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Notice of Public Closure

Turner Gulch and Wright Draw Fire Area Closure Order #COG01000-25-05

For BLM managed lands in Mesa County, Colorado

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that BLM lands in Mesa County within and adjacent to the area of the Turner Gulch Fire as described below continue to be temporarily closed to all unauthorized entry. Please also see attached map. This emergency closure is necessary to ensure public and firefighter safety during firefighting activities and suppression rehabilitation efforts. The order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until the Turner Gulch Fire is declared controlled or until this order is rescinded.

The Wright Draw Fire is 100% contained and in patrol status, and the BLM has deemed the surrounding area safe for public entry. This closure order modification opens the BLM-managed public lands north of Highway 141 and east of the Palisade that were closed under previous orders.

The burned landscape, including vegetation, remains dynamic and unpredictable as it naturally recovers from the fire impacts. Public users are reminded to maintain extra caution and vigilance while inside the recovering burned areas as the natural recovery process continues to change existing landscape conditions. The public is reminded that all laws protecting public lands and resources from damage or unauthorized use remain in place in areas opened under previous order modifications.

Closure Area Description. This closure order modifies the closure described in order #COG01000-25-04 to the following: This closure affects all contiguous BLM lands in the vicinity of Unaweep Canyon south and east of Highway 141 from the town of Gateway to Divide Road, as bounded by private land, the boundary of Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest, and a line extending east from the town of Gateway to the National Forest boundary.

Legal Land Description:

6th Principal Meridian

T. 14 S., R. 100 W., Secs. 15, 16, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31, and 32

T. 14 S., R. 101 W., Secs. 25, 34, 35, and 36

T. 15 S., R. 100 W., Sec. 5

T. 15 S., R. 101 W., Secs. 5 and 6

T. 15 S., R. 102 W., Secs. 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 15

T. 15 S., R. 103 W., Secs. 1, 2, 3, 9-16, 21-29, and 31-36

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 51 N., R. 18 W., Secs. 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 39-44, and 46

T. 51 N., R. 19 W., Secs. 11-15, and 39

Prohibited Acts:

1. You must not enter or use BLM lands described in this order.
2. You must not use the roads or trails in the area described in this order.

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 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
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