ORDER SPECIAL CLOSURE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 261.50(a) the following acts are prohibited within the area described below, and as shown on Exhibit A of this order within the White River National Forest, in Eagle County, Colorado. This Order shall be in effect from the first snowfall of the season until all snow is melted from the hillside.

- 1) Going into, or being upon the area described below for the protection of public safety (36 CFR 261.53(e)) and protection of property (36 CFR 261.53(f)).
- The area closed is an old ski area that is being used as a sledding hill on Meadow Mountain.

Exemption: Pursuant to 36 CFR, Section 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 not participating in an activity involving sliding down the open slope such as sledding, tubing, skiing, snowboarding, or other similar activities.
- 3) Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

The area closed is within the Meadow Mountain area as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of the fence surrounding Meadow Mountain House then following the fence to the edge of the unpaved parking lot; then along the fence separating the parking lots from the meadow to the storage shed behind the Holy Cross District Office; then along the edge of the Office parking lot to the northwest corner of the pavement; then generally southwest up the open slope past the power line to the dense forest; then generally east and southeast along the edge of the dense timber and across an open slope to a tree island; then along the south side of the tree island to a fence; then east along the fence to a tree island; then southeast along the tree island to a fence; then east along the fence to a compacted ski and snowshoe trail; then north along the trail to the second fence; and then northeast in a direct line to the corner of the Meadow Mountain House; and is depicted in a map that is attached to the Order.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, this 19 th day of DECEMBEL, 2003.

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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 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).