

**FOREST ORDER
USDA FOREST SERVICE
SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST
Columbine Ranger District**

Fire Area Closure

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on National Forest System lands on the Columbine Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest, San Juan County, State of Colorado as of October 20, 2020. The closure pursuant to this Order (the "Restricted Area") as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety and provide for firefighter safety during fire operations associated with the Ice wildfire.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1) Going in or being upon all NFS land in the Mineral Creek watershed and all NFS lands bounded in the north by the Ophir Pass road (NFSR 679) south to the Southern ridge above South Mineral Canyon, including Rolling Mountain, Twin Sisters, and Bear Mountain, and US Highway 550 on the east to the Forest Boundary with the Uncompahgre NF on the west. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(e)

T41 N R8 W Sections:3-11, 14-23, 27-32

T41 N R9 W Sections: 13, 14, 23-36, 35, 36

T42 N R8 W Sections: 31-34

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

- 1) Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 2) Any Federal, State or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in the performance of an official duty.

This Order shall remain in effect until December 31, 2020, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.

Done at Durango, Colorado, this 20 day of October 2020.



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Forest Supervisor

Violations of these regulations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. § 3571