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Royal Gorge Field Office cancels Stage 1 fire restrictions in northern counties

CAÑON CITY, COLO - The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Royal Gorge Field Office dropped Stage 1 fire restrictions from BLM-administered public lands within the boundaries of Larimer, Weld, Logan, Sedgwick, Phillips, Yuma, Washington, Morgan, Lincoln, Kit Carson, Cheyenne, Boulder, Adams, Gilpin, Clear Creek, Broomfield, Jefferson, Douglas, Arapahoe, Elbert, Crowley, Kiowa, Bent, Prowers counties today.

"The recent cooler temperatures and needed shot of moisture across northern Colorado has reduced fire danger conditions," said Royal Gorge Field Manager Keith Berger. "In coordination with partner agencies, I have rescinded fire restrictions in the northern part of the Royal Gorge field area."

Although no fire restrictions are in effect, certain wildfire prevention measures always apply on BLM-administered public lands in Colorado. The following are prohibited:

- Leaving a fire unattended or unextinguished.
- Possession, discharge, or use of any fireworks.
- Discharge of a firearm using incendiary or tracer ammunition.
- Burning, igniting, or causing to burn any tire, wire, magnesium, or any other hazardous or explosive material.
- Operation of any off-road vehicle on public lands unless the vehicle is equipped with a properly installed spark arrester pursuant to 43 CFR 8343.1 (c).

For information about BLM Colorado Fire restrictions visit <u>BLM Colorado Fire Restrictions</u>. For general information about fire restrictions on all lands in Colorado, visit <u>Colorado Emergency Management</u>.

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