

FOREST ORDER
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WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST(S)
BLANCO RANGER DISTRICT

Spring Cave Area Closure

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.53(c) and pursuant to the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 (FCRPA)(16 U.S.C. § 4306 et seq.), the following acts are prohibited in the Blanco Ranger District of the White River National Forest, Rio Blanco County, State of Colorado (the "Restricted Area").

The restricted area, also known as the Spring Cave Area Closure, consists of the exterior of Spring Cave and all land outside the cave for a distance of 500 feet from the entrance. The restricted area does not include the access trail leading to the entrance or the entrance itself. The restricted area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into the Order as Exhibit A, and is located in:

- The 6th Principal Meridian, Southwest corner of Section 19, Township 2 South, Range 90 West (500 feet surrounding the outside of Spring Cave entrance.)

The purpose of this order is to protect Spring Cave, its related cave and karst features and values found to be significant under the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. To go into or be upon any area within the restricted area.
2. Taking part in any activity in the restricted area.

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 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;
2. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

This Order shall remain into effect for 5 years from date of signature or until rescinded.

Executed in Glenwood Springs, Colorado this 12²⁰¹⁹th day of September, ~~2020~~.

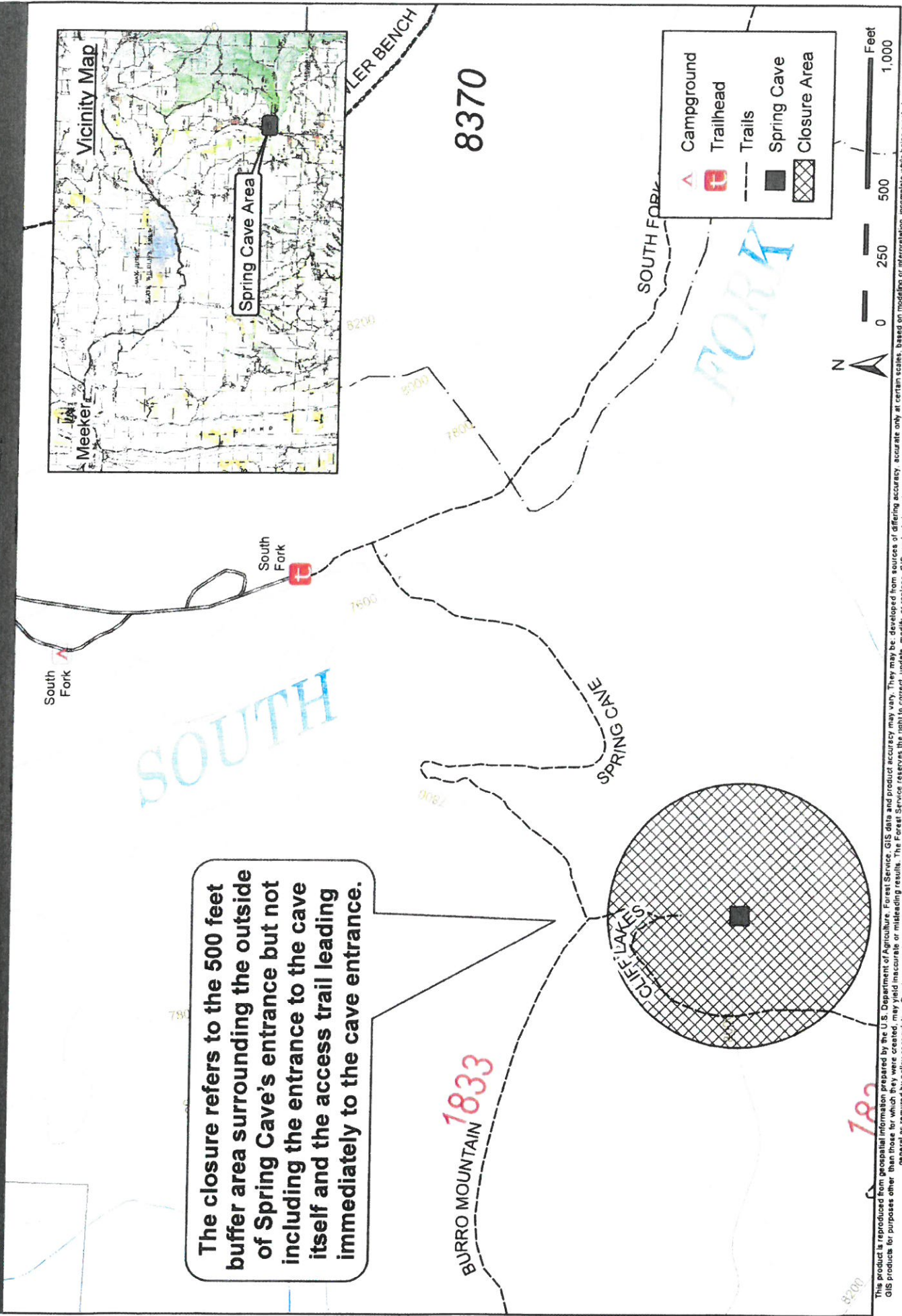


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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571)

Exhibit A. "Spring Cave Area Closure" Order No. WRNF-2019-21



The closure refers to the 500 feet buffer area surrounding the outside of Spring Cave's entrance but not including the entrance to the cave itself and the access trail leading immediately to the cave entrance.

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