

Order Number: 03-02-02-2023-4



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
CARSON NATIONAL FOREST
EL RITO AND CANJILON RANGER DISTRICTS**

***Temporary Area and Roads Closure
Public Health and Safety***

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) roads in the El Rito and Canjilon Ranger Districts, Carson National Forest, the area on the road described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area/Roads):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. **36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).**
2. Being on the Described Road. **36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).**

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Permittees associated with the El Rito/Lobato and Mogote allotments.
2. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
3. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA and ROADS

The following NFS Roads are closed to through traffic:

National Forest System Roads (FR) 137 and FR 20, as depicted in Exhibit A. Starting at points to the north and west of the intersection of National Forest System Road (FR) 137 and FR 20 (Township 25N, Range 6E, Section 33), points to the south of the intersection of FR 20 and FR 636 (Township 26N, Range 6E, Section 33), and points to the south of the intersection of FR 137 and FR 636 (Township 25N, Range 5E, Section 11).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety during a period of potential risk associated with wildfire management operations in the Described Area.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from June 17, 2023 at 6:00 am through July 8, 2023 at 6:00 pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area and Roads is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/carson/alerts-notice>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the El Rito Ranger District in El Rito, New Mexico (575) 581-4554, and the Carson National Forest Supervisor's Office in Taos, New Mexico, 575-758-6200, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes Order Number: 02-513 or any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in the same Described Area and Roads.

Signed and issued on _____.

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