

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Temporary Emergency Closure on Public Lands in Montrose County, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office

ACTION: Temporary Emergency Closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a temporary emergency closure is in effect on public lands administered by the Uncompahgre Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Public lands within the identified roads lands managed by the BLM in the Paradox area are temporarily closed to all entry or use. This closure is for public and firefighter safety in relation to the Deer Creek Fire and management of that fire.

DATES: This temporary emergency closure will be in effect immediately until it is rescinded.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Ben-Horin, Field Office Manager, Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465, S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, Colorado 81401; Telephone (970) 240-5338.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Temporary Emergency Closure affects roads on BLM-administered public lands in the Paradox area in Montrose County, Colorado. The closure area resides within the following roads:

- Hwy 90 east from the Utah border to Montrose County 5.75 road
- Montrose County 5.75 Road to Montrose County Road 6
- Montrose County 6 Road to the 3 Road
- The 3 Road to the junction of the USFS boundary

The Temporary Emergency Closure is necessary for public and firefighter safety in relation to the Deer Creek Fire and management of that fire.

The BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area. Maps of the affected area and other documents associated with this closure are available at the Uncompahgre Field Office, 2465 S. Townsend Ave, Montrose, CO 81401. Under the authority of Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.

1733(a)), 43 CFR 8360.0-7, and 43 CFR 8364.1, the BLM will enforce the following rule(s) within the closure in the Paradox area.

PROHIBITIONS:

You must not enter the area within the emergency closure area.

EXEMPTIONS:

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.

PENALTIES: Any person who violates the above rule(s) and/or restriction(s) 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.



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