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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Bull Draw Forces Expanded Closure

Delta, Colorado, September 18, 2018 – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests have announced the closure of a portion of the Divide Road (NFSR 402) in response to the recent increased activity of the nearby Bull Draw Fire. The remote lightning-caused blaze, burning 12 miles northwest of Nucla, has reached approximately 32,084 acres.

Due to the increased fire activity near the Divide Road and the safety concerns for the public and fire personnel, the following closures will be enacted:

- A road closure from the junction of NFSR 408 (Dominguez Road) and NFSR 402 (Divide Road) (approximately 21.5 miles south of the junction of HWY 141/NFSR 402), south to the junction of NFSR 600 (Windy Point Junction) and NFSR 402 (Divide Road). The closure is approximately 17 miles.
- An area closure bordered on the north by the Blue Creek Drainage, on the west and southwest by National Forest boundary, on the northeast by NFSR 402 (Divide Road) and on the south approximately 1 mile southeast of the Campbell Creek drainage between the National Forest boundary and NFSR 402 (Divide Road).

The public is asked to adhere to these closures and pay close attention to all road signage. Hunters currently located in the expanded closure area are encouraged to relocate camps as soon as possible. Due to the potential for fire to enter areas not currently within the forest closure, hunters and recreationists in the area are encouraged to remain vigilant, be aware of their surroundings, and be prepared to evacuate should the situation change.

For questions concerning this emergency closure please call the Grand Valley Ranger District at 970-242-8211.

Fire Information Links:

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6059>

Bull Draw Fire Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BullDrawFire/>

GMUG Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GMUG.NF/>

GMUG Twitter: https://twitter.com/GMUG_NF

Colorado Air Quality: https://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary.aspx

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