

Trails For All seeks to be a good partner with the U.S. Forest Service and Custer County Search and Rescue. Even as we encourage people to get outside for better quality of life, we ask that you do this **responsibly**. Here are the restrictions and recommendations from the USFS and SAR that are presently in place:

Until at least May 31st, 2020,

- **Developed** National Forest recreation sites are temporarily closed - campgrounds, day-use areas, picnic areas, potable water stations, fire rings, restroom facilities, and trash collection services.
- Parking, trails, and trailheads remain open.
- **Dispersed** camping, hiking, and river uses are allowed, but discouraged. (“Dispersed camping” includes camping in a National Forest where the facilities and services listed above are not provided.)
- **Fire restrictions** are in effect in the San Isabel National Forest. (see #9 and 10 below)

People engaging in any camping, hiking, or river activity are urged to follow these safety and responsibility guidelines:

Virus Protection

1. Stay close to home, avoiding the potential for virus spread to other communities.
2. When outside, avoid contact with people from vulnerable populations.
3. Keep a 6’ separation from others.
4. Avoid any crowding in parking lots, on trails, and at scenic overlooks.
5. Wear a mask when around others, wash hands often with a hand sanitizer, and use Clorox-type wipes to wipe down surfaces that you or others have touched.
6. Prepare for NO services. You are on your own, and must pack everything out, including human waste.
7. Stay within your equipment’s limits and your capabilities. It is vital that we avoid putting ourselves in need of rescue, straining local services.
8. Keep pets on a leash.

Fire Protection

9. Abstain from any igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using a fire in the National Forest. This includes charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood-burning stoves, and shepherders’ stoves.
10. Abstain from all smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building.

A Great Way to Get Out on Trails Safely This Summer

Trails For All is planning for the possibility of trail clearing and maintenance as we would do in a normal summer. If certain restrictions are lifted, we will be leading weekly work crews, which we will publicize through our newsletter, website (trailsforall.co - notice there’s no “m” on the end!), and Facebook. You can sign up to be included in trail maintenance by going to our website and clicking “Join the Journey - Sign up for our newsletter”; then click “Join our mailing list,” and as you put in your contact information, hit the “I am interested in helping maintain trails.” We don’t need lumberjacks. The work we do is within reach of most everybody. We hope to have you join us for a day of great memories-in-the-making.