

# Crested Butte Camping Changes

## GMUG Continues Implementation of Crested Butte Camping Management

The GMUG will continue implementation of its camping management strategy in the Crested Butte area by shifting to a designated camping system in the following drainages: Kebler Pass, Lake Irwin, Splains Gulch, Upper East River, Brush Creek and Cement Creek. The Slate River and Washington Gulch areas were partially completed in the fall of 2020.

Starting in May, camping in specific drainages will only be allowed at designated number sites. This is a change from the dispersed camping management that has historically been in place in this area.

### What will a designated site look like?

Sites are designated by a numbered 6-inch by 6-inch wooden post, a metal fire ring and a parking spot.



The presence of a numbered site posts will ensure campers know they are in a designated site

### What are the regulations?

- Fires are only permitted in established metal fire rings.

- Two vehicles per site are allowed.
- Vehicles must stay on designated routes.
- Do not leave any property unattended for more than 24 hours.
- Sites are first come first serve.
- Pack out all trash including human waste.

### When will each drainage become designated camping only?

Expect to see each drainage adopt the new regulation according to the following timeline:  
 Washington Gulch and Slate River – May 2021  
 Kebler Pass and Brush Creek – September 2021  
 Cement Creek and Gothic – October 2021

### Things to Know

This regulation includes all roadside vehicle and tent camping in the areas of Slate River National Forest Service Road (NFSR) #734, Washington Gulch NFSR #811, Brush Creek NFSR #738, West Brush Creek NFSR #738.2A, Kebler Pass NFSR #12, Lake Irwin NFSR #826, Cement Creek NFSR #740, and Gothic NFSR #316. Dispersed camping will not be allowed in these areas.

With these changes, visitors need to plan for reduced capacity as sites fill up quickly. Visitors should also be prepared with a backup plan if their first choice is unavailable. The vast majority of the Gunnison Ranger District accessible by road remains available for traditional dispersed camping.