ORDEROCCUPANCY AND USE REGULATIONS

WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50(a) the following act is prohibited on the area described below, and as shown on Exhibit A, within the White River National Forest until further notice.

(1) Going into, or being upon, the area described below from May 6 to July 1 annually. The area is closed for the protection of elk during calving season. 36 CFR 261.53(e).

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

- (1) Persons with a USDA, Forest Service permit specifically authorizing them to be in the closed area.
- (2) Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- (3) Persons employed by Vail Associates who are performing required spring runoff and erosion control work.

The area closed is within the Vail Resort permit boundary as follows: From the top of Battle Mountain east and north along the ridgeline to Two Elk Pass, then generally west across the top of the Back Bowls to the west side of Sun Down Bowl, then southwest to the ski area Special Use Permit Boundary, then generally southeast along the Special Use Permit Boundary to the top of Battle Mountain as shown on the attached Exhibit A. The area closed is generally known as the "Back Bowls", and the "Category III Expansion Area" within the Vail Resort permit boundary. The area closed excludes the top terminals of chairlifts 5, 17, and 21, the entire alignment of chairlifts 22, 23, and 24, the location of the future top terminal for the replacement chairlift 22, the Grand Traverse Trail, and the location of the former Two Elk Restaurant.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, this at day of April, 1999

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Violations of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both.

Title 16 USC, Section 551

