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GMUG Expands Bull Draw Fire Closures

Delta, Colorado, August 17, 2018 – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests have announced further closures in response to the Bull Draw Fire. The remote blaze, burning 12 miles northwest of Nucla, has reached approximately 27,320 acres and is burning on both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service lands.

Due to the fire's continued encroachment on Forest Service lands, increased fire traffic and the safety of the public and fire personnel, the following area of the Uncompahgre National Forest's Plateau Division will be closed to public access:

- The area bordered on the northeast by NFSR 404 (Divide Forks Road) and to the northwest by NFSR 416 (Rim Road), on the west and southwest by National Forest boundary and NFSR 600 (Windy Point Junction) to 1 mile east of the NFSR 402 (Divide Road) back to the north at NFSR 404 (Divide Forks Road).

The area closure is in addition to an expanded road closure as the Divide Road (NFSR 402), from its junction with Big Creek Road (NFSR 403) south to its junction with Wind Point Junction (NFSR 600) will be closed to public access.

A closure map has been attached for your convenience. These closures are being enacted in the interest of public health and safety. The public's patience and understanding is greatly appreciated on this matter. For questions concerning these emergency closures please call the Grand Valley Ranger District at 970-242-8211. Early season hunters in Unit 61 who may be impacted by the Bull Draw Fire closures are asked to direct their questions to the Colorado Parks & Wildlife Montrose Office at 970-252-6000

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