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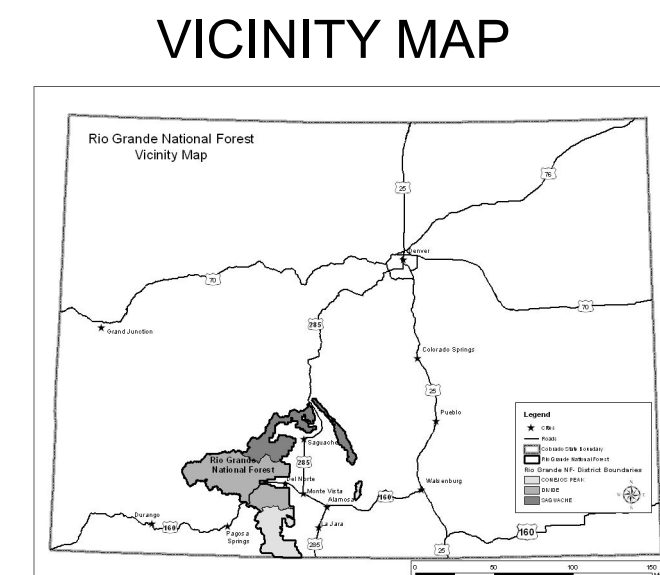
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National Forest

Motor Vehicle Use Map

Rio Grande



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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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Travel and recreate with minimum impact.

Respect the environment and the rights of others.

Educate yourself plan and prepare before you go.

Allow for future use of the outdoors by leaving it better than you found it.

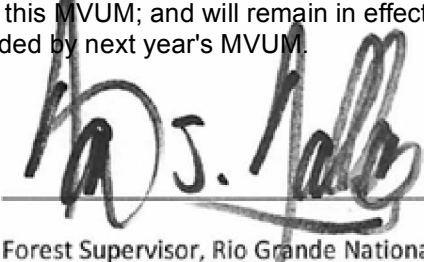
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PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

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to 36 CFR 212.51; are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM, and will remain in effect until superseded by next year's MVUM.



Forest Supervisor, Rio Grande National Forest

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.**

Legend

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles

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 DCGR information)

Interstate

Highways, US State

Other Public Roads

Milepost Marker

Game Retrieval

FS Campground

Picnic Area

Motorized Trailhead

Information Site

Peaks

Forest or Unit Boundary

National Forest System Lands

Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest

Wilderness Areas

Township and Range Lines

Section Lines

Lakes and Rivers

0 0.4 0.8 1.6 2.4 3.2 Miles

EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:

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

Roads Open to All Vehicles:

These roads are open to all motor vehicles, including smaller off-highway vehicles that may not be licensed for highway use (but not to oversize or overweight vehicles under State traffic laws).

Trails Open to Vehicles 50 inches or less in width:

These trails are motor vehicles less than 50 inches in width at the widest point on the vehicle.

Trails Open to Motorcycles Only:

These trails are open only to motorcycles. Sidecars are not permitted.

Seasonal Designation:

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 Designation Table for further instructions.

Dispersed Camping/Game Retrieval:

Dispersed Camping, Both Sides

Dispersed Camping Left Side

Dispersed Camping, Right Side

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 the left, right, or both sides of the route. Refer to the Dispersed Camping Table for specifics.

Other Public Roads and Trails:

Interstate

Highways, U.S., State

Other Public Roads

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 boundary.

Milepost Marker:

This symbol is used to display the beginning and ending mileposts of a road that has a change in the designation but not the symbology.

Motorized Trail Access:

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.

Areas Open to Game Retrieval:

Game Retrieval

See Game Retrieval Information

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 for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

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 these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST for clarification.

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

Game retrieval is authorized using ATVs 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 operated off of the route within the game retrieval areas defined and specified on the MVUM. If the downed game is further than the allowed distance, the vehicle may be driven only 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.

Caution: Trails and portions of trails open to motorized use may be unsuitable and unsafe for 4- and 6- wheel ATV use.

