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## Notice of Public Closure

### Snyder Fire Area Closure Order #COG01000-26-02

#### For BLM managed lands in Mesa County, Colorado, and Grand County, Utah

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management is giving notice that BLM lands in Mesa County, Colo., and Grand County, Utah within and adjacent to the area of the Snyder Fire as described below continue to be temporarily closed to all unauthorized entry. 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is effective immediately and will remain in effect until the Snyder Fire is declared controlled or until this order is rescinded.

The Snyder Fire is more than 50 percent contained, and the BLM has deemed a portion of the previously closed area safe for public entry. This closure order modification opens the BLM-managed public lands north of the Colorado River, including Rabbit Valley and the Kokopelli Trails system, and east of Mee Canyon, including the Fruita Front Country and Rattlesnake Arches. Please also see the attached map.

Access to, and all campsites within, the Ruby-Horsethief section of the Colorado River from the Loma Boat Launch to the Westwater Ranger Station remains closed to the public.

The public is reminded that all laws protecting public lands and resources from damage or unauthorized use remain in place.

**Closure Area Description.** This closure order modifies the closure described in order #COG01000-26-01 to the following: This closure affects all contiguous BLM lands southeast of the Colorado River from the Westwater Ranger Station to Mee Canyon; southwest of Mee Canyon to the boundary of the McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area; west and north of the boundary of public lands from BS into Utah's Westwater Wilderness Study Area; and east of the line from Marble Canyon to the Westwater ranger station.

#### Legal Land Description:

Colorado  
6th Principal Meridian  
T. 10 S., R. 103 W., Secs. 30, 31, and 32  
T. 10 S., R. 104 W., Secs. 25-28 and 32-36

T. 11 S., R. 103 W., Secs. 3-11, 14-23, and 26-35  
T. 11 S., R. 104 W., Secs. 1-5 and 7-36  
T. 12 S., R. 103 W., Secs. 2-10, 15-22, and 29-32  
T. 12 S., R. 104 W., Secs. All  
T. 13 S., R. 103 W., Secs. 6  
T. 13 S., R. 104 W., Secs. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

#### Utah

##### Salt Lake Principal Meridian

T. 19 S., R. 26 E., Secs. 31, 32, and 33  
T. 20 S., R. 25 E., Sec. 12  
T. 20 S., R. 26 E., Secs. 4-8, 17-20, and 29-32  
T. 21 S., R. 26 E., Secs. 5-8, 17, 18, and 20

#### 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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