



File Code: 5300; 1010**Date:****Route To:****Subject:** Forest Order Closure - Ryman Creek Trail #734 - Seasonal Trail Closure Order - SJNF-2022-03**To:** District Rangers, Law Enforcement Patrol Captain

Attached is Forest Order Number SJNF-2022-03

- 1) Being on the Restricted Trail from May 15 to June 30 each year. [36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a)].

This order is needed to enforce the prohibited use of the Ryman Creek trail authorized in the Rico Trails Project Final Decision Notice (January 8, 2021) and the Final Environmental Assessment and FONSI (November 2020). The restriction is a seasonal access trail closure from May 15 to June 30 and would be applied to non-motorized and mechanized use on the Ryman Creek Trail from the intersection with Salt Creek Trail to the Divide Road. Prohibiting non-motorized and mechanized use on the trail will provide for maintenance of natural conditions and processes to protect spring elk calving.

The above act is prohibited on National Forest System Trail (NFST) 734, Ryman Creek Trail, on the Mancos-Dolores Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest, The Restricted Trail is in Montezuma County, Colorado. It begins at its junction with NFST 733, Salt Creek Trail, in Section 22, Township 39 North, Range 11 West, 6th P.M., and ends at its junction with National Forest System Road (NFSR) 564, Divide Road, in Section 30, Township 39 North, Range 10 West, 6th P.M. and shown the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Restricted Trail").

Please post the Forest Order, Map-Exhibit A, and accompanying Public Notice in your Forest Order notebooks and place a copy in your files. Also, post the Public Notice on your bulletin boards, social media outlets, and websites.

If you have any questions regarding this order, please contact Recreation Program Staff Officer Tom Rice at 970-882-6829 or thomas.b.rice@usda.gov. For questions regarding the posting of this order and the public notice, please contact Executive Assistant, Beth Fox at 970-385-1290 or elizabeth.fox@usda.gov.

KARA L. CHADWICK
Forest Supervisor

Attachments – Map-Exhibit A

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**FOREST ORDER
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Mancos-Dolores Ranger District**

Ryman Creek Trail #734 - Seasonal Trail Closure

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following act is prohibited on National Forest System Trail (NFST) 734, Ryman Creek Trail, on the Mancos-Dolores Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest, which is described further below and shown the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Restricted Trail”).

The purpose of this Order is to protect spring elk calving.

PROHIBITIONS:

1) Being on the Restricted Trail from May 15 to June 30 each year. [36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a)].

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1) Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
- 2) Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty.

RESTRICTED TRAIL:

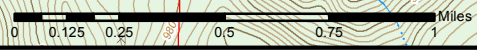
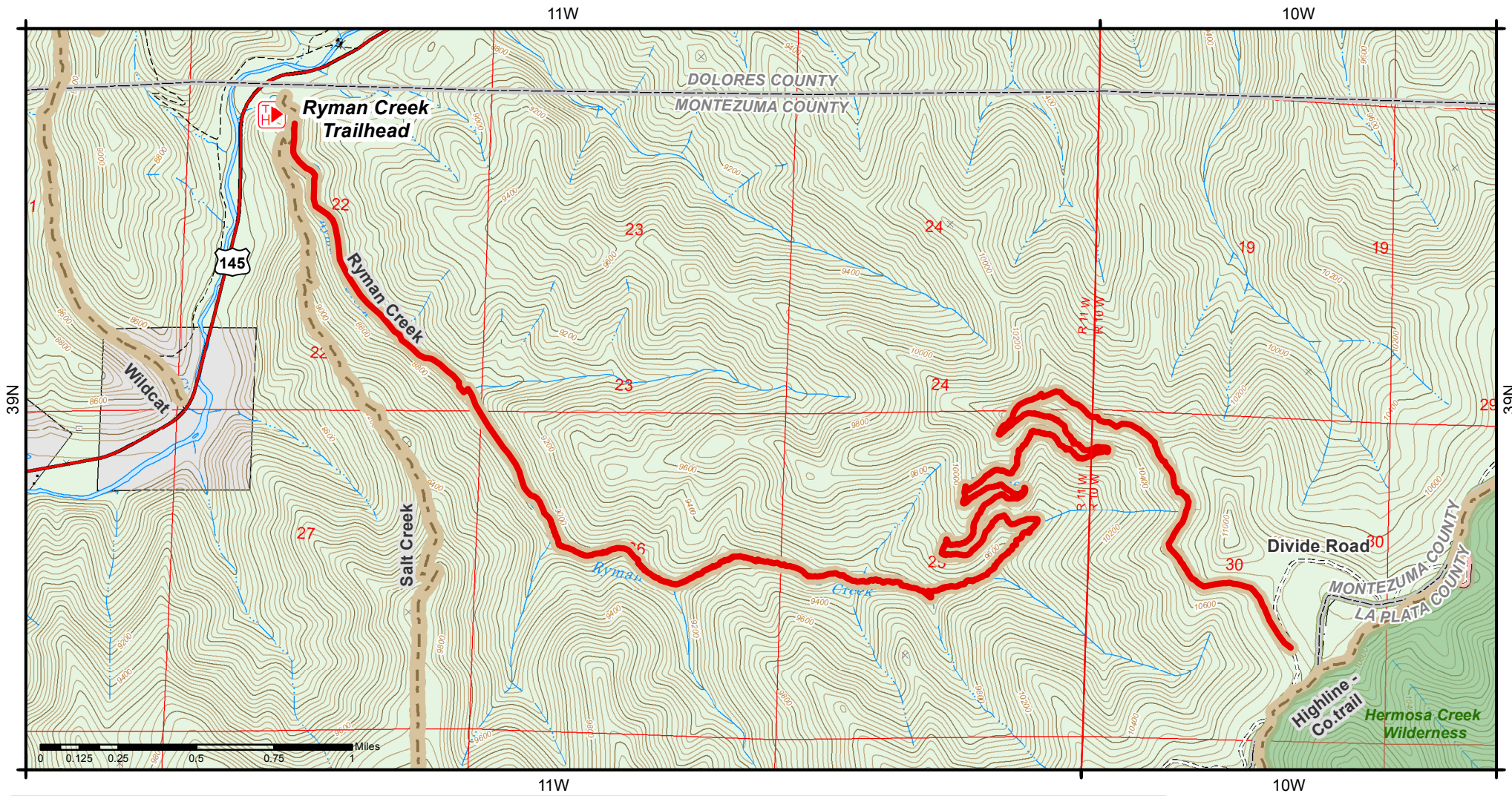
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This Order will be in effect on February 02, 2022, and shall remain in effect until February 02, 2027, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Done at Durango, Colorado this 15 day of February 2022.

Kara Chadwick
Forest Supervisor
San Juan National Forest

A violation of this prohibition 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, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both (16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, 3581)



Legend

- Ryman Creek Closure Order
- - - Trails Open to Non-Motorized Use
- Highway
- = = = = Road - Unimproved
- ⬭ National Forest
- ⬭ Wilderness

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Dolores Ranger District

Order SJNF-2022-03
Exhibit A
RYMAN CREEK TRAIL CLOSURE



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