



WESTERN COLORADO

HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

UKC LICENSED REGULAR HUNT

JULY 21st & 22nd 2018



GRAND MESA NATIONAL FOREST

(near: Cedaredge, CO)

Dear Hunting Retriever Enthusiast:

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Western Colorado Hunting Retriever Club's 2018 UKC/HRC Licensed "Back-to-Back" Regular Hunt Test on **Saturday and Sunday, July 21st & 22nd**. We sincerely hope that you will attend, enter your dogs, have success and bring home some ribbons. However, most importantly, we hope that you have a safe and fun-filled weekend!

Western Colorado HRC will be holding our Hunt Test up in the Grand Mesa National Forest ("Grand Mesa") again this year. We think that this location will provide you a true representation of what Western Colorado is all about. The unique, picturesque, environmental adventure that this location offers is one that you will be hard pressed to find with any other Hunt Test.

The Grand Mesa is an "oasis in the sky" and is the largest flattop mountain in the world. It is comprised of over 500 sq. miles of land, stretching east from Grand Junction, and bordered north and south by the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers. The Grand Mesa rises approximately 5000 vertical feet from the valley floors, up to altitudes of over 11,000 feet. It is an environment primarily of pines, aspens and rolling grass fields. There are over 300 lakes and reservoirs, along with incredible wildlife viewing opportunities. To top all of this off, when temperatures tend to be 90-100(+) degrees in Grand Junction and on the Colorado Front Range in July and August, it is typical for the temperatures up on the Grand Mesa to be in the 60's and 70's!

We highly recommend that you take advantage of this unique place! Come out and participate in our Hunt Test, and then stay for as long as you want! There are an abundant number of camping options up on the Grand Mesa (of all types too) whether you bring your RV, stay in a cabin or pitch a tent! There are also motels, hotels and other accommodations in nearby Cedaredge, CO. Bring your hiking boots, your mountain bike, and your fishing pole, but most of all, plan on enjoying the Grand Mesa!

ACCOMMODATIONS & CAMPING

The nearest town to the Grand Mesa National Forest, approximately 20-30 minutes (max.) down Highway 65 to the south, is Cedaredge, CO (note: the Social will be held in Cedaredge). If you don't stay up on the Grand Mesa; camping, in a cabin, in a condo/hotel at the Powderhorn Ski Area, or in a house rental; we recommend that you stay in Cedaredge. Other cities or towns a little further away that you could also consider for lodging, etc., are: Grand Junction, CO (approx. 1 hr.); Delta, CO (approx. 45 min.); Palisade, CO (approx. 45 min.); or, Hotchkiss, CO (approx. 1 hr.).



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CAMPING

There are three types of camping options up on the Grand Mesa (and, in Cedaredge & surrounding areas) – primitive/dispersed, public (fee-based) campgrounds, or private RV Parks.

Primitive/Dispersed Camping & Public Campgrounds:

*****SEE ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION ON DISPERSED CAMPING & PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS UP ON THE GRAND MESA*****

RV Parks:

#1 - Aspen Trails RV Park & Campground – Cedaredge, CO – (970) 856-6321

#2 - Shady Creek RV Park – Cedaredge, CO – (970) 856-7522 <http://www.shadycreekcolorado.com/>

#3 - Frost RV Park – Grand Mesa National Forest – (970) 856-3216

LODGING

The Cedaredge Lodge

810 N. Grand Mesa Drive - Cedaredge, CO

(970) 856-3727 - www.thecedaredgelodge.com

Tri-R Motel

885 S. Grand Mesa Drive - Cedaredge, CO

(970) 856-3222 – www.trirmotel.com

Stay Wise Inn

530 S. Grand Mesa Drive - Cedaredge, CO

(970) 856-1000 - <http://www.staywisecedaredge.com/>

Creekside B&B

790 N. Grand Mesa Drive - Cedaredge, CO

(970) 856-7696 - www.creeksidebed-breakfast.com

Kiser Creek Cabins

24111 Highway 65 - Cedaredge, CO

(970) 986-6255 - www.kisercreekcabins.com

Cedaredge Country Cabins

23223 U Road - Hwy. 65 - Cedaredge, CO

(970) 835-4101 -or- (970) 201-1734 – www.cedaredgecountrycabins.com

*****Additional Lodging:** Powderhorn Ski Area; Delta, CO; Hotchkiss, CO; Grand Junction, CO; Palisade, CO; Mesa, CO***



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"GRAND MESA" CABINS

In addition to cabin rentals through the Forest Service, and cabin options in/near Cedaredge, there are cabin rental options up on the Grand Mesa.

Thunder Mountain Lodge – (970) 856-6240
www.ThunderMountainLodge.net

Alexander Lake Lodge – (970) 856-2539
www.alexanderlakelodge.com

Grand Mesa Lodge – (970) 856-3250
<http://grandmesalodge.com/>

Mesa Lakes Resort – (970) 268-5467

SOCIAL

Western Colorado HRC plans to hold a great "Social" with Dinner/Beverages, Raffle and Awards Ceremony at the Cedaredge Community Center (140 NW 2nd Street - Cedaredge, CO). The cost of the Social will be \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 for kids 6-12 years of age, and free for children under 6 years old.

*****BRING YOUR \$\$\$ FOR OUR AWESOME RAFFLE AND HELP SUPPORT WCHRC!!!*****

DIRECTIONS

Distances: (approx. to Grand Mesa National Forest – Visitor's Center)

Grand Junction, CO	-	approx. 55 miles (1 hour & 5 minutes) (via I-70)
Denver, CO	-	approx. 255 miles (4 hours & 15 minutes) (via I-70)
Pueblo, CO	-	approx. 275 miles (5 hours & 20 minutes) (via US-50)
Cheyenne, WY	-	approx. 355 miles (5 hours & 35 minutes) (via I-25 & I-70)
Albuquerque, NM	-	approx. 370 miles (6 hours & 55 minutes) (via US-550)

I-70 – WEST (from Denver and Front Range)

Take I-70 West towards Grand Junction, CO. Take Exit #62 at DeBeque, CO – "DeBeque Cut-Off" Road/45 ½ Road. Head south (up) towards Colbran, Grand Mesa, and Powderhorn Ski Area (12 miles to intersection with Hwy. 65). At the intersection with Hwy. 65, turn left, and take Hwy. 65 heading up through Mesa, CO, and onto Powderhorn Ski Area. Go past Powderhorn Ski Area, Mesa Lakes Resort, Skyway, Land's End Road (FS 100 Rd.), on to the "Mesa Top Trail" Parking Area.

I-70 – EAST (from Grand Junction)

Take I-70 East towards Denver, CO. Take Exit #49 – Colbran/Grand Mesa/Powderhorn Ski Area/Hwy. 65. Head south (up) towards Colbran, Grand Mesa, and Powderhorn Ski Area. At the intersection with Hwy. 330 (Colbran), stay right, and continue on Hwy. 65 heading up through Mesa, CO, and onto Powderhorn Ski Area. Go past Powderhorn Ski Area, Mesa Lakes Resort, Skyway, Land's End Road (FS 100 Rd.), on to the "Mesa Top Trail" Parking Area.



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HWY. 50 – DELTA, CO

Take Hwy. US-50 to Delta, CO (or, US-550 to Montrose, CO, then US-50 to Delta). Turn east onto Hwy. 92 towards Cedaredge/Hotchkiss for approx. 3.7 miles. Turn north onto Hwy. 65 to Cedaredge, CO. Continue on Hwy. 65 north through Cedaredge, and up onto the Grand Mesa. Continue past the Grand Mesa National Forest Visitor's Center, and on to the "Mesa Top Trail" Parking Area.

*****MAPS ATTACHED – DETAILED MAPS OF THE GRAND MESA & HUNT TESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT CHECK-IN*****

OTHER NOTES

General

The Grand Mesa National Forest is YOUR public land. Western Colorado HRC is fortunate to have the opportunity to hold our Hunt Test up on the Grand Mesa, and we very much would like the opportunity to be considered to hold future events in this incredible place. Additionally, per our Special Event Permit, our Club and its Members are personally and financially responsible for any damage done; so, please treat the Grand Mesa with respect, pick-up your trash and the trash of others, obey all laws/rules/regulations, park only in designated areas, respect fellow users of the land and resources (the Grand Mesa, again, is public land, and we don't have exclusive rights to it), do not smoke outdoors and extinguish all cigarettes in a proper place; and, as they say, "take only photos and leave only footprints".

Weather & Altitude

Though, we could go on for hours detailing everything you should bring for the Hunt Test, for camping if you are camping (note: bring bug spray!), and for the various other activities you may partake in during your adventure to the Grand Mesa, we wanted to make sure you were aware of the fact that the Grand Mesa is a mountainous area, and the weather could change for the worse quickly. It is not unheard of for the mountainous areas of Western Colorado to receive heavy snow, even in July. So, with that, please watch the weather closely, and please be prepared for any/all conditions.

Also, the Grand Mesa is high in elevation. During our event, you will be spending an ample amount of time near (or above) 10,000 feet in elevation. So, if you do have health concerns, especially related to altitude (and oxygen), we highly advise that you consult with your doctor before attending our event. Also, #1 – please drink plenty of water, and watch how much alcohol you consume (it will go to your head quickly); and, #2 – please bring plenty of sunscreen, as you are that much closer to the sun and can burn quickly.



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Emergencies

Delta County Memorial Hospital

1501 E. 3rd Street

Delta, CO 81416

(970) 874-7681

www.deltahospital.org

St. Mary's Hospital & Regional Medical Center

2635 N. 7th Street

Grand Junction, CO 81501

(970) 298-2273

www.stmarygi.org

Other Activities

As previously mentioned, there are tons of other, fun activities you can do up on the Grand Mesa and surrounding areas, including: hiking, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, boating, kayaking, rafting, and rock climbing to name a few.

Also, this part of Western Colorado is WINE COUNTRY! There are several award-winning wineries that you can visit in nearby Cedaredge, Paonia/Hotchkiss, and Palisade.

Finally, don't forget that Cabela's and Sportsman's Warehouse are located in Grand Junction.

Thank You!

#1 – Grand Mesa National Forest and the U.S. Forest Service (Grand Valley Ranger District)

#2 – WCHRC Members & Volunteers

#3 – Sponsors

#4 – Participants

Thank you again for your consideration and participation in our Hunt Test - we hope that you can attend. If you have any questions or concerns about entering our event *******(PS - please visit: www.HuntSecretary.com ASAP)*******, and/or the Grand Mesa, accommodations, camping, etc., please contact me at (970) 729-1074 or justinludwig_telluride@yahoo.com.

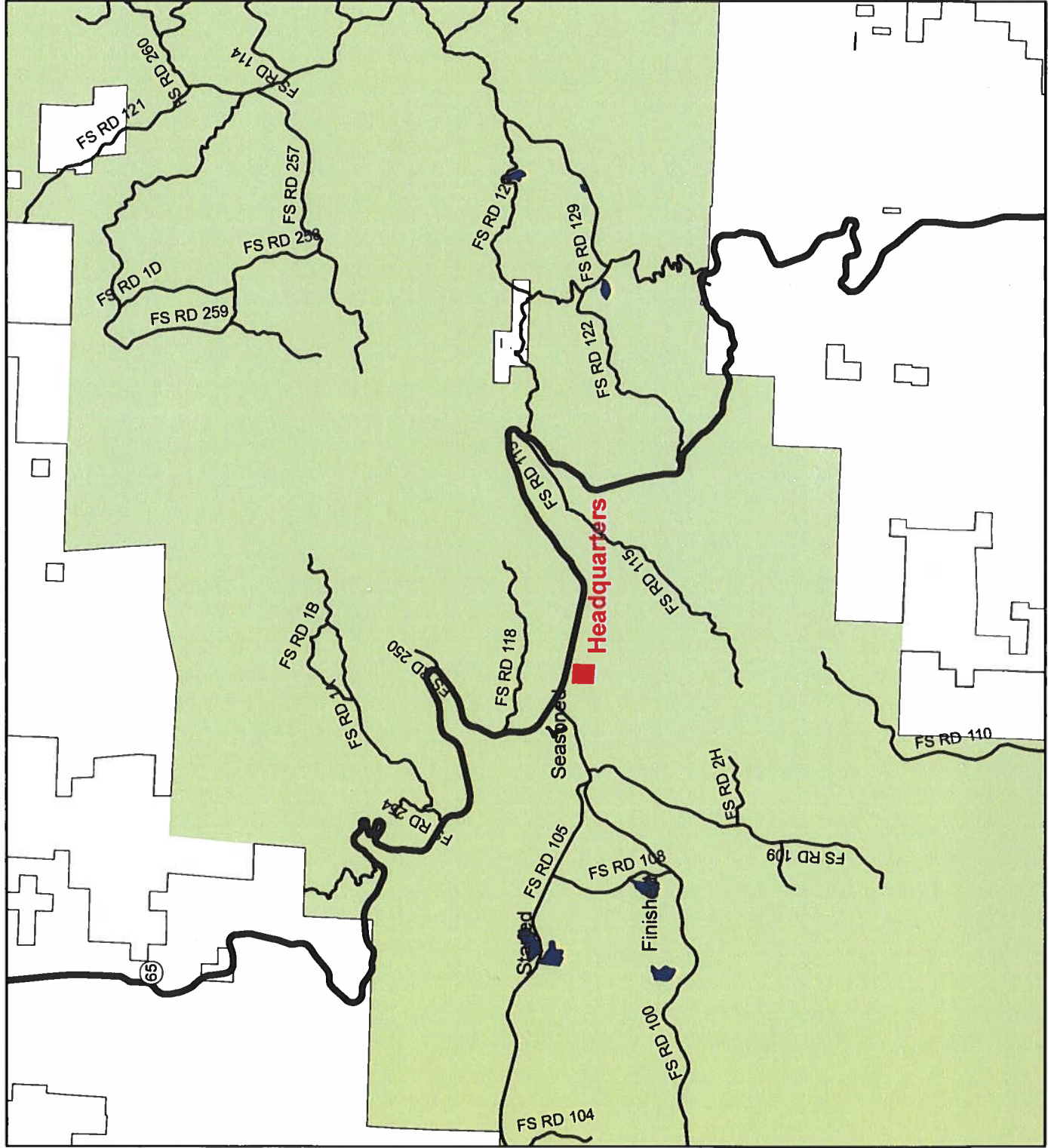
Sincerely,

Justin Ludwig

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Hunt Chair







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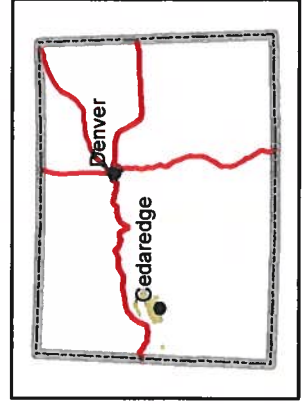


The Western Colorado HRC Hunt Committee would like to welcome you to the 2018 Hunt Test. We look forward to seeing you up on the Grand Mesa National Forest.

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Map Legend

-  Forest Service Roads
-  Highway 65
-  Hunt Test Headquarters
-  Waterbodies
-  US Forest Service
-  Private



Hunt Test Social Location: Cedaredge Community Center 140 NW 2nd St Cedaredge, Colorado 81413

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Campground Information

Campground Reservations:
1-877-444-6777

RECREATION.GOV
www.recreation.gov



1924 Rainbow Trout

Day Use Areas and Boat Launch

Potable Water	Daily Fee	Other
Yes	\$5	Fishing / Hiking
Yes	\$5	Fishing / Boating / Hiking Fish Cleaning Station
No	\$3	Fishing / Boating / Hiking

or \$40 Annual Day Use Pass

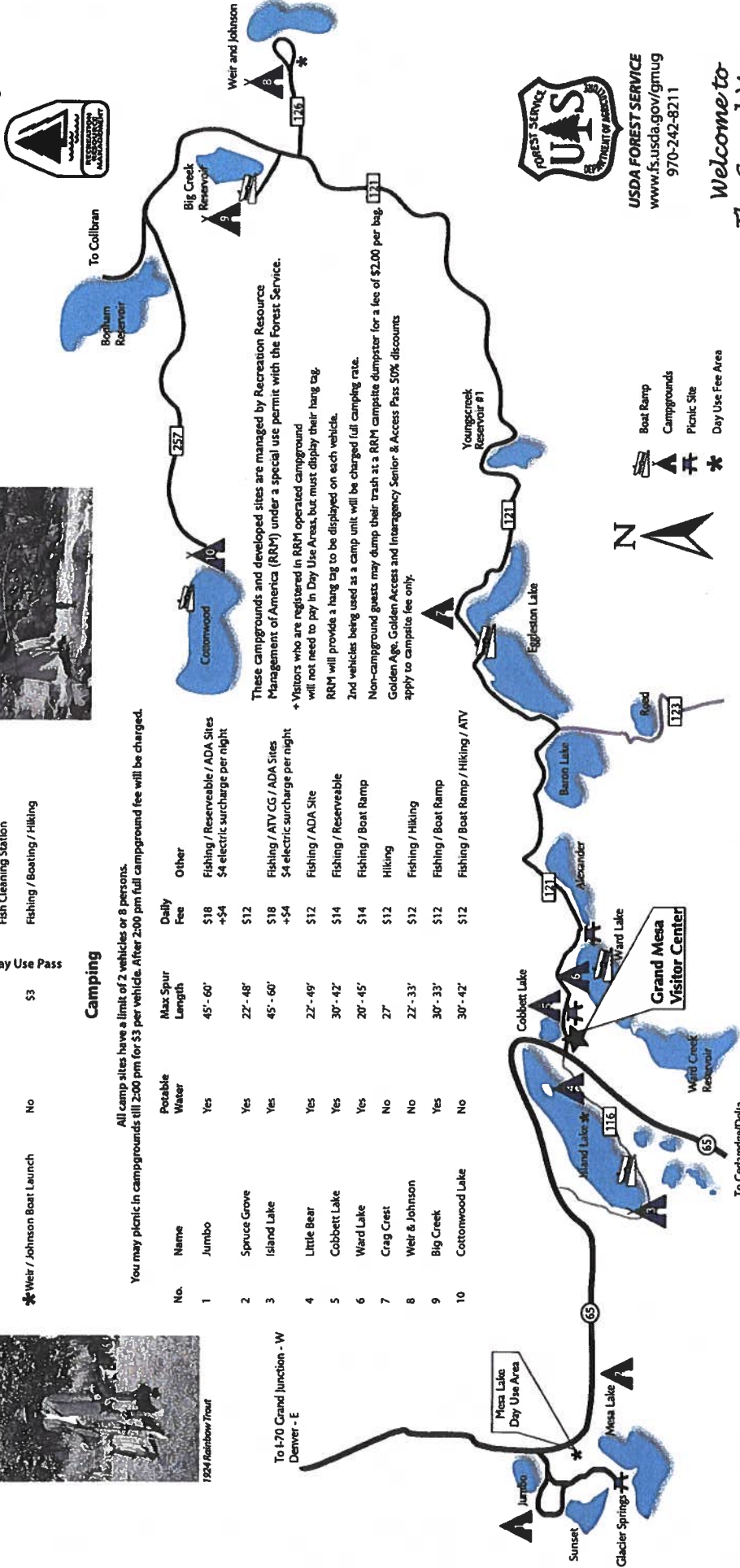
- * Mesa Lake Day Use Area
- * Island Lake Boat Launch
- * Weir / Johnson Boat Launch

Camping

All camp sites have a limit of 2 vehicles or 8 persons.
You may picnic in campgrounds till 2:00 pm for \$3 per vehicle. After 2:00 pm full campground fee will be charged.

No.	Name	Potable Water	Max Spur Length	Daily Fee	Other
1	Jumbo	Yes	45' - 60'	\$18	Fishing / Reservable / ADA Sites +\$4 electric surcharge per night
2	Spruce Grove	Yes	22' - 48'	\$12	
3	Island Lake	Yes	45' - 60'	\$18	Fishing / ATY CG / ADA Sites +\$4 electric surcharge per night
4	Little Bear	Yes	22' - 49'	\$12	Fishing / ADA Site
5	Cobbett Lake	Yes	30' - 42'	\$14	Fishing / Reservable
6	Ward Lake	Yes	20' - 45'	\$14	Fishing / Boat Ramp
7	Crag Crest	No	27'	\$12	Hiking
8	Weir & Johnson	No	22' - 33'	\$12	Fishing / Hiking
9	Big Creek	Yes	30' - 33'	\$12	Fishing / Boat Ramp
10	Cottonwood Lake	No	30' - 42'	\$12	Fishing / Boat Ramp / Hiking / ATY

These campgrounds and developed sites are managed by Recreation Resource Management of America (RRM) under a special use permit with the Forest Service. Visitors who are registered in RRM operated campground will not need to pay in Day Use Areas, but must display their hang tag. RRM will provide a hang tag to be displayed on each vehicle. 2nd vehicles being used as a camp unit will be charged full camping rate. Non-campground guests may dump their trash at a RRM composte dumpster for a fee of \$2.00 per bag. Golden Age, Golden Access and Intagency Senior & Access Pass 50% discounts apply to campsite fee only.



USDA FOREST SERVICE
www.fs.usda.gov/gmug
970-242-8211

Welcome to
The Grand Mesa
Updated 5/2011

Dispersed Camping on the GMUG National Forest

The majority of Forest lands on the GMUG are open to camping. There are restrictions on how far you can travel off of designated roads with a motorized vehicle to park while camping at dispersed locations. Please refer to the free Forest Service Motor vehicle Use maps (MVUMs) for each area (Gunnison, Grand Valley, Uncompahgre Plateau – Mountain and Plateau Division).

On the GMUG National Forest, motorized vehicles may travel up to 300 feet from an open forest road (refer to MVUMs) to park for the purpose of camping at a dispersed campsite.

Dispersed camping should not occur within 100 feet of water sources (rivers, streams, ponds, or wetlands) or in areas where camping is restricted to designated sites such as Gothic/Schofield Pass road (#317), Cement Creek road (#740) and Taylor River Canyon Corridor (CR 742) on the Gunnison National Forest.

The Forest Service typically provides no developed facilities (such as tables, fire grates, trash receptacles, drinking water, electricity or restrooms) for dispersed camping. Such amenities are only provided in Forest Service campground. There are no fees associated with dispersed camping.

The public is encouraged to camp in locations where others have previously camped and utilized existing routes (two-track trails) to those camp areas. Campers are required to leave a clean camp, not to damage vegetation or pollute streams and lakes on the National Forest and implement “Leave No Trace” practices.

Help us keep the water clean and healthy. Pack out all trash and use a toilet for solid human waste.