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## BLM Colorado rescinds public land closure order for Lee Fire

**SILT, Colo.** — Today, the Bureau of Land Management rescinded the land closure order for BLM-managed public lands in Garfield County because of the **Lee Fire**. The rescission is effective immediately because fire and emergency managers have determined the area is safe.

BLM issued the emergency closure Aug. 11 to ensure public and firefighter safety during suppression and contingency efforts. Activity related to the Lee Fire will continue until the fire is controlled. BLM urges the public to use caution in the area.

The public land closure for the Derby Fire, in Garfield and Eagle Counties, is still in effect. Additionally, the BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office and U.S. Forest White River National Forest remain under stage 2 fire restrictions. Information about fire restrictions is available on the [BLM Upper Colorado River District Fire Restrictions webpage](#).

We appreciate your understanding as we prioritize safety and resource integrity during this critical time. For more information, please call the Colorado River Valley Field Office front desk at 970-876-9000.

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