

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS: Mesa County, CO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Grand Junction Field Office, CO

ACTION: Temporary closure of public land in Mesa County, CO

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that we are temporarily closing certain access roads and certain areas to some public uses from 9/2/08 to 9/2/09. This closure will be terminated sooner, if possible.

The closed area is the Sheep Creek Road, T14 & 15S, R104W, of the 6th Meridian. All use by motorized vehicles over 50 inches in width will be restricted during this temporary closure in order to protect public safety. The road was damaged by severe weather and is unsafe for travel by full-size vehicles, including jeeps. It is also impossible to turn around in some areas, which may require backing down/up narrow, steep, and rough switchbacks. The Sheep Creek Road is therefore temporarily closed to these vehicles.

BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area, at the top and bottom of the Sheep Creek Road. You may obtain maps of the closure area and information from the Grand Junction Field Office. See attached map.

DATES: This closure will be in effect from 9/2/08 to 9/2/09.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Straley, Recreation Planner, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506, (970) 244-3031.

DISCUSSION OF THE RULES: Under the authority of 43 CFR 9268.3(d), BLM will enforce the following rule on public lands within the closed area:

You must not enter the closed area with a motorized vehicle larger than 50 inches in width.

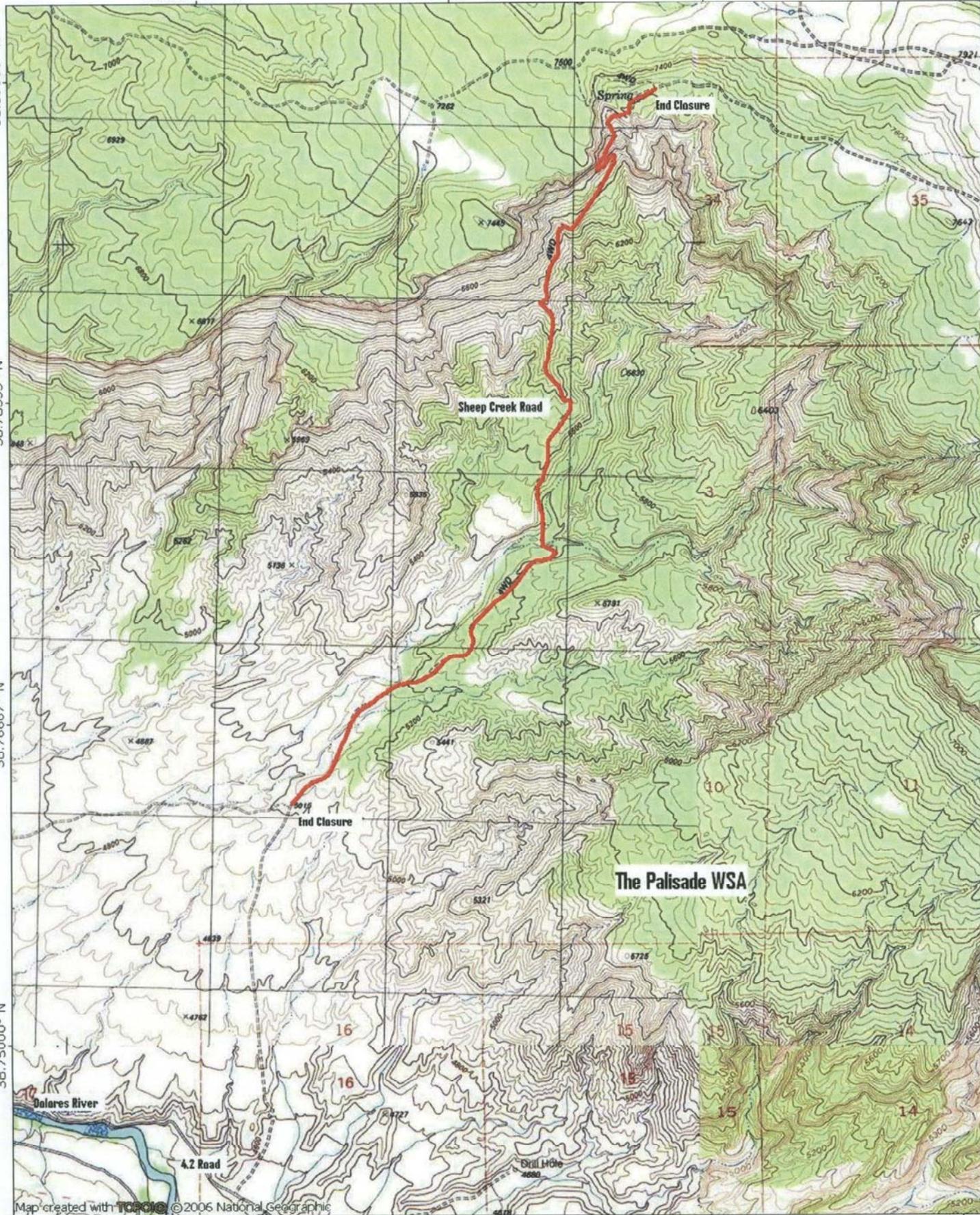
EXEMPTIONS: None.

PENALTIES: The authorities for this closure are section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 9268.3. Any person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.



for Catherine Robertson
Field Manager, Grand Junction Field Office

9/29/08
Date



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