

**FOREST ORDER**  
**USDA FOREST SERVICE**  
**WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST**  
**EAGLE-HOLY CROSS RANGER DISTRICT**

**Sweetwater Lake Area**

**Occupancy and Use Restrictions**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands at Sweetwater Lake and vicinity in the White River National Forest, Garfield County, State of Colorado, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Restricted Areas").

The Restricted Areas are located in Sections 8, 9, 16, and 17, Township 3 South, Range 87 West, 6th P.M., and include Sweetwater Lake and surrounding area in the Eagle Ranger District. The five Restricted Areas include:

- Sweetwater Lake;
- Sweetwater Lake Area, begins along the southern shore of Sweetwater Lake east to the Forest boundary, continues north through the Sweetwater Campground, ties into the north shore of the lake continuing east to the Forest boundary, north to approximately "9,000-foot contour line" and to the western edge of the Forest boundary;
- Fall Hazard Unprotected Cliff Area, bounded by Sweetwater Road 150 to the north;
- Resource Protection Area due south of Sweetwater Campground;
- Raptor Protection Area, which is bounded by Sweetwater Road 150 to the north, Sweetwater Lake and Cross Creek Trail# 1855 to the south and includes approximately 216 acres north and west of the lake. Northern boundary is Sweetwater Road 150.

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources, wildlife habitat, and public safety.

**PROHIBITIONS**

1. Entering or being in the Fall Hazard Unprotected Cliff Area, the Raptor Protection Area or Resource Protection Area. 36 CFR § 261.53(a), (e).
2. Possessing or operating a motorboat with a gas motor or an electric motor of more than 5 h.p. 36 CFR § 261.58 (n)
3. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire outside a FS metal provided fire ring in Sweetwater Campground or designated horse camping area. 36 CFR § 261.52(a)
4. Camping outside the designated campsites in Sweetwater Campground or designated horse camping area. 36 CFR § 261.58(e)

**EXEMPTIONS**

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

1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

This Order is effective \_\_\_\_\_10/18/2021\_\_\_\_\_ and will remain in effect until December 31, 2026 or until rescinded.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado this \_\_\_\_\_10/18/2021.

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SCOTT G. FITZWILLIAMS  
Forest Supervisor  
White River National Forest

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559, 3571, 3581.