

Fire Prevention Order COS01-26-02 **TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURE**

Tres Rios Field Office

Under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9212.2(a), the following temporary emergency closures are in effect for public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office within Dolores County. The closures are being implemented due to increased risk of human-caused fires and current fire danger. These temporary closures are in addition to current enacted fire restrictions.

An emergency temporary land closure in this area began June 30, 2026. Effective July 2, 2026, the original closure is amended to include additional BLM-administered public lands. All closures will remain in place until further notice. During this time, all public entry into or use of the designated closure areas is prohibited.

Closure area effective June 30:

- South of County Road D
- West of County Road 31
- North of Forest Road 514
- East of County Road 29

Closed roads and recreation site effective June 30:

- Black Snag Road (Road 512)
- Narraguinnep Road (Road 240), County Road 29
- Bradfield Bridge Recreation Site

Expanded closure area effective July 2:

- All BLM-administered public lands south of the Dolores/San Miguel County line, east of County Roads 9.7 to 9.9, State Highway 491, and north of County Road T. This expanded area includes all BLM lands on the west side of the Dolores River Canyon including Sheep Mountain Recreation Site and Box Elder Campground.

See accompanying map for visual boundaries.

Under Title 43 CFR Section 9212.1, Prohibited Acts: Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, it is prohibited to perform any act restricted by this Fire Prevention Order on the above-described public lands.

PROHIBITED ACTIONS:

- Entering an area which is closed by a fire prevention order (43 CFR 9212.1(g))

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR Section 9212.2, the following persons are exempt from this order:

- Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Any person with a BLM-issued permit specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

PENALTIES:

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR § 9212.4, any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations at § 9212.1 of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than twelve months, or both. Restitution for total suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator.

This order shall go into effect immediately on July 2, 2026, and will remain in force until rescinded or December 31, 2026, whichever occurs first.

Prepared in Dolores, Colorado on this 2nd day of July, 2026.

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