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GMUG to Lift All Fire Restrictions

Delta, Colorado, July 26, 2018 – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests will transition out of all current fire restrictions effective at 12:01 p.m. on Friday, July 28. GMUG Fire Managers based their decision on specific conditions such as fuel moisture measurements in vegetation, predicted weather and the amount of current fire activity on the forest. Using the best available science, recent measurements and predictive models have shown a marked improvement in these conditions leading to a significant decrease in wildfire risk.

Although fire restrictions have been lifted, fire managers would like to remind visitors and users of the GMUG to continue to be attentive of their actions and surroundings especially in areas with dry vegetation or dead trees by practicing smart wildfire prevention behavior including: never leaving a campfire unattended, using established campfire rings, picking safe and proper campfire sites and ensuring that their fires are completely out and cool to the touch by using the drown, stir and feel methods.

Federal and county public lands surrounding the GMUG may remain under fire restrictions, please consult with the appropriate land managers before engaging in any activities that may violate these restrictions. For more fire-related information on Colorado's Western Slope please visit: <http://www.WestSlopeFireInfo.com/>

For more information on prescribed burns, wildfires and fire restrictions on National Forest System lands please call our Fire Information line at 970-874-6602 or visit our website: <http://bit.ly/GMUGFireRestrictions>

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The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forests manage approximately 3 million acres of land in Southwest Colorado within Delta, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Saguache, San Juan and San Miguel counties.

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