§ 8224.0–1 Purpose.

The purpose of this subpart is to provide procedures for the management and use of the public lands in the Fossil Forest of New Mexico.

§ 8224.0–2 Objectives.

The objectives are management in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and for protection of the aesthetic, natural, educational, and scientific research values of the Fossil Forest, including paleontological study, excavation and interpretation projects within the Fossil Forest, until Congress determines otherwise.

§ 8224.0–3 Authority.


§ 8224.0–5 Definitions.

As used in this subpart, the term:

(a) Authorized officer means any employee of the Bureau of Land Management designated to perform the duties described in this subpart:

(b) Fossil means the remains or trace(s) of an organism or assemblage of organisms which have been preserved by natural processes in the earth’s crust. The term does not mean energy minerals, such as coal, oil and gas, oil shale, bitumen, lignite, asphaltum and tar sands, even though they are of biologic origin:

(c) Fossil Forest or Fossil Forest Research Natural Area means those public lands as described in section 103(a) of the San Juan Basin Wilderness Protection Act of 1984 (Pub. L. 98–603, 98 Stat. 3155).

§ 8224.0–6 Policy.

No activities will be permitted within the Fossil Forest that would significantly disturb the land surface or impair the existing natural, educational, and scientific research values of the area.
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(i) Operations on oil and gas leases issued before October 30, 1984, are subject to the applicable provisions of Group 3100 of this title, including those set forth in §3162.5–1, and such other terms, stipulations, and conditions as the authorized officer deems necessary to avoid significant disturbance of the land surface or impairment of the area’s existing natural, educational, and scientific research values, including paleontological study, excavation, and interpretation.

(j) The regulations in 43 CFR part 7 apply to the management and protection of archaeological resources in Fossil Forest.

(k) The paleontological resources of the Fossil Forest shall not be willfully destroyed, defaced, damaged, vandalized, or otherwise altered.


§ 8224.2 Penalties.

(a) Any person who willfully violates any prohibition under either §8224.1(b), (c) or (k) of this title shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $1,000 or imprisonment of not to exceed 12 months, or both.

(b) Any person who willfully and without authorization collects or removes paleontological resources whose value is greater than $100, for which a permit is required under §8224.1(a) or (b) of this title, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed $10,000, or imprisonment not to exceed 10 years, or both (18 U.S.C. 641).

PART 8340—OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

Subpart 8340—General

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Subpart 8341—Conditions of Use

8341.1 Regulations governing use.
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§ 8340.0–1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to establish criteria for designating public lands as open, limited or closed to the use of off-road vehicles and for establishing controls governing the use and operation of off-road vehicles in such areas.

§ 8340.0–2 Objectives.

The objectives of these regulations are to protect the resources of the public lands, to promote the safety of all users of those lands, and to minimize conflicts among the various uses of those lands.

§ 8340.0–3 Authority.


§ 8340.0–5 Definitions.

As used in this part: