News Release

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Royal Gorge Field Office drops all fire restrictions

CAÑON CITY, COLO - The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Royal Gorge Field Office rescinded fire restrictions on BLM-administered public lands within the boundaries of Lake, Chaffee, Park, Teller, El Paso, Fremont, Custer, Pueblo, Otero, Bent, Huerfano, Las Animas, and Baca counties today. Together with last Monday's announcement, all fire restrictions in Royal Gorge Field Office are now rescinded.

"With the recent moisture, the dry fuel conditions we were experiencing have abated for now," said Royal Gorge Field Manager Keith Berger. "In coordination with partner agencies, all fire restrictions are rescinded on BLM public lands within the Royal Gorge field area."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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