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## **Notice of Public Closure**

BLM Road Closure Order #COG02000-23-02 For BLM managed lands in Garfield County, Colorado

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that BLM lands in Garfield County along the JQS Road (Road 242) as described below are temporarily closed to all unauthorized entry. Please also see attached map.

This emergency closure is necessary to ensure public safety due to critical road maintenance needs. The order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until the short-term road work is completed or until this order is rescinded.

<u>Closure Area Description:</u> This closure includes **all BLM lands along the JQS Roadway (see map).** This area is northwest of the town of Rifle, Colorado.

## Prohibited Acts:

1. You must not enter or use BLM lands 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

## For more information:

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