BLM—Uncompahgre Field Office





## **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.

### **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.

# **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.



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turn left at Spring Canyon Road.

turn right onto Popular Road, then Continue on Dave Wood Road then

onto 62.50 Road (Dave Wood Road).

(Oak Grove Road—Hwy 90), then left

90). Turn right at the Tintersection

hill, then turn left on 63.00 Road (Hwy

Road (do not turn left). Drive up the

River bridge, stay on Spring Creek Street. Once across the Uncompahgre

From Montrose drive out West Main

**DIRECTIONS:** 

# LEAVE NO TRACE

**VISITOR SAFETY** 

Summer day time temperatures

Pack in your water. One gallon

per person per day minimum is

Biting gnats are prevalent May

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.

can exceed 100 degrees

recommended.

through August.

# **2KIFF2 AND ETHICS**

## Know the skills and gear that go along PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

- with traveling through the desert.
- matches your skills and expectations. Minimize risk by planning a trip that

## **BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS**

- Choose to maintain a cooperative spirit



- Be courteous. Yield to other users on the
- encountering horses. side of the trail when Step to the downhill

## RESPECT WILDLIFE

- Never feed wild animals.
- Control your dogs.
- Observe wildlife from a distance.

### TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- the soil is wet. Please refrain from using the trail when
- on durable surfaces. Take breaks a short distance from trails
- especially in areas where trail visibility is when riding, pəəds ріке Control

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, 2, 12 and 13. Turn right 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) on Buzzard Gulch Trail. 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 markers 1, 2, 12, 13 and 3. Turn left at marker 3 onto Bull Snake. Follow Bull Snake to marker 4 then turn left onto Buzzard Gulch Trail. Follow Buzzard Gulch Trail to marker 9 then turn left onto Buzzard Gulch Trail. Follow Buzzard Gulch Trail to Spring Canmarker 9 then turn left onto Buzzard Gulch Trail. Proceed back to marker 0 (Spring Canmarker 9 then turn left onto Buzzard Gulch Trail. Total approx. length for loop = 6 miles

