**DIRECTIONS:**
From Montrose drive out West Main Street. Once across the Uncompahgre River bridge, stay on Spring Creek Road (do not turn left). Drive up the hill, then turn left on 63.00 Road (Hwy 90). Turn right at the T intersection (Oak Grove Road — Hwy 90), then left onto 62.50 Road (Dave Wood Road). Continue on Dave Wood Road then turn right onto Popular Road, then turn left at Spring Canyon Road.

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**SKILLS AND ETHICS**

- **Know the skills and gear that go along with traveling through the desert.**
- **Minimize risk by planning a trip that matches your skills and expectations.**

**PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE**

- **Leave No Trace**
- **Respect Wildlife**
- **Be Considerate of Other Visitors**

**Trail Etiquette**

- Observe wildlife from a distance.
- Control your dogs.
- Respect road animals.

**BE CONSERVE OF OTHER VISITORS**

- Monitor your speed and recreation.
- Mind switching to allow others to get through.
- Please respect all private property in the area. Do not trespass.

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**VISITOR SAFETY**

- **Summer day time temperatures can exceed 100 degrees**
- **Pack in your water. One gallon per person per day minimum is recommended.**
- **Biting gnats are prevalent May through August.**
- **A shooting range is located on private property near the southern end of the trail system.**
- **Please respect all private property in the area. Do not trespass.**

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**REGULATIONS/RULES OF CONDUCT**

These regulations and rules of conduct are needed to protect fragile resources and to provide for your safety and enjoyment.

- The Buzzard Gulch trail system as shown on the map is open only to mountain biking, horseback riding, running, and hiking.
- Stay on designated trails and do not build or modify trails.
- On narrow trails, ride, hike or horseback single file.
- Pack it in—Pack it out! Practice Leave No Trace Principles.

**USE ONLY DESIGNATED TRAILS**

- Designated trails can be found on maps in the kiosks or on this brochure. They are also denoted by brown fiberglass signs along the trails.
- Numbers and names listed on the map correspond with numbers placed on brown fiberglass signs along the trails to help orient trail users.
- The BLM is closing and rehabilitating excess routes. Please help us provide you with a better trail system by staying on designated trails. Maintain the quality trail experiences in this area by following the rules.

**Pet Owners:**

Be considerate of other hikers and riders. Keep your pet under physical or audible control when approaching other users and please pick up dog waste.

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**THE BUZZARD GULCH TRAIL SYSTEM**

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The Buzzard Gulch area is mostly flat terrain in pinyon, juniper, and sagebrush habitat. Most trails are appropriate for advanced-beginner mountain bikers and all abilities of hikers and horseback riders. Below are some recommended loops:

**Loop 1, 2.4 miles** — Start at Marker 0 (Spring Canyon TH) on Buzzard Gulch Trail. Follow Buzzard Gulch Trail through marker 1 and 2, follow Buzzard Gulch Trail through marker 12 and 13, then turn left at marker 13 onto Vulture Rim Loop trail. Follow Vulture Rim Loop trail through marker 14 onto 15 and then back down to marker 1. Turn right onto Buzzard Gulch Trail at marker 1 and proceed back to marker 0 (Spring Canyon TH). Total approx. length for loop = 2.4 miles

**Loop 2, 2.9 miles** — Start at marker 0 (Spring Canyon TH) on Buzzard Gulch Trail. Follow Buzzard Gulch Trail through markers 1, 2, 12, 13, 3, 11, 10, and 9, turning right at marker 9 onto P.J. Way. Follow P.J. Way to marker 2 then turn left onto Buzzard Gulch Trail. Proceed back to marker 0 (Spring Canyon TH). Total approx. length for loop = 2.9 miles

**Loop 3, 6 miles** — Start at marker 0 (Spring Canyon TH) on Buzzard Gulch Trail. Follow Buzzard Gulch Trail through marker 1, turn left at marker 3 onto Bull Snake. Follow Bull Snake to marker 4 then turn left onto Rusty Buckets. Follow Rusty Buckets through marker 5. Turn left at marker 6 onto Broken Antler. Follow Broken Antler to marker 8 then turn left onto Buzzard Gulch Trail. Follow Buzzard Gulch Trail to marker 9 then turn left onto P.J. Way. Follow P.J. Way to marker 2 then turn left onto Buzzard Gulch Trail. Proceed back to marker 0 (Spring Canyon TH). Total approx. length for loop = 6 miles

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