



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

Elkhorn Fire Area and Road Closure

PROHIBITIONS

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

1. Entering or being in the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. §§ 261.52(e).
2. Being on the Described Road. 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.

DESCRIBED ROAD

The Described Roads are in the Missionary Ridge area in La Plata County, Colorado. The Described Roads are the entirety of NFS Road 682 and 077, Missionary Ridge and Wallace Lake Road.

The described area is in Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 21, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, Township 37 North, Range 8 West and Sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 Township 37 North, Range 8 West.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health and safety from hazardous conditions created by the Elkhorn Fire.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from July 29, 2025, at 12:00 a.m. through December 31, 2025, at 12:00 a.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Road 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.
5. Contact the Columbine Ranger District in Bayfield, Colorado, (970) 884-2512, 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 on the same Described Road and Trails.

Signed and issued on:

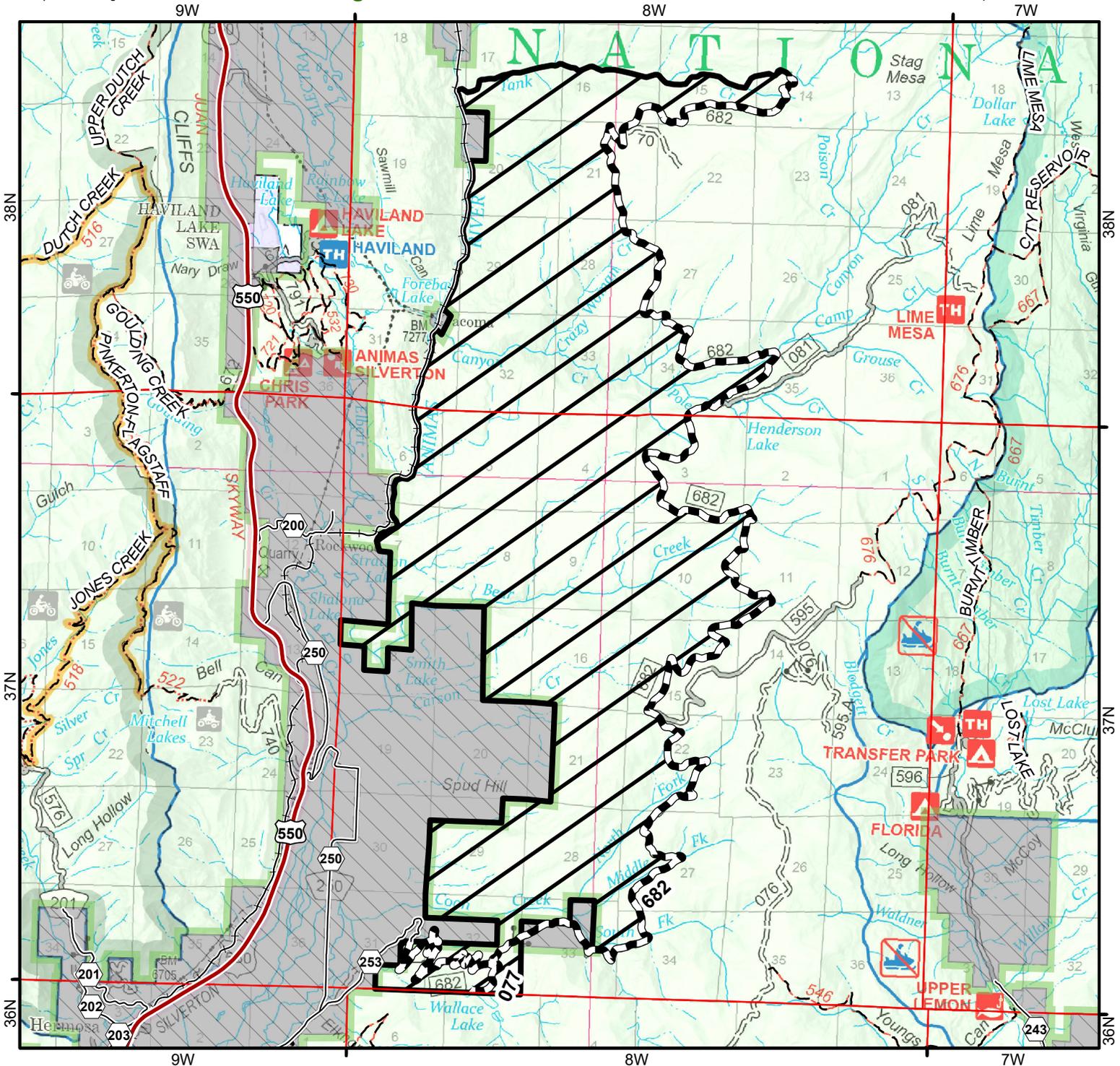
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Steve Hattenbach

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Forest Supervisor

Signed by: STEVEN HATTENBACH



-  Described Route
-  Described Area
-  Trail
-  Railroad

- OWNERSHIP**
-  National Forest System Land
 -  Private Land

