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Notice of Public Closure

Pine Gulch Fire Area Closure Order #COS08000-20-04
For BLM managed lands in Mesa, Garfield Counties, Colorado

This notice rescinds and replaces the closure order issued on August 19, 2020, Order #COS08000-20-03, for BLM-managed lands in the Grand Junction and White River Field Offices in Mesa, Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties within the area of the Pine Gulch Fire.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the BLM is giving notice that BLM-managed lands in the Grand Junction and White River Field Offices in Mesa and Garfield Counties as described below are temporarily closed to all entry starting at 12:01 am Friday, August 28, 2020.

This emergency closure is necessary to ensure public and firefighter safety during suppression and rehabilitation efforts. This order will remain in effect until the Pine Creek Fire is declared controlled or until this order is rescinded.

Closure Area Description: Generally described as BLM-managed lands north of Loma, Fruita, Grand Junction and Palisade, starting at the base of the Bookcliffs, including the campground in the North Fruita Desert SRMA; west and north of De Beque on South Shale Ridge to County Road 204 and 209, from this point, west to County Road 256 to Douglas Pass on Hwy 139, south on Hwy 139 east to the base of the Bookcliffs. Mount Garfield hiking trail remains open to foot travel. The Cameo gate allowing access up Coal Canyon is open, V 2/10 Road is open to Corcoran Peak, and County Road 209 is open. County Road 256 east of Douglas Pass remains closed. See attached map.

Prohibited Acts:

1. You must not enter or use BLM-managed lands described in this order.
2. You must not use the roads or trails in the area described in this order.

Exemptions: The following persons are exempt from this order: Federal, state, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or fire-fighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM.

Penalties: Any person who violates the above rules and/or restriction may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000, 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

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