



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

Spring Creek Road and Trail Closure Order

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 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. Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)
2. Being on the Restricted Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a)
3. Being on the Restricted Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e)
4. Parking or leaving a vehicle within the Restricted Area. 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 AREA, ROAD AND TRAIL

The Described Area includes National Forest System Roads and Trails near to the Spring Creek Fire. This includes the following Roads and Trails:

- National Forest System Road (NFSR) 535 – Paradox Road
- National Forest System Road (NFSR) 402.9A – Spring Creek Trailhead Road

- National Forest System Trail (NFST) 116 – Spring Creek Trail (from Dented Door to Paradox)
- National Forest System Trail (NFST) 126 – Paradox Trail
- National Forest System Trail (NFST) 114.1B – East Fork of Dry Creek 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This Order shall be in effect from September 11th, 2023, at 6:00 a.m. through December 31, 2023, at 12:00 p.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Restricted 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-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 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 September __, 2023.

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