



Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests

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Little Mesa Fire Closure Order

Delta, Colorado, Aug. 10, 2023 — The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests announce a closure order for the area around the Little Mesa Fire. Public access to the closure area is limited, and includes National Forest System Road (NFSR) #502 – Dry Mesa road, NFSR #501.1A – South Bench road, National Forest System Trail (NFST) #102 – Picket Corral trail, NFST #102.1A – Picket Corral Spur trail and NFST #104 – Cabin Bench Area trail.

The Little Mesa fire is a lightning-ignited wildfire located 15 miles west, southwest of Delta, CO in the Dominguez Escalante National Conservation Area. It was first reported July 31. It has burned approximately 414 acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management – Uncompahgre Field Office.

This Forest Service closure is being enacted in the interest of public and firefighter safety and will allow fire crews to focus on suppression efforts. The public is asked to adhere to this closure and pay close attention to all signage.

For questions concerning this emergency closure, please call the GMUG Supervisor's Office at (970) 874-6600.

For more information about the Little Mesa Fire, please visit:

Little Mesa Fire InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/coupd-little-mesa-fire>

Little Mesa Fire Info Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LittleMesaFire>

GMUG Fire Info Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GMUGFireInfo/>

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

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

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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, Mineral, Montrose, Ouray, Saguache, San Juan and San Miguel counties.

