



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Uncompahgre National Forest
Ouray Ranger District**

Little Mesa Fire Road and Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Being on the Described Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a)
2. Being on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e)
3. Parking or leaving a vehicle within the Described Road or Trail. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(g)

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 resource in the performance of an official duty.

DESCRIBED ROADS AND TRAILS

The Described Roads and Trails near to the Little Mesa Fire include the following National Forest System Roads and Trails:

- National Forest System Road (NFSR) 502 – Dry Mesa Road
- National Forest System Road (NFSR) 501.1A – South Bench Road
- National Forest System Trail (NFST) 102 – Picket Corral Trail
- National Forest System Trail (NFST) 102.1A – Picket Corral Spur Trail

- National Forest System Trail (NFST) 104 – Cabin Bench Area Trail

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety and prevent interference with firefighting operations.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 10, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. through December 31, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described 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/gmug/alerts-notices>.
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 Ouray Ranger District in Montrose, Colorado, at 970-240-5300 and Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest Supervisor's Office in Delta, Colorado, at 970-874-6600, for more information about this Order.

Signed and issued on August 10, 2023.



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