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Notice of Public Closure

Snyder Fire Area Closure Order #COG01000-26-03

For BLM-managed lands in Mesa County, Colo., 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 the footprint 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is effective immediately and will remain in effect until the Snyder Fire is declared controlled or until this order is rescinded.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 95% contained, and the BLM has deemed a portion of the previously closed area safe for public entry. This closure order modification opens all BLM-managed public lands outside of the Snyder Fire burn perimeter. Please also see the attached map.

In coordination with the BLM, Colorado Parks and Wildlife is rescinding the closure order of the Colorado River below the James M. Robb State Park boat ramp to the Colorado/Utah border. Public lands adjacent to the Ruby-Horsethief section of the Colorado River, including all campsites, from the Loma Boat Launch to the Westwater Ranger Station are now open, except where the burn scar reaches the Colorado River.

Closure Area Description

This closure order modifies the closure described in order #COG01000-26-02 to the following: This closure affects all BLM lands within the Snyder Fire burn perimeter. The burn area is 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 Rd. into Utah's Westwater Wilderness Study Area; and east of the line from Marble Canyon to the Westwater ranger station.

The burned landscape – including vegetation – remains dynamic and unpredictable as it naturally recovers from the fire impacts. Public users are restricted from entry into 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.

Legal Land Description

Colorado

6th Principal Meridian

T. 10 S., R. 104 W., Sec. 32

T. 11 S., R. 103 W., Secs. 6, 7, 19, and 28-33

T. 11 S., R. 104 W., Secs. 1-4 and 7-36

T. 12 S., R. 103 W., Secs. 4-8, and 18

T. 12 S., R. 104 W., Secs. 1-21

Utah

Salt Lake Principal Meridian

T. 20 S., R. 26 E., Secs. 4-8, 17, 18, 20, and 29-32

T. 21 S., R. 26 E., Secs. 5-8

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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