



**U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service  
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests  
Norwood and Ouray Ranger Districts**

**Bucktail Fire Area and Road Closure**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following are prohibited on the National Forest System (NFS) lands and roads in the Norwood and Ouray Ranger Districts, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, described below and shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the "Described Area and Roads):

- 1) Going into or being upon the Described Area. 36 C.F.R. § § 261.52(e).
- 2) Being on the Described Roads. 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with Forest Service Permit No. FS-7700-48 (Permit for Use of Roads, Trails, or Areas Restricted by Regulation or Order), specifically exempting them from this Order or a written determination by a Forest Service authorized officer that a permit is not required under 36 C.F.R. § 251.50(e)(1) or (2).
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**DESCRIBED AREA AND ROAD**

The Described Area includes National Forest System lands bordered on the south by the National Forest Boundary, bordered on the northwest by National Forest System Road (NFSR 503 (known as 25 Mesa Road) starting at the Forest Boundary to the junction with NFSR 603 (known as Houser Road, bordered on the north by NFSR 603 from the junction with NFSR 503 and going east to the junction with NFSR 650, then bordered on the east by NFSR 650 heading south to the junction with NFSR 540 (also known County Road 90), bordered on the south by NFSR 540, heading west to the Forest Boundary, following the Forest Boundary continuing as the south boundary to the

junction with NFSR 503 on the Norwood Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests as shown on Exhibit A. This order does not apply to the BLM lands outside the boundary shown on Exhibit A.

The Described Roads are NFSR 503 (known as 25 Mesa Road) from the Forest Boundary to the junction with NFSR 603. NFSR 603 (known as Houser Road) from the junction with NFSR 503 to the junction with NFSR 650. NFSR 650 to the junction with NFSR 540. NFSR 540 from the junction with NFSR 650. NFSR 540 (also known as County Road 90) from the junction with NFSR 650 to the Forest Boundary.


## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to provide for public safety and prevent interference with firefighting operations.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order shall be in effect from August 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. through December 31, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., unless rescinded.
2. A map identifying the Described Area and Roads is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A. For a digital version of this Order and Exhibit A, go to <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/gmug/alerts-notice>.
3. Unless otherwise expressly defined in this Order, the terms used in this Order are defined by the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture, 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299. If there are terms in this Order that are not expressly defined in the Order or 36 C.F.R. Chapter II, Parts 200-299, their meaning shall be determined by their plain language definitions.
4. A violation of the above prohibitions is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 U.S.C. § 551; 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559, 3571, and 3581.
5. Contact the Norwood Ranger District in Norwood, Colorado, at 970-327-4261 or the Ouray Ranger District in Montrose, Colorado at 970-240-5300 and Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest Supervisor's Office in Delta, Colorado, at 970-874-6600, for more information about this Order.











Signed and issued on August 05, 2024.

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**CHAD STEWART**  
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# EMERGENCY CLOSURES

BUCKTAIL  
CO-MRX-000086  
DAY 08/04

-  Road Closure
-  Closure Area
-  State Highway
-  Paved Road
-  Dirt Road
-  Motorized Trail
-  Non-Motorized Trail
-  Bureau of Land Management Lands
-  State Lands
-  Forest Service Land



Miles



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1:200,000 | BLM Southwest District  
Produced 8/4/2024 1011 | Acres from Mixed Methods  
North American 1983 Datum. | GCS (Latitude/Longitude)

