



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

Bear Creek Fire Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. 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 TRAILS

The Described Trails are located in Hinsdale County, Colorado and include the entirety of NFS Trail 591 (Little Sand Trail) and NFS Trail 584 (Shaw Creek Trail). The Described Trails are located in Sections 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 20, 21, 26, 27, Township 38 North, Range 4 West, New Mexico P.M.

PURPOSE

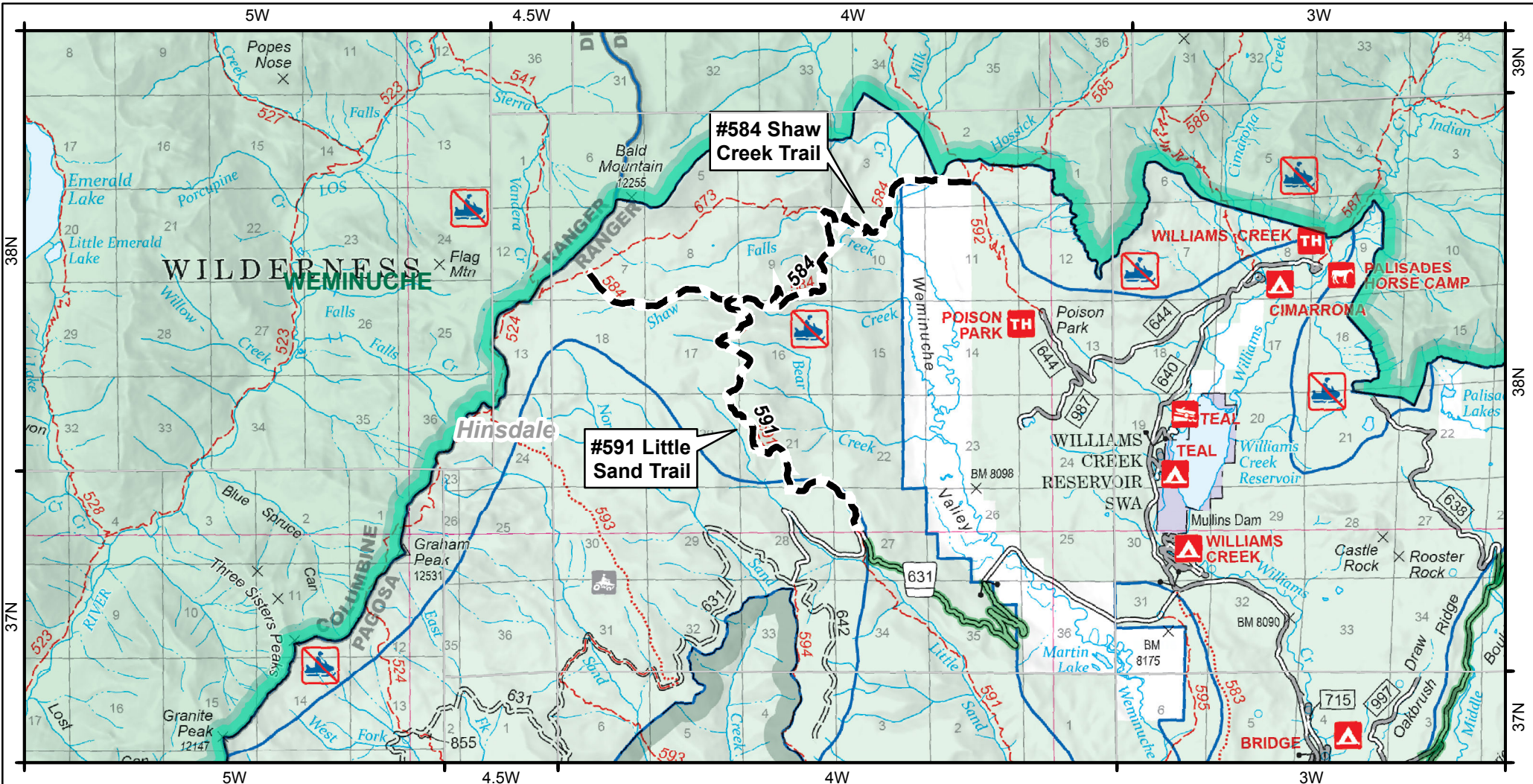
The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety during the ongoing Bear Creek Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION


1. This Order shall be in effect from August 25, 2023, at 12:00PM through December 31, 2023, at 5:00PM, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described 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 in or on the same Described Trails including Order No. 02-13-06-23-07.

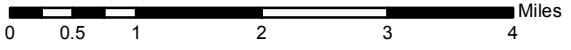
Signed and issued on _____


Forest Supervisor



San Juan National Forest
 Pagosa Ranger District
 Order 02-13-06-23-09
 Exhibit A
 BEAR CREEK FIRE CLOSURE

 Described Trail
 Wilderness Area




 Created Date: 8/23/2023
 Created by: MDR

