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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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Meeker, CO 81641

August 29, 2026

Notice of Public Closure

Piceance East Douglas Gather Closure Order #CON05000-26-14 for BLM

managed lands in

Rio Blanco County, Colorado

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that BLM lands in Rio Blanco County within and adjacent to the area of the Piceance East Douglas and West Douglas Herd Area (PEDHMA/WDHA) Gather as described below are temporarily closed to all unauthorized entry effective 0001 August 30, 2026. Please also see the attached map.

This emergency closure is necessary to address animal safety concerns by limiting access to gather sites and holding facilities to ensure humane care and treatment of all animals gathered but also address the potential public safety concerns by providing notification to the public of the active gather operations within a given area. The closure will ensure the safety of the public, staff, contractor and wild horse during all phases of gather activities. The order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until the completion of PEDHMA/WDHA gather operations or until this order is amended or rescinded.

Closure Area Description: This closure rescinds the closure area under #CON05000-26-10 and #CON05000-26-13. Piceance East Douglas Gather Closure Order #CON05000-26-14 establishes a new closure area affecting all BLM lands as described within the following boundaries: areas East of Colorado Highway 139, North of Pollock Canyon, west of Rio Blanco Road 103 and South of Cow Canyon (BLM Road 1240).

6th Principal Meridian

T. 2 S., R. 101 W., Secs. 13 through 15, 21 through 28, and 33 through 36.

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 permitted authorization from the BLM (i.e. oil and gas permittees, grazing permittees and right-of-way holders) through daily coordination with BLM and incident command operations. 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.

For more information:

BLM White River Field Office, (970) 878-3800.



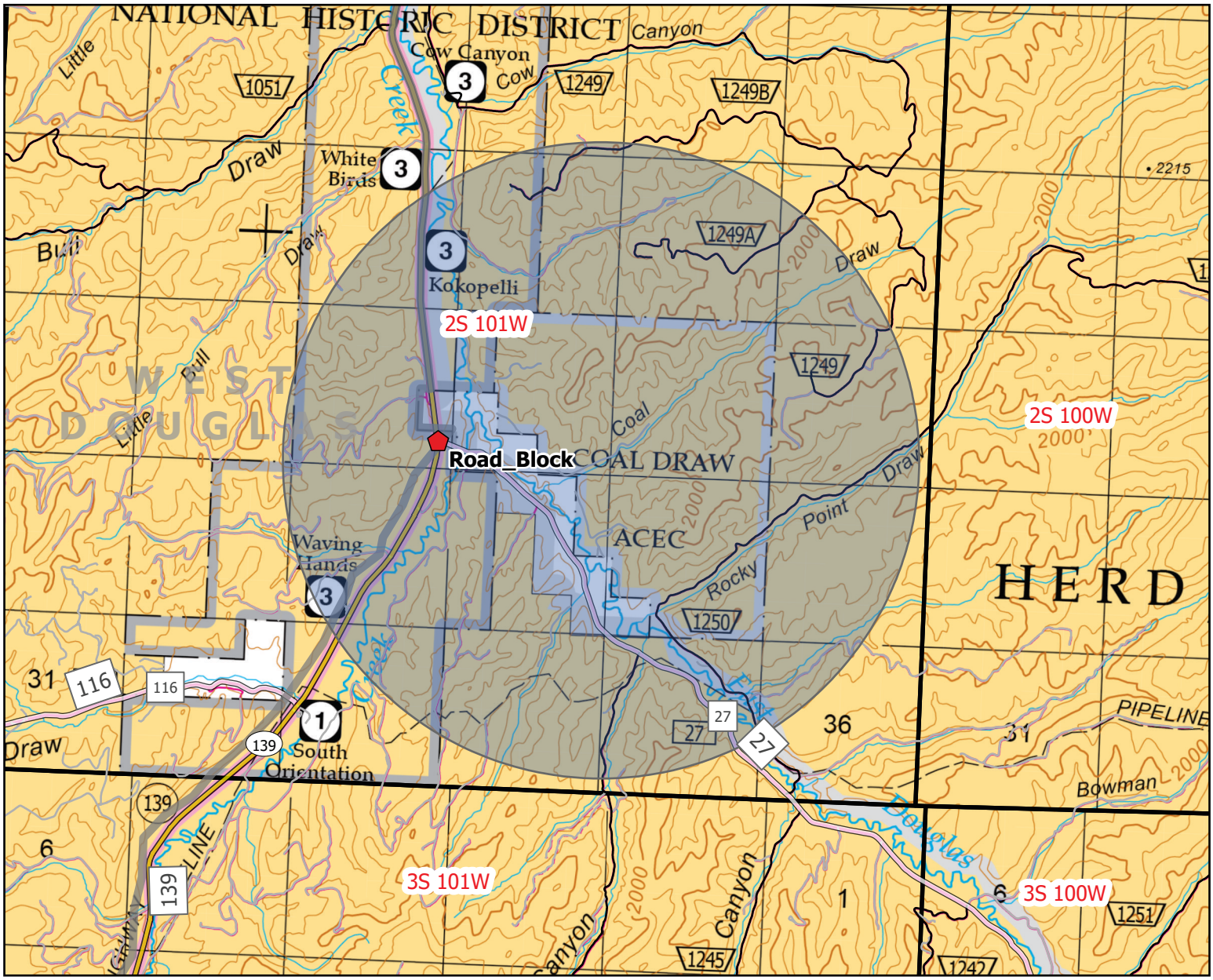
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Piceance-East Douglas Gather 2026 Closure Area

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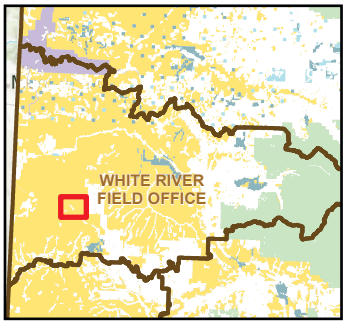
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Legend

- Road Blocks
- Wild Horse and Burro Herd Areas
- Township & Range
- Closure_Buffers

Non-BLM Routes

- County Roads
- State Highway
- Private/ Unknown Roads

Motorized Routes

- All Modes of Transportation
- Undesignated