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BLM lifts public land closure near Hayden Pass Fire

CANON CITY, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office has lifted the emergency closure of public lands located near the Hayden Pass Fire.

The closure was originally issued for public and firefighter safety and included public lands located south and southwest of Highway 50 near Coaldale, including Kerr Gulch and Falls Gulch. Closures may still be in effect for lands managed by the US Forest Service.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

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