



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

Spruce Creek Fire Area and Road Closures

PROHIBITIONS

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

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).

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, including those involved in the Spruce Creek wildfire operation.

DESCRIBED AREA AND ROADS

The Described Area is all NFS lands within the following boundaries: north of an area beginning at the intersection of the NFS Road 556 and 557; north of NFS Road 557 to a point on the west rim of Lost Canyon; east of NFS Road 558 to a point near Spruce Reservoir and a tributary to Spruce Water Canyon; and an area to the south of Sections 20, 21 and 22, in Township 38, North, Range 13 West, P.M., to the western edge of Lost Canyon. The Described Area is located in Montezuma County, Colorado, in Sections 20,21,22,27,28,29,30,31,32,33 and 34 in Township 38 North, Range 13 West; Sections 3,4,5,6,7,8,9 Township 37 North, Range 13 West; and Sections 1 and 12 in Township 37 North, Range 14 West, P.M.

The Described Roads are the following NFS Roads where they are located within and bordering the Described Area:

1. NFS Roads: 556; 557; 558; 396; 396A, 398; and 398A.

PURPOSE

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

IMPLEMENTATION

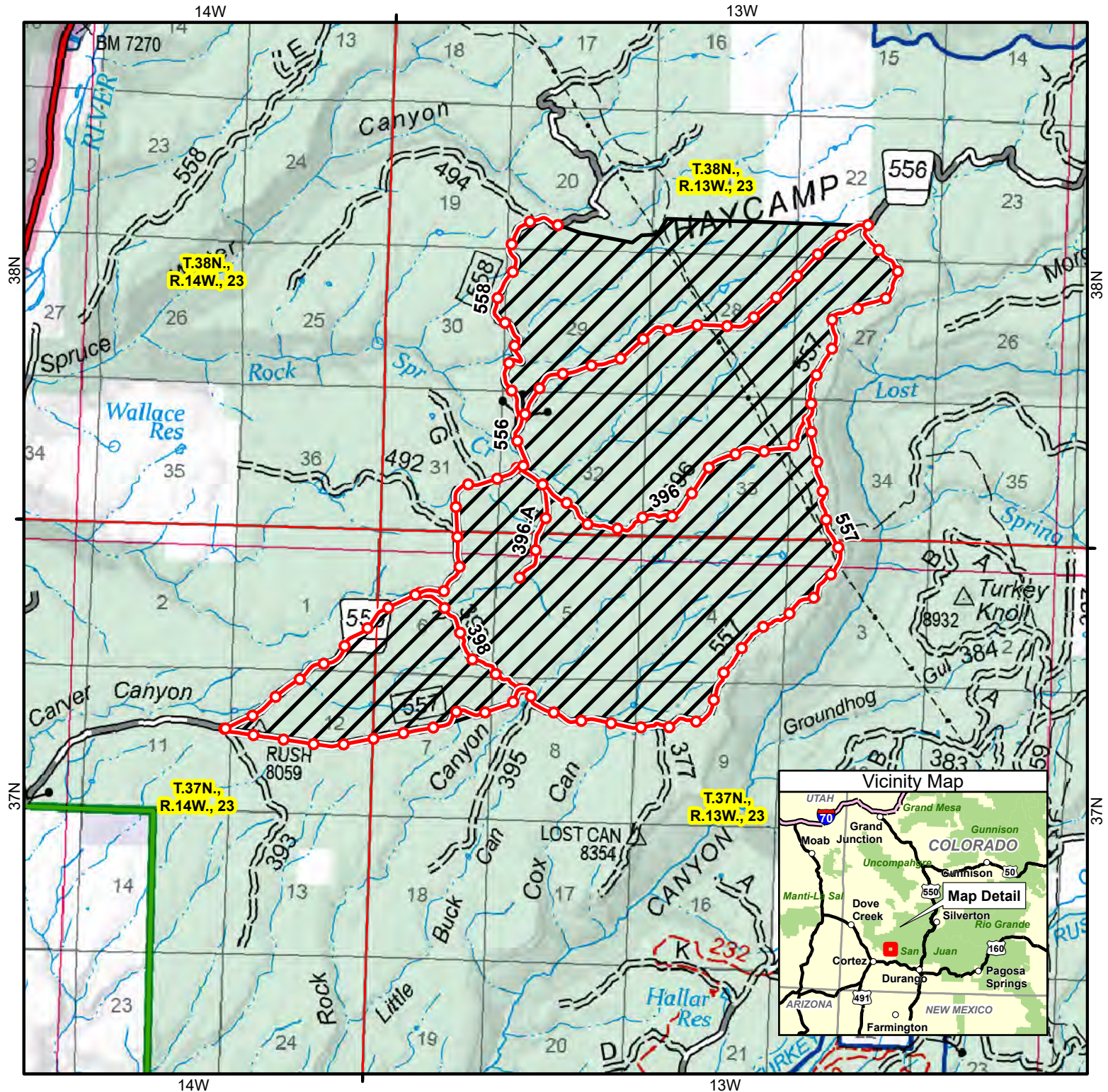
1. This Order shall be in effect from May 20, 2024, at 5:00 PM through June 20, 2024, at 5:00 PM, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area and Roads is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/sanjuan/alerts-notice>.
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.
5. Contact the Dolores Ranger District in Dolores, Colorado, (970) 882-7296 and the San Juan National Forest Supervisor's Office in Durango, Colorado, (970) 247-4874, for more information about this Order.

Signed and issued on May 20, 2024

5/20/2024

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DAVID NEELY
Forest Supervisor
Signed by: Department of Agriculture



 Described Area
 Described Road

San Juan National Forest Dolores
Ranger District

Order 02-13-05-24-02
Exhibit A

Spruce Creek Fire Area and Road
Closure Order



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