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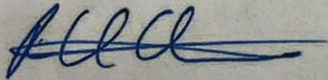
RE: Chutes and Ladders BLM Trail Area

The Mancos Fire Protection District would like to call attention to the fire dangers presented by the Chutes and Ladders Trail area. It is concerning to the Department that the BLM does not impose fire bans in conjunction with State and County Fire-Ban recommendations.

The Chutes and Ladders BLM managed area is in close proximity to considerable portions of private land within our District. Allowing camp fires increases the possible threat to the adjacent private lands. In the current state of drought and recent high winds, evacuations would be difficult to complete in the event of a wildfire.

The Fire Department would like to encourage the BLM to, at least, impose reasonable fire bans in conjunction with local fire ban recommendations. Please help us save private property and ultimately lives by joining us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



Tony Aspromonte
Fire Chief
Mancos Fire Protection District