



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
San Juan National Forest
Pagosa Ranger District**

Area, Road, and Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails in the Pagosa Ranger District, San Juan National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Described Area, Roads, and Trails”):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e).
2. Being on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
3. Being on the Described Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

EXEMPTIONS

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

1. 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).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA, ROADS, AND TRAILS

The Described Area is in Archuleta County, Colorado, and contains the NFS lands within an area bordered by and including the following Described Roads and Trails: Beginning at the intersection of the Piedra Stock Driveway Trail (NFS Trail 583) and the Devil Mountain Trail (NFS Trail 600) extending south following the Piedra Stock Driveway Trail (NFS Trail 583) to the Monument Park East Road (NFS Road 630); from this point extending east along the Monument Park East Road (NFS Road 630) to the intersection with the Turkey Springs Road (NFS Road 629); from this point extending south along the Turkey Springs Road (NFS Road 629) to the intersection with Snow Ranch Road (NFS Road 628); from this point extending west along Snow Ranch Road (NFS Road 628) to the intersection with the Snow Springs Trail (NFS Trail 605); from this point extending north along the Snow Springs Trail (NFS Trail 605) to the

intersection with the Devil Mountain Trail (NFS Trail 600); from this point extending east along the Devil Mountain Trail (NFS Trail 600) to the junction with the Piedra Stock Driveway Trail (NFS Trail 583).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety by closing the Described Area, Roads, and Trails, due to hazardous conditions created by the ongoing Chris Mountain Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from June 29, 2023, at 12:00PM through July 31, 2023, at 5:00PM, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area, Roads, and Trails 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/sanjuan/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 Pagosa Ranger District in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, (970) 264-2268, and the San Juan National Forest Supervisor's Office in Durango, Colorado, (970) 247-4874, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in or on the same Described Area, Roads, and Trails.

Signed and issued on June 29, 2023.

Forest Supervisor
San Juan National Forest