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U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands San Carlos Ranger District

Trail and Road Closure

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50, the following are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) roads and trails within the San Carlos Ranger District, Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) for the health and safety of the public and fire personnel of the Oak Ridge Fire, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this order as **Exhibit A**.

- 1. Being on the road (Described Roads), 36 CFR § 261.54(e).
- 2. Being on the trail (Described Trails), 36 CFR § 261.55(a).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), an order may exempt any of the following persons from any of the prohibitions contained in the order:

- 1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- Owners or lessees of land in the area. 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).
- 3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty; and
- 4. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area.
- 5. Any other person meeting exemption requirements specified in the order.

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DESCRIBED: ROADS AND TRAILS

The following roads are closed from travel and for all uses; FSR 324 (Bigelow), FSR324.A (Bigelow Spur), and FSR 383 (Ditch Creek) beyond the junction of FSR 383 and FSR 383.A.

The following trails are closed for travel and dispersed camping; NFST 1323 (Silver Circle), and NFST 1388 (Middle Creek).

PURPOSE:

This Order is needed to maintain safe conditions for the public and fire personnel that are working the Oak Ridge Fire located near Beulah, Colorado, on the Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) as stated in this Order. The Order provides for public and firefighter safety by preventing the public from using roads and trails within the "working area" of the Oak Ridge Fire. This Order prohibits the use of specific areas and will be posted by Law Enforcement and Investigation (LE&I) Officers, Forest Protection Officers (FPOs), and other authorized Forest and fire personnel.

Posting of the Order (36 CFR 261.51) will provide notification to the public that use of the outlined areas are prohibited while fire suppression, or other efforts supporting the Oak Ridge Fire, are commencing. An enforcement plan will be developed that will describe how the public will be informed of the prohibitions, how it will be posted, and planned enforcement strategies.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- 1. This Order shall be in effect July 16, 2024 at 3:00 PM through August 16, 2024 at 11:59 PM, unless rescinded.
- 2. A map identifying the Described 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/psicc/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 CFR Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 CFR 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 San Carlos Ranger District in Canon City, Colorado, (719) 269-8500, and Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) Supervisor's Office in Pueblo, Colorado, (719) 553-1400, for more information about this Order.

6. This Order 02-12-03-24-22 supersedes Order 02-12-03-24-19 prohibiting the same or similar acts on the same Described Roads and Trails.

Signed and issued on 7/16/2024.

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