

**SPECIAL CLOSURE ORDER  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
DOLORES PUBLIC LANDS OFFICE**

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3(d)(1)(i), (ii), (iii),(iv), (v) and (vi) the following restrictions are in effect throughout the areas known locally as mud springs, within Montezuma County, within the State of Colorado from November 9, 2009 until the completion of a Travel Management Plan for the affected areas.

The area referred to as mud springs encompasses lands managed by the BLM – Dolores Public Lands Office, Township 35 North, Range 17 West, Sections 1, 6, and 12. These sections included in this closure are also shown on the attached map entitled Exhibits A.

**Prohibitions:**

- It is prohibited to possess or use motorized vehicles within any part of the closure area as depicted in Exhibit A. The closure is necessary to protect the public health and safety, prevent excessive erosion, prevent unnecessary destruction of plant life and wildlife habitat, protect archeological resources and protect the natural environment.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3, the following are exempt from the provisions of this order:

1. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission. Done at Dolores, Colorado, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009.

*Steve Beverlin 11/3/09*

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Violations of 43 CFR 9268.3 prohibitions are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$100,000 for an individual or \$200,000 for an organization and/or up to 12 months imprisonment.