

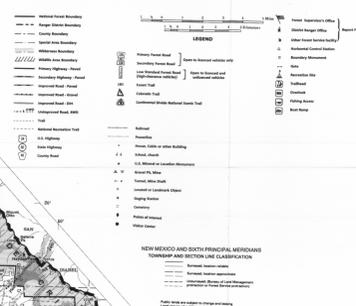
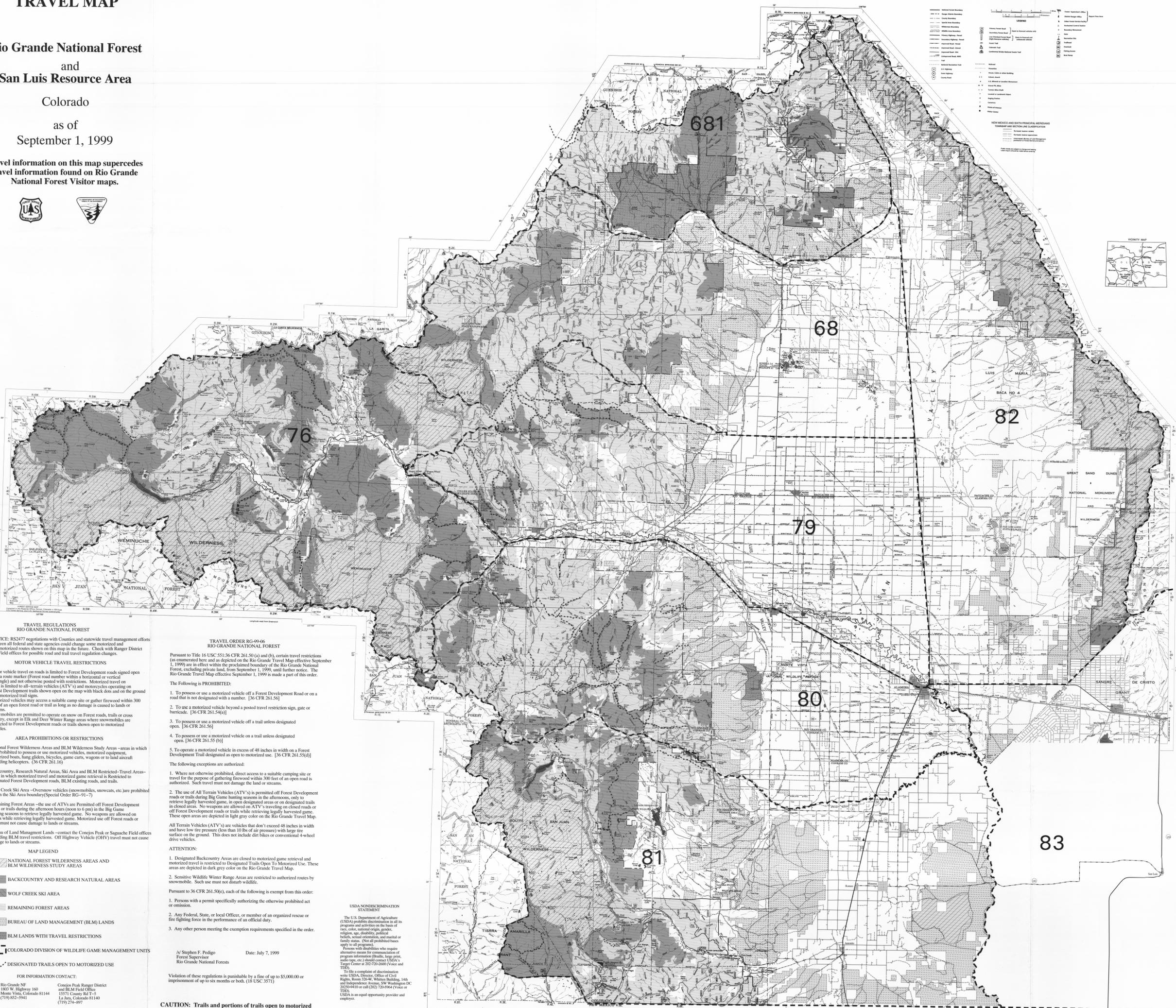
TRAVEL MAP

Rio Grande National Forest and San Luis Resource Area

Colorado

as of
September 1, 1999

Travel information on this map supercedes
travel information found on Rio Grande
National Forest Visitor maps.



TRAVEL REGULATIONS RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST

NOTICE: RS2477 negotiations with Counties and statewide travel management efforts between all Federal and state agencies could change some motorized and non-motorized routes shown on this map in the future. Check with Ranger District and Field offices for possible road and trail travel regulation changes.

MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

Motor vehicle travel on roads is limited to Forest Development roads signed open with a route marker (Forest road number within a horizontal or vertical rectangle) and not otherwise posted with restrictions. Motorized travel on trails is limited to all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) and motorcycles operating on Forest Development trails shown open on the map with black dots and on the ground with motorized trail signs. Motorized vehicles may access a suitable camp site or gather firewood within 300 feet of an open forest road or trail as long as no damage is caused to lands or streams. Snowmobiles are permitted to operate on snow on Forest roads, trails or cross country, except in Elk and Deer Winter Range areas where snowmobiles are restricted to Forest Development roads or trails shown open to motorized vehicles.

AREA PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS

National Forest Wilderness Areas and BLM Wilderness Study Areas - areas in which it is prohibited to possess or use motorized vehicles, motorized equipment, motorized boats, hang gliders, bicycles, game carts, wagons or to land aircraft including helicopters. (36 CFR 261.16)

Backcountry, Research Natural Areas, Ski Area and BLM Restricted-Travel Areas - areas in which motorized travel and motorized game retrieval is restricted to designated Forest Development roads, BLM existing roads, and trails.

Wolf Creek Ski Area - Over-snow vehicles (snowmobiles, snowcats, etc.) are prohibited within the Ski Area boundary (Special Order RG-91-7).

Remaining Forest Areas - the use of ATVs is Permitted off Forest Development roads or trails during the afternoon hours (noon to 6 pm) in the Big Game hunting seasons to retrieve legally harvested game. No weapons are allowed on ATVs while retrieving legally harvested game. Motorized use of Forest roads or trails must not cause damage to lands or streams.

Bureau of Land Management Lands - contact the Conejos Peak or Saguache Field offices regarding BLM travel restrictions. Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) travel must not cause damage to lands or streams.

MAP LEGEND

- NATIONAL FOREST WILDERNESS AREAS AND BLM WILDERNESS STUDY AREAS
- BACKCOUNTRY AND RESEARCH NATURAL AREAS
- WOLF CREEK SKI AREA
- REMAINING FOREST AREAS
- BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) LANDS
- BLM LANDS WITH TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE GAME MANAGEMENT UNITS

DESIGNATED TRAILS OPEN TO MOTORIZED USE

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rio Grande NF
1803 W. Highway 160
Monte Vista, Colorado 81444
(719) 852-5941

Divide Ranger District
12386 W. Highway 160
Del Norte, Colorado 81132
(719) 657-5321

3rd and Creede Ave.
Creede, Colorado 81130
(719) 658-2556

Conejos Peak Ranger District
and BLM Field Office
15571 County Rd T-5
La Jara, Colorado 81140
(719) 274-897

Saguache Ranger District
and BLM Field Office
46225 State Hwy 114
Saguache, Colorado 81149
(719) 652-2553

TRAVEL ORDER RG-99-06 RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to Title 16 USC 551.36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), certain travel restrictions (as enumerated here and as depicted on the Rio Grande Travel Map effective September 1, 1999) are in effect within the proclaimed boundary of the Rio Grande National Forest, excluding private land, from September 1, 1999, until further notice. The Rio Grande Travel Map effective September 1, 1999 is made a part of this order.

The Following is PROHIBITED:

1. To possess or use a motorized vehicle off a Forest Development Road or on a road that is not designated with a number. [36 CFR 261.56]
2. To use a motorized vehicle beyond a posted travel restriction sign, gate or barricade. [36 CFR 261.54(a)]
3. To possess or use a motorized vehicle off a trail unless designated open. [36 CFR 261.56]
4. To possess or use a motorized vehicle on a trail unless designated open. [36 CFR 261.55 (b)]

The following exceptions are authorized:

1. Where not otherwise prohibited, direct access to a suitable camping site or travel for the purpose of gathering firewood within 300 feet of an open road is authorized. Such travel must not damage the land or streams.
2. The use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) is permitted off Forest Development roads or trails during Big Game hunting seasons in the afternoons, only to retrieve legally harvested game, in open designated areas or on designated trails in closed areas. No weapons are allowed on ATV's traveling on closed roads or off Forest Development roads or trails while retrieving legally harvested game. These open areas are depicted in light gray color on the Rio Grande Travel Map.

All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) are vehicles that don't exceed 48 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.

ATTENTION:

1. Designated Backcountry Areas are closed to motorized game retrieval and motorized travel is restricted to Designated Trails Open To Motorized Use. These areas are depicted in dark grey color on the Rio Grande Travel Map.
2. Sensitive Wildlife Winter Range Areas are restricted to authorized routes by snowmobile. Such use must not disturb wildlife.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), each of the following is exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any other person meeting the exemption requirements specified in the order.

/s/ Stephen F. Pedigo
Forest Supervisor
Rio Grande National Forest

Date: July 7, 1999

Violation of these regulations is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000.00 or imprisonment of up to six months or both. (18 USC 3571)

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

Current regulations only allow visitors 14 days of camping within a 30-day time period on the Forest.