

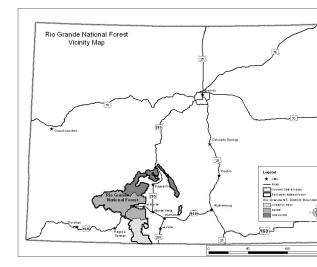
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National Forest Use Map Rio Grande Motor Vehicle

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PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles

The designations shown on this motor vehicle use map (MVUM) were made by the responsible official pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51; are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM; and will remain in effect until superceded by next year's MVUM.

It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM. This MVUM shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. This MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route and in each area; and any seasonal restrictions that apply on

those routes and in those areas. Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road, trail, or area is passable, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated roads and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads

and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated

roads and trails will depend on available resources, and

many may receive little maintenance. This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation. These designations apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.

PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited to possess or operate a motor vehicle National Forest System lands on the RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST other than in accordance with these Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only: <u>designations (CFR 261.13)</u>

Violators of 36 CFR 261.13 are subject to a fine of up to \$5,000, imprisonment for up to 6 months, or both (18 U.S.C. 3571(e)). This prohibition applies regardless of the presence or absence of signs.

This map does not display nonmotorized uses, oversnow uses, or other facilities and attractions on the Rio Grande National Forest. Obtain forest visitor information from the local national forest office.

Designated roads, trails and areas may also be subject to temporary, emergency closures. As a visitor, you must comply with signs notifying you of such restrictions. A national forest may issue an order to close a road, trail or area on a temporary basis to protect the life, health, or safety of forest visitors or the natural or cultural resources in these areas. Such a temporary and/or emergency closures are consistent with the Travel Management Rule (36 CFR 212.52 (b), 36 CFR 261 subpart B).

The designation "road or trail open to all motor vehicles" does not supersede State traffic law.

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System

roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for

Much of the RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available.

LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Roads Open to All Vehicles

----- Trails Open to Vehicles 50" or Less in Width

· · · Trails Open to Motorcycles Only

Seasonal Designation (See Table)

Dispersed Camping, Both Sides

Dispersed Camping, Left Side

Dispersed Camping, Right Side (See table for DC/GR information)

Highways, US, State

Other Public Roads

Game Retrieval

Motorized Trailhead

Forest or Unit Boundary

National Forest System Lands

within the National Forest

Township and Range Lines

Wilderness Areas

Section Lines

Lakes and Rivers

Non-National Forest System Lands

Milepost Marker

▲ FS Campground

Information Site

Picnic Area

Trails Open to Vehicles 50 inches or less in width:

width at the widest point on the vehicle.

not permitted. Seasonal Designation:

Designation Table for further instructions.

Dispersed Camping Left Side Dispersed Camping, Right Side

Other Public Roads and Trails: Interstate

these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

Roads Open to All Vehicles:

Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval:

Motorized Trail Access:

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use (but not to oversize or overweight vehicles under State _____

Dispersed Camping, Both Sides

Dispersed CampingTable for specifics.

but not the symbology.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you

These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the

off-highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway

These trails are motor vehicles less than 50 inches in

This symbol is used along with a designated road or trail to indicate limited cross-country motor vehicle use within a specific distance of that route, solely for the purpose of dispersed camping. The dots indicate where this activity is permitted. They may be on

----Highways, U.S., State Other Public Roads

This symbol indicates a trailhead for access to a motorized route. Not all motorized routes have trailheads and those that do may range from primitive to developed.

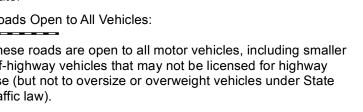
These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller

This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open only during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonal and Special

the left, right, or both sides of the route. Refer to the

Milepost Marker:

Game Retrieval



This symbol is used to display the beginning and ending mileposts of a road that has a change in the designation

Areas Open to Game Retrieval:

See Game Retrieval Information

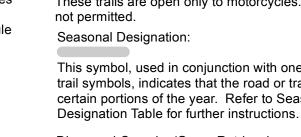
These symbols are used to show routes the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over and has not designated for motorized use. These symbols are part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest

Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST. Take adequate food,

have questions, please contact the RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST for clarification. System road, trail, or area you must comply with this map,

EXPLANATION OF LEGEND

Trails Open to Motorcycles Only:



to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

These trails are open only to motorcycles. Sidecars are

water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate

for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in

for the conditions and expected weather. ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE

Game retrieval is authorized using ATV's from noon to 5:00pm (1200 to 1700) each day, unless soil and water damage will occur. When a big game animal has been legally taken, the individual who legally took the animal may drive or be driven to the downed animal. Under no circumstances may a second ATV be used to retrieve the animal. The ATV driven to the animal should be of sufficient capacity that only one trip is necessary. The number of individuals who participate in the retrieval is limited only by the ATV's capacity, and the willingness of others to walk to and from the downed animal. The ATV used to retrieve the game may be

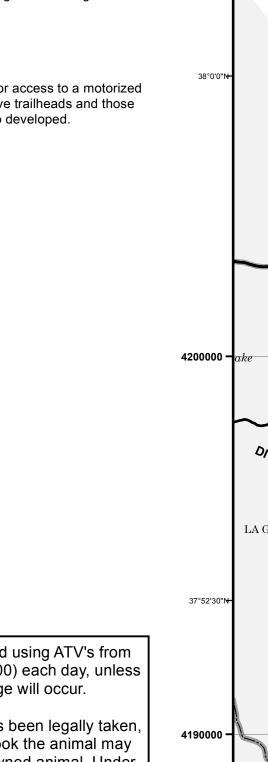
the specified distance from the designated route. All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) are vehicles that do not exceed 50 inches in width and have low tire pressure (less than 10 lbs of air pressure) with large tire surface on the ground. This does not include dirt bikes or conventional 4-wheel drive vehicles.

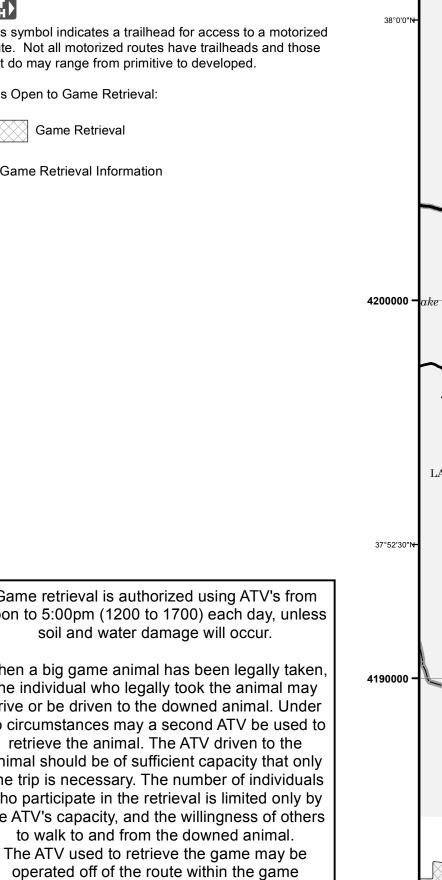
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retrieval areas defined and specified on the

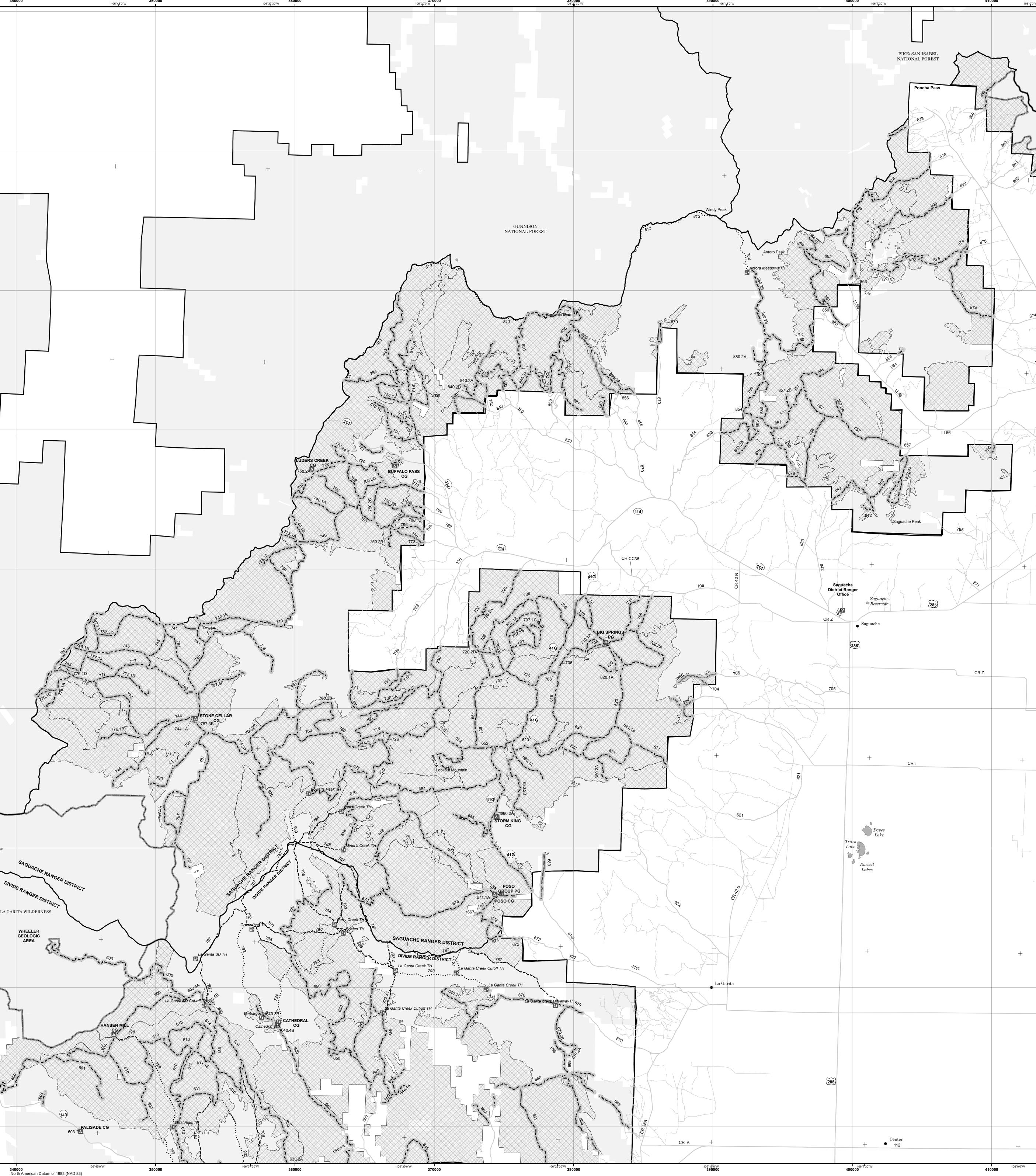
MVUM. If the downed game is further than the

allowed distance, the vehicle may be driven only





Universal Transverse Mercator, zone 13



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