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Notice of Public Closure

Pine Gulch Fire Area Closure Order #COG01000-21-01 For certain public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Mesa and Garfield Counties, Colorado

This notice rescinds and replaces the area closure order issued on September 10, 2020, Order #COS08000-20-06, for BLM-managed lands in the Grand Junction Field Office in Mesa and Garfield Counties within the area of the Pine Gulch Fire.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the BLM is giving notice that BLM-managed routes in the Grand Junction Field Office in Garfield County as described below are temporarily closed to all use starting at 12:01 am Saturday, May 1, 2021.

This emergency closure is made in coordination with Garfield County and is necessary to ensure public safety immediately following a significant wildfire. This order will remain in effect until the BLM and cooperators determine the area is safe to enter at which time this order will be rescinded.

<u>Closure Area Description:</u> Generally described as BLM-managed routes in Garfield County north of Mack, Loma, and Fruita accessed from Garfield County Road 205 to the north of Garvey Canyon. Closed routes include: Post (H108), Lapham (H31) and routes leading to East Salt Creek (H2, H9, H11, H26, H27). Motorized routes in the Barrel Springs area cannot be accessed by motorized vehicles due to the closure but remain open to foot and horse use.

Prohibited Acts:

1. You must not use the routes described in this order.

<u>Exemptions</u>: 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.

<u>Penalties:</u> 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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