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BLM Uncompahgre Field Office to lift Stage 1 fire restrictions

MONTROSE, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office will lift Stage 1 fire restrictions for BLM-managed lands in Montrose, San Miguel, Ouray, Delta and Gunnison counties at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, August 31.

Fire managers relied on a variety of factors such as recent rain, cooler nighttime temperatures, shorter days, weather forecasts and the occurrence of human-caused wildfire to determine when to lift fire restrictions.

“We would like to thank the public and local cooperating agencies for their involvement and understanding the last few months during fire restrictions,” said Brandon Lewis, Fire Management Officer for BLM Southwest Fire and Aviation Management Unit. “We also ask that the public remain vigilant and remember that the potential for wildfire still exists.”

Anyone conducting activities outdoors should be prepared for changing conditions and ensure any campfires are cold to the touch before leaving.

To determine current fire restrictions throughout Colorado, please visit the [Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management](#).

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than any other agency in the Department of the Interior. These activities supported more than 372,000 jobs.