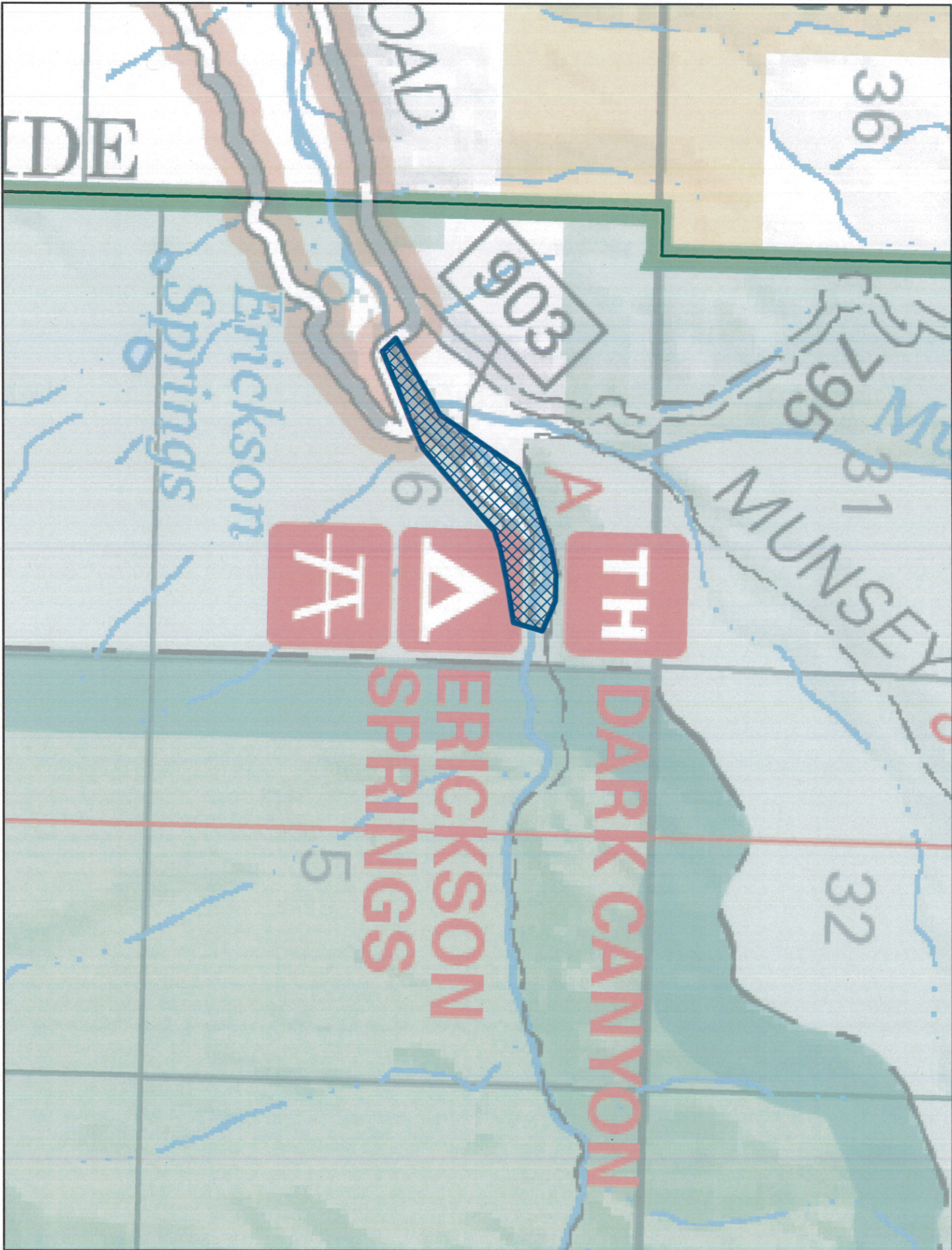
- c) Suspended at least ten feet clear of the ground at all points and four feet horizontally from any supporting tree or pole, or
  - d) Stored within a hard-sided residence, building, or storage container subject to the terms and conditions of a special-use authorization or operating plan, or
  - e) Stored by other methods approved in a permit issued by the Forest Supervisor responsible for the area where the method is proposed for use.
- ### 3) "Acceptably possessed" means:
- a) Being prepared for eating, being eaten, being used, being transported, or being prepared for acceptable storage during daytime or nighttime hours.
  - b) Possessed or attended by a person(s) that is physically present within 100 feet and direct sight of the accessible food, refuse, or item during daytime hours.
  - c) Food made available for pets/livestock must be acceptably stored outside of feeding times:

- d) Food must not be made available for native animals, including bird-feeders outside of vehicles or camping units.
- e) Refuse must be properly disposed of or acceptably stored.
- 4) "Daytime" means ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, Mountain Time.
- 5) "Nighttime" means ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise, Mountain Time.

**Exhibit B: Restricted Areas.** Recreation sites on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests where storage of food, refuse, and other items that may attract bears is required by this order.

Site Name	Site Type	District
Big Creek	Campground	Grand Valley
Cobbett	Campground	Grand Valley
Cottonwood Lake	Campground	Grand Valley
Crag Crest	Campground	Grand Valley
Divide Forks	Campground	Grand Valley
Island Lake	Campground	Grand Valley
Jumbo	Campground	Grand Valley
Little Bear	Campground	Grand Valley
Spruce Grove	Campground	Grand Valley
Ward Lake	Campground	Grand Valley
Weir & Johnson	Campground	Grand Valley
Matterhorn	Campground	Norwood
Sunshine	Campground	Norwood
Woods Lake	Campground	Norwood
Angel Creek	Campground	Ouray
Amphitheatre	Campground	Ouray
Beaver Lake	Campground	Ouray
Big Cimarron	Campground	Ouray
Columbine	Campground	Ouray
Iron Springs	Campground	Ouray
Silver Jack	Campground	Ouray
Thistledown	Campground	Ouray
Almont	Campground	Gunnison
Big Blue	Campground	Gunnison
Cement Creek	Campground	Gunnison
Cold Spring	Campground	Gunnison
Deer Lakes	Campground	Gunnison
Dinner Station	Campground	Gunnison
Dorchester	Campground	Gunnison
Gold Creek	Campground	Gunnison
Gothic	Campground	Gunnison
Granite	Campground	Gunnison
Hidden Valley	Campground	Gunnison
Lake Irwin	Campground	Gunnison
Lakeview	Campground	Gunnison
Lodgepole	Campground	Gunnison

Site Name	Site Type	District
Lottis Creek	Campground	Gunnison
Middle Quartz	Campground	Gunnison
Mirror Lake	Campground	Gunnison
Mosca	Campground	Gunnison
North Bank	Campground	Gunnison
One Mile	Campground	Gunnison
Pitkin	Campground	Gunnison
Quartz	Campground	Gunnison
Rivers End	Campground	Gunnison
Rosy Lane	Campground	Gunnison
Soap Creek (and Horse Camp)	Campground	Gunnison
Snowblind	Campground	Gunnison
Spring Creek	Campground	Gunnison
Spruce	Campground	Gunnison
Williams Creek	Campground	Gunnison
Lost Lake (all facilities in this site)	Campground	Paonia
McClure	Campground	Paonia
<i>Erickson Springs Recreation Area, including the following sites (see Exhibit C for map):</i>		
Erickson Springs	Campground	Paonia
Erickson Springs	Picnic Area	Paonia
Dark Canyon	Trailhead	Paonia



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