



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management, Utah

CLOSURE OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN AND AROUND THE BLM

SULPHUR HMA

October 1, 2026

Action: Pursuant to Section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)), 43 CFR § 9268.3(d), and 43 CFR § 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides notice that public lands within the Sulphur Herd Management Area (HMA) and within 10 miles of its boundary are subject to temporary closure, effective upon execution of this order, for the duration of wild horse gather operations.

The purpose of this closure is to protect public health and safety while supporting safe and efficient wild horse gather operations to ensure humane care and treatment of all captured animals. Only essential gather personnel will be allowed at trap and holding sites during operations.

This action is associated with the removal of excess Wild Horses as part of the Cedar City Field Office's Sulphur HMA Wild Horse Gather Operation. Additional information and updates regarding this gather operation is available at:

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/herd-management/gathers-and-removals/utah/2026-sulphur-wild-horse-gather>

Affected Area: Closure will be enforced within two miles of any active wild horse trap location or holding facility within the Sulphur HMA and within 10 miles outward from its boundary at any given time during gather operations. Because trap and holding locations may change daily, the specific area subject to enforcement will vary throughout the gather and is not fixed to a single site, see the attached map for the general closure area and proposed trap sites.

Prohibitions: All forms of unapproved public access and entry are prohibited.

Exemptions: The following persons are exempt from this closure:

1. BLM employees, contractors, and other personnel authorized by the BLM to conduct or support gather operations.
2. Public observers escorted by BLM personnel in accordance with BLM gather observation policies. This exemption applies only to designated observation locations and access routes during BLM-authorized observation periods.
3. Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers, emergency responders, and rescue personnel acting within the scope of their official duties.

Effective Date and Time: This closure is effective upon issuance of this order and will terminate at 11:59 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time on October 15, 2026, unless rescinded earlier by the authorized officer.

Penalties: Any person who violates this order may be tried before a United States magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 3571, imprisoned for no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. § 1733(a) and 43 C.F.R. § 8360.0-7, or both, pursuant to 43 C.F.R. § 8364.1(e).

Executed by:

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