



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service
Gunnison National Forest
Gunnison Ranger District**

Alpine Tunnel Area, Roads, and Trail Closure

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on National Forest System (NFS) lands, roads, and trails around the Alpine Tunnel Road Historic District in the Gunnison Ranger District on the Gunnison National Forest, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (“Described Area, Road, and Trails”).

1. Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 CFR § 261.53(e)
2. Being on the Described Road. 36 CFR § 261.54(e)
3. Being on the Described Trail. 36 CFR § 261.55(a)

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons who are employees or contractors of is Agave Landscapes & Masonry working on the Alpine Tunnel Project.
2. 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 firefighting force performing an official duty.

DESCRIBED AREA, ROADS, AND TRAILS

The Described Area is approximately 506 acres of NFS lands in the Alpine Tunnel Road Historic District in Gunnison County, Colorado and covers NFS lands around NFS Road 839 (Alpine Tunnel Road), as shown in Exhibit A, including lands above and below NFS Road 839, from the stream crossing at Tunnel Gulch continuing north until NFS Road 839's intersection with NFS Trail 539, progressing south along the mapped corridor surrounding NFS Road 839, and continuing south to NFS Trail 888.

The Described Roads are NFS Road 839 (also known as NFS Road 7839) - Alpine

Tunnel Road and NFS Road 767.1B (also known as NFS Road 7767.1B)

The Described Trails are (1) the entirety of NFS Trail 888, beginning at the trail's starting point from NFS Road 888 and continuing to the trail's ending point with NFS Road 839; and (2) the entirety of NFS Trail 298 and NFS Trail 539, beginning at their trailheads from NFS Road 839 and continuing to the Forest Boundary.

The Described Area, Roads, and Trails are located in the Eastern portion of the Gunnison Ranger District of the Gunnison National Forest, Gunnison County, Colorado, in Sections 02, 03, and 11 of Township 50 North, Range 5 East; and in Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35 of Township 50 North, Range 5 East.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to protect public safety during the Alpine Tunnel Road and Palisade Wall Repair reconstruction activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Order shall be in effect from May 1, 2024 at 7:00am through October 31, 2024 at 5:00pm, unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area, 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/gmug/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 Gunnison Ranger District in Gunnison CO, (970) 641-0471, and Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Supervisor's Office in Delta CO, (970) 874-6600, for more information about this Order.
6. This Order supersedes any previous Orders prohibiting the same or similar acts in or on the same Described Area, Road, and Trails.

Signed and issued on June 3, 2024



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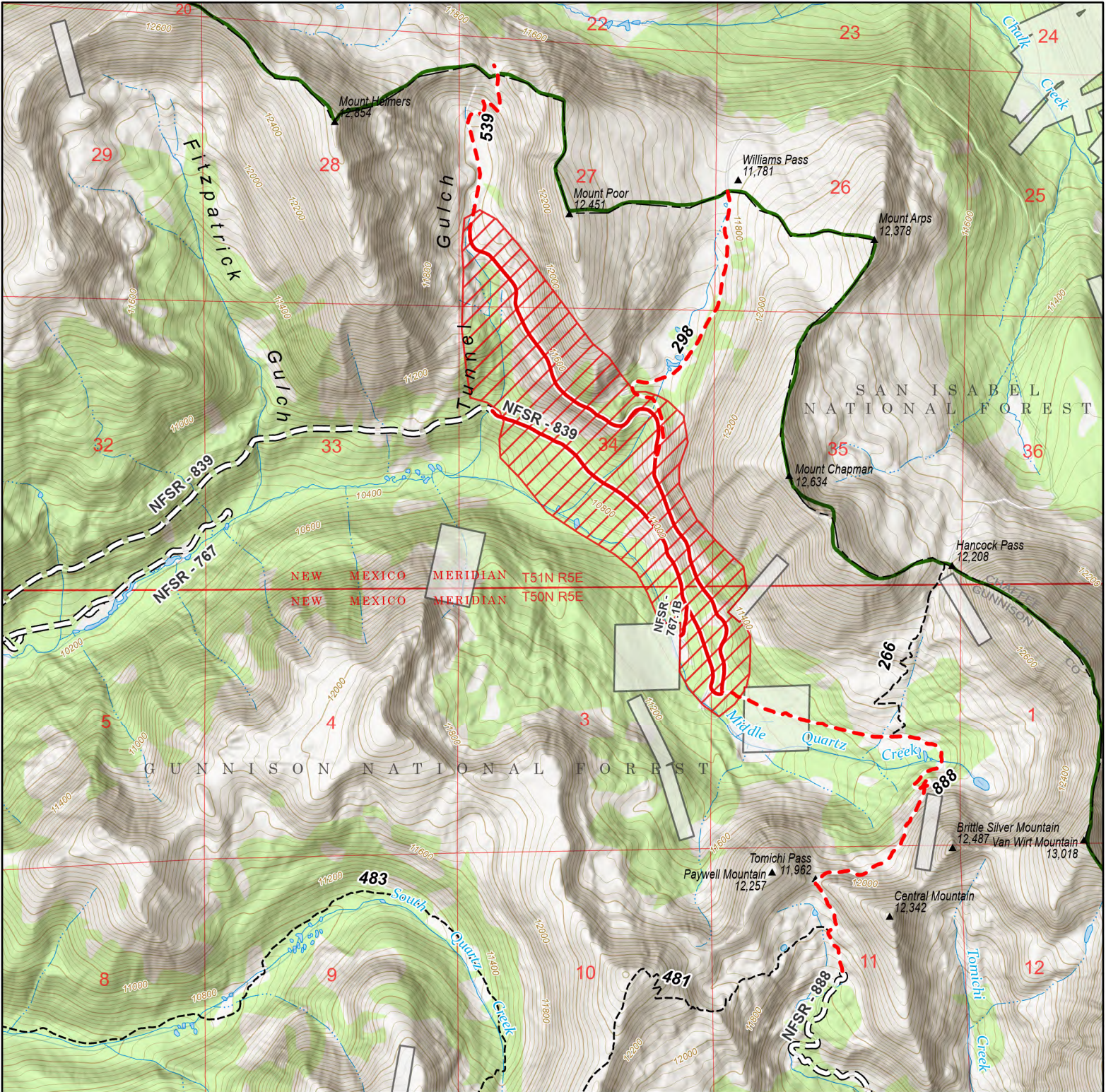
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Exhibit A - Alpine Tunnel Area, Road, and Trail Closure | Order # GMUG-2024-04

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The described Areas, Roads, and Trails are located in:
Sections 2, 3, 11 of T.50 N, R.5 E
Sections 26, 27, 34, 35 of T.51 N, R.5 E
New Mexico Principal Meridian

- Described Area
- Described Road
- Described Trail
- Non-FS
- Forest Boundary

