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## **BLM Colorado rescinds public land closure in Mesa County**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.** — Friday, the Bureau of Land Management will reopen public lands in Mesa County that the bureau closed due to the Turner Gulch and Wright Draw Fires.

BLM announced an emergency closure July 15 to ensure public and firefighter safety during fire suppression efforts. The bureau issued the rescission because agency officials determined the area is safe and fire clean-up activities are complete.

The Mesa County Road and Bridge Department will keep Niche Road closed until further notice.

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