



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

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(b), the following is prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) 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 Road and Trails”):

1. Being on the Described Road and Trails. 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.54(e), 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 ROAD AND TRAILS

The Described Road and Trails are in the Quartz Ridge area and Archuleta and Mineral Counties, Colorado. The Described Road is the entirety of NFS Road 684, Quartz Creek (Meadows) Road. The Described Trails are the entirety of NFS Trail (NFST) 570, Quartz Ridge Trail, and the entirety of NFST 571, Quartz Creek Trail, beginning at its junction with NFSR 684 and ending at its junction with NFST 572.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety from hazardous conditions created by the Quartz Ridge Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 8, 2023, at 12:00PM through December 31, 2023, at 5:00PM, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Road 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-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 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 on the same Described Road and Trails.

Signed and issued on August 11, 2023.

Forest Supervisor