

SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST REGULATIONS

You are responsible for following the following regulations when visiting the National Forest. These regulations have been put in place to assure your safety and that of other Forest users, and to protect natural resources. Failure to follow these rules may result in citations and fines.

FIRE REGULATIONS

- You must remove all flammable material from the immediate vicinity of a campfire before starting the fire.
- You must completely extinguish a campfire before leaving it. A campfire must be attended at all times. For example, do not leave it to burn out while you sleep in your tent or go for a walk.
- Fireworks are not allowed on National Forest lands.

TIMBER/FIREWOOD REGULATIONS

- You must have prior authorization to cut, damage, or remove timber or other forest products.
- You must obtain and carry a valid permit to load, haul or remove authorized timber or other forest products. The permit must be posted on the load as required in the permit contract.
- Some Ranger Districts have special regulations on what sizes or species of standing dead timber can be cut as firewood. You are responsible for contacting these offices in advance to find out this specific information.

LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS

- You must re-close all gates you pass through on the National Forest.

PROPERTY REGULATIONS

- You cannot damage any natural feature or public property on the National Forest.
- You cannot excavate, disturb or damage any prehistoric, historic or archaeological structure or artifact.
- You cannot remove any prehistoric, historic or archaeological structure or artifact.

OCCUPANCY AND USE REGULATIONS

- You must have written authorization and an approved operating plan to construct or maintain any kind of road, trail, structure, fence, or facility on the National Forest.
- You must have written authorization to take possession of or occupy the National Forest for residential purposes.
- You must have written authorization to sell any type of merchandise or to conduct any kind of work or service for pay or other type of compensation on the National Forest.
- You cannot park a vehicle or place an object on the National Forest that creates an impediment or hazard to the safety or convenience of others.
- You cannot abandon any personal property on the National Forest.
- You cannot discharge a firearm or any other weapon:
 - within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area;
 - across or on a developed road or adjacent body of water,
 - in a manner or place that exposes people or property to injury or damage;
 - into or within any cave.
- You cannot camp for more than 14 days in any one spot on the National Forest.
- You cannot camp in areas posted as closed to camping.

- You cannot park or leave a vehicle in an area posted as off limits to this type of activity.
- You cannot ride or restrain a horse or other pack animal in areas posted as closed to that use.
- You cannot bring non-certified hay or feed onto the National Forest.
- You cannot bring marijuana onto the National Forest.
- You cannot have an alcoholic beverage in your possession in areas where it is prohibited.

SANITATION REGULATIONS

- You cannot deposit damaging substances into toilets or plumbing fixtures.
- You cannot place polluting substances in or near streams, lakes, or other bodies of water.
- You must remove all garbage, rubbish, sewage and waste water generated on the National Forest or you must deposit the same into receptacles offered for such use.
- You cannot dump refuse or debris (generated on private property or land occupied under permit) onto the National Forest.

ROADS AND TRAILS REGULATIONS

- You cannot damage any road or trail on the National Forest.
- You cannot block or interfere with the use of a road, trail, or gate on the National Forest.
- You cannot use a particular type of vehicle on National Forest roads or trails that are posted as closed to that type of vehicle.
- You must have a permit or written authorization to use any National Forest road for commercial hauling.
- You must comply with width, weight, height, length, and other restrictions for motorized vehicles on National Forest trails.
- You cannot shortcut switchbacks on National Forest trails.

REGULATIONS ON THE USE OF VEHICLES OFF ROADS

- You cannot use a motorized vehicle off of National Forest roads in areas where such use is prohibited. See forest map for detailed information on areas where motorized equipment is allowed.
- You must comply with applicable federal and state noise emission standards when operating a vehicle off any road on the National Forest.
- You cannot operate any vehicle off any road on the National Forest while under the influence of alcohol or other drug.
- You cannot operate any vehicle off any road on the National Forest in a reckless manner or in a manner that may endanger any person or property.
- You cannot operate any vehicle off any road on the National Forest in a manner which damages or disturbs the land, wildlife, or vegetative resources.
- You must comply with state laws covering off-road vehicle use when operating any vehicle off any road on the National Forest.

REGULATIONS AT DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES

- Within developed recreation areas such as campgrounds, you cannot build a campfire outside of the fire rings, stoves, grills or fireplaces provided for such a purpose.
- You cannot clean or wash personal property, fish, animals, or food at a hydrant or water faucet not intended for that purpose. You also cannot bath or wash at a hydrant or water faucet not intended for that purpose.
- You must confine the use of camping equipment to places that are specifically designated or provided for such a purpose.
- All animals (except for seeing-eye dogs) must be on leash, crated, caged, or under physically restrictive control at all times.

- You can only bring livestock or pack animals into developed recreation areas if such activity is posted as authorized for that particular site.
- You can only operate or park a motor vehicle or trailer in places that are specifically developed or designated for this purpose.
- Motorbikes, motorcycle and other motor vehicles may only be used to enter or leave developed recreation sites.
- You can only deposit body waste into receptacles specifically provided for that purpose.

WILDERNESS REGULATIONS

- You cannot use a motor vehicle, motorboat, or motorized equipment inside designated Wilderness areas, unless authorized by federal law or regulation.
- You cannot use a hang glider or bicycle inside designated Wilderness areas.
- You cannot land aircraft, including a helicopter, inside designated Wilderness. You also cannot drop or pick up materials, supplies, or people by means of aircraft.

The following special orders are in effect in the Lizard Head, South San Juan, and Weminuche Wilderness areas:

- You cannot graze livestock in certain areas posted as closed to grazing.-
- You cannot store equipment, personal property, or supplies.
- You cannot possess or use a wagon, cart or other vehicle.
- The maximum number in a group must not exceed 15 people. A combination of people and livestock in a group must not exceed 25 (with the number of people still not exceeding 15).
- You cannot camp or have a campfire within 100 feet (35 adult steps) of streams, lakes or riparian areas.
- You must dispose of human waste and wash water at least 100 feet (35 adult steps) from any water source.
- Dogs must be leashed or under voice control and near you at all times.