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EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER COS0S05-18-02, amended **Bull Draw Fire Area Closure**

Under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9268.3(d), the following temporary emergency fire area closures are in effect for all public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Uncompahgre Field Office and Grand Junction Field Office within the following designated boundaries. This closure order is being implemented due to concerns for public safety and impacts to fire suppression operations.

CLOSURE AREA DESCRIBED

Please see attached map. The area is further described as:

- Lands within Township 48 North, Range 15 West; Section 19
- Lands within Township 48 North, Range 16 West; Sections 3-10, 13-24
- Lands within Township 48 North, Range 17 West; Sections 1-5, 8-17, 23, 24
- Lands within Township 49 North, Range 16 West; Sections 7, 17-20, 29-32
- Lands within Township 49 North, Range 17 West; Sections 1-18, 21-28, 33-36
- Lands within Township 49 North, Range 18 West; Sections 1
- Lands within Township 50 North, Range 17 West; Sections 7, 17-21, 27-34
- Lands within Township 50 North, Range 18 West; Sections 1, 2, 12, 13, 24, 25, 36

Within the described area, all Montrose County Roads (including R23, S15, S17, T17, U18, V24, Z26), Mesa County Roads (including 19 ½, 11 9/10), and all BLM roads, trails, and lands are closed to public access.

Under Title 43 CFR Section 9268.3(d), Prohibited Acts: Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, it is prohibited to perform any act restricted by this Order on the above described public lands.

PROHIBITED ACTIONS

You must not enter the closure area, including the road or trail systems within the described area (see attached map), unless escorted by an authorized BLM official.

EXEMPTIONS

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.

- Members of any organized rescue or firefighting force performing official duty.
- Private landowners.
- BLM permit holders conducting business authorized by permit. Permit holders must contact Montrose Dispatch prior to entry for safety reasons. 970-249-1010

PENALTIES

Violations of Title 43 CFR 9268.3 prohibitions are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$100,000 for an individual or \$200,000 for an organization and/or up to 12 months imprisonment.

This order shall go into effect immediately on August 17, 2018 and will remain in force until the rescinded.

Prepared in Montrose, Colorado on this 17th day of August, 2018.



**Acting DISTRICT MANAGER
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