



# United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
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## Notice of Public Closure

Pine Gulch Fire Area Closure Order #COS08000-20-03  
For BLM managed lands in Mesa, Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that BLM lands in the Grand Junction Field Office and White River Field Office in Mesa, Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties within the area of the Pine Gulch Fire as described below are temporarily closed to all entry starting at 6:00 pm Wednesday August 19, 2020.

This emergency closure is necessary to ensure public and fire fighter safety during firefighting activities and initial suppression rehabilitation efforts. The order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until the Pine Creek Fire is declared controlled or until this order is rescinded.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 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 county road 204 and 211, from this point north on Rio Blanco County Road (CR) 26A to the intersection of CR 103, then due west to CR 28, west on CR 28 to the CR 27, north on CR 27 to Hwy 139, south on Hwy 139 to Trail Canyon BLM road 1056, south on BLM road 1056 towards Atchee, following Demeree Canyon South, crossing Hwy 139 and west to the base of the Bookcliffs. See attached map.

Prohibited Acts:

1. You must not enter or use BLM 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. Mount Garfield hiking trail remains open to foot travel.

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

For more information:

BLM Grand Junction Field Office, (970) 244-3000 or BLM White River Field Office, (970) 878-3800.

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