



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

**Trail Springs Fire 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, road, 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, Road, and Trails"):

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(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, ROAD, AND TRAILS**

The Described Area is in Archuleta County, Colorado and is all NFS lands within the following boundaries: beginning at the intersection of the East Monument Road (NFS Road 630) and Turkey Springs Road (NFS Road 629), extending south along Turkey Springs Road (NFS Road 629) but excluding the road itself (which will remain open) to its intersection with Snow Ranch Road (NFS Road 628); then, extending west along Snow Ranch Road (NFS 628) but excluding the road itself (which will remain open) to its intersection with Snow Ranch Trail (NFS Trail 704); then extending north on Snow Ranch Trail (NFS Trail 704) to its intersection with Snow Springs Trail (NFS Trail 605); then, extending north on Snow Springs Trail (NFS 605) to its intersection with Devil

Mountain Trail (NFS Trail 600); then, extending north and east on Devil Mountain Trail (NFS 600) to its intersection with the private property boundary; then, extending east along the private property boundary to its intersection with East Monument Road (NFS Road 630); then extending southeast to its intersection with Turkey Springs Road (NFS 629).

The Described Area is in Section 3, Township 34 North, Range 3 West; Sections 1-24, 26-35, Township 35 North, Range 3 West; Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, Township 35 North, Range 4 West; Section 31, 32, Township 36 North, Range 3 West; New Mexico P.M.

The Described Roads are NFS roads located within the Described Area: the entirety of East Monument Road (NFS 630), the entirety of Turkey Springs Guard Station Road (NFS Road 629.B), the entirety of NFS Road 629.B1, and the entirety of Chris Mountain Road (NFS Road 681). The NFS roads bordering the Described Area, NFS Roads 629 and 628, will remain open.

The Described Trails are all NFS trails within and bordering the Described Area: Snow Ranch Trail (NFS Trail 704); Snow Springs Trail (NFS 605); Devil Mountain Trail (NFS 600); Trail Spring ATV Trail (NFS Trail 320); Chris Mountain ATV Trail (NFS Trail 703); and the portions of the following trails which are located within the Described Area: NFS Trails 301, 301.A, 324, 317, 318, 324, 582, 583, 603, 604, and 654.

## **PURPOSE**

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

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order shall be in effect from October 24, 2023, at 5:00 PM through December 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.

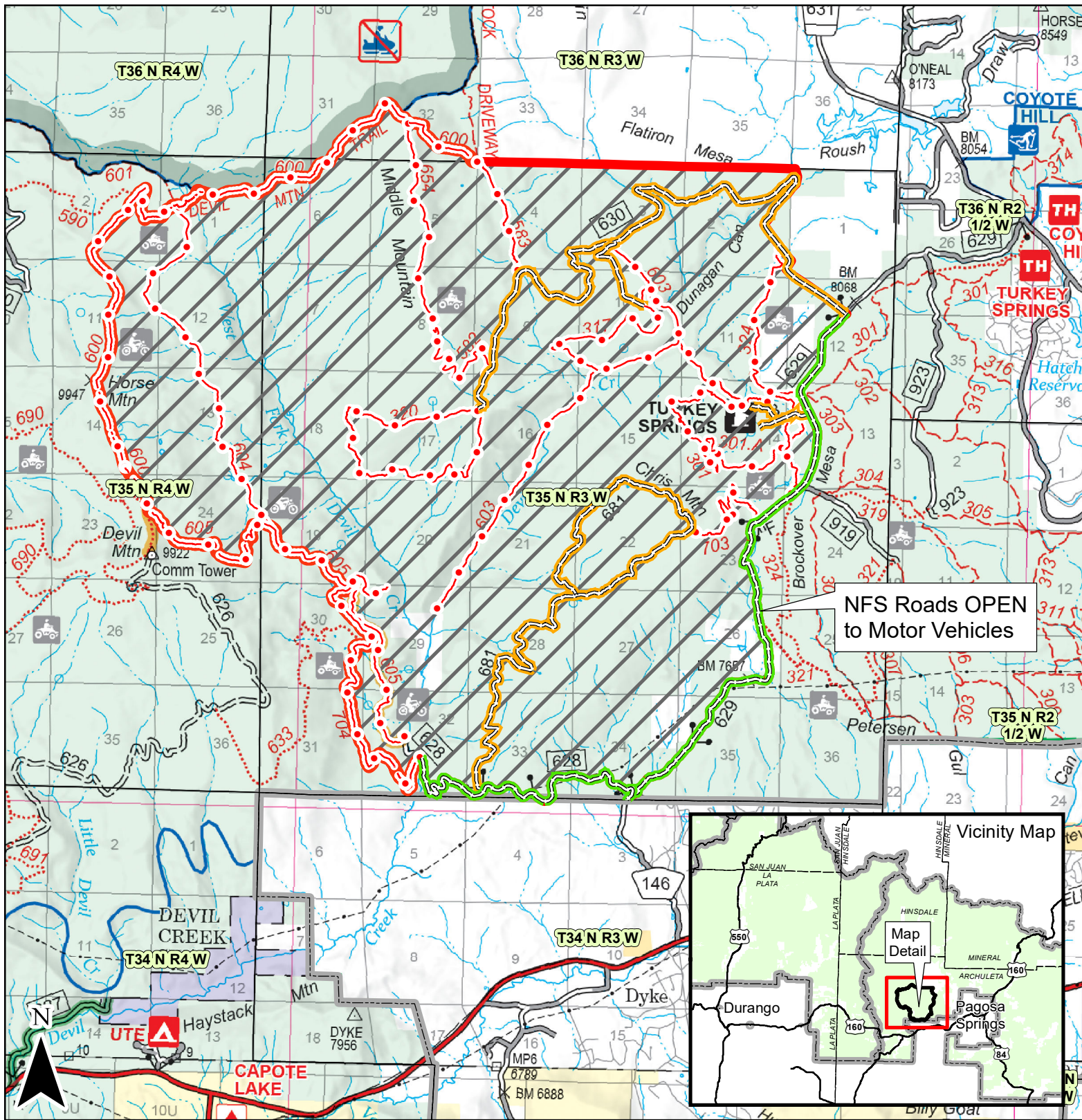
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5. Contact the Pagosa Ranger District in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, (970) 264-2268, and the San Juan National Forest Supervisor's Office in Durango, Colorado, (970) 247-4874, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in or on the same Described Area, Roads, and Trails.

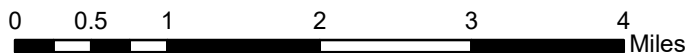
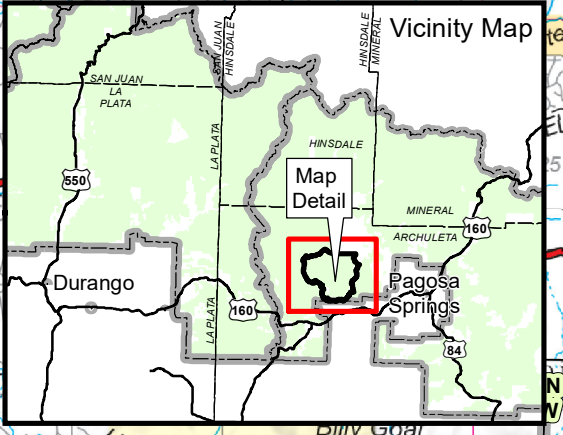
Signed and issued on October 24, 2023.

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Forest Supervisor



NFS Roads OPEN to Motor Vehicles



San Juan National Forest □  
 Pagosa Ranger District □  
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 Exhibit A  
 Trail Springs Fire Area □  
 Closure

- Area Closure
- NFS Trails - CLOSED
- NFS Roads - CLOSED
- NFS Roads - OPEN
- National Forest Land
- Ranger District Boundary