



Fire Prevention Order COS06-26-06

TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Gunnison Field Office

Under the authority granted by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et seq.), and pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9212.2(a), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Gunnison Field Office is implementing a revised temporary emergency closure for public lands within Ouray and Hinsdale Counties. This closure is enacted to protect the safety of the public and firefighters in the area, as well as to support the management and suppression rehabilitation efforts related to wildfire.

This temporary emergency closure rescinds closure order COS06-26-05 and reduces the closure footprint to BLM-administered public lands within the Gunnison Field Office specified below. During this time, all public entry into or use of the designated closure areas is prohibited.

The reduced closure area is within these boundaries:

- BLM-administered public lands north of the Bear Creek Trail and Ridge Stock Driveway to the border of U.S. Forest Service-administered public lands in Ouray and Hinsdale counties, Colorado, at:
 - Sections 1 and 12 of T43 N., R7 W., and
 - Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 of T43 N., R6 W.
- BLM-administered public lands west of Colorado State Highway 149 to border of U.S. Forest Service-administered public lands in Hinsdale County, Colorado, at:
 - Sections 23, 26, and 35 of T45 N., R4 W.

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 beginning immediately on August 25, 2026, and will remain in force until rescinded or December 31, 2026, whichever event occurs first.

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