

GMUG National Forest Route and Gate Status 2014

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Grand Valley RD office - 970/242-8211

ALERT!! ROADS OPEN WILL BE SLICK & MUDDY. LET ROADS/TRAILS DRY OUT FIRST, SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THEM.

Uncompahgre Plateau			
Grand Valley Ranger District			
Route Name	Route #	Current Status	Comment
Divide Road Boundary Gate	402	OPEN/ Gate at Montrose/Mesa County line gate & Columbine pass gate closed	Gate opened at Forest Boundary on 4/6 Gate at Montrose/Mesa County line gate & Columbine pass gate closed
Divide Road/Telephone Trail Gate	402	OPEN	Gate opened on 4/30
Divide Road/Divide Forks Gate	402	OPEN	Gate opened on 4/30
Big Creek Road	403	OPEN	Accessible on 4/6 Mesa County Road Dept. working on road. Slick and muddy when wet.
Brushy Ridge	409	OPEN	Gate opened on 4/30
Dominguez	408	OPEN	Gate opened on 4/30
Uranium Road/Indian Creek	404	OPEN	Open
Nitch aka SOB, Pine Mtn. Road	405	NO GATE/ Open	Can be rough
Calamity Basin	405.2A	OPEN	(Wildlife Closure) Gate opened 4/15
Cow Mesa/Balloon	405.4A	OPEN	(Wildlife Closure) Gate opened 4/15

CAMERA AT SKYWAY ON HWY 65 <http://www.cotrip.org/device.htm>

Grand Mesa			
Grand Valley Ranger District (970) 242-8211			
Route Name	Route #	Current Status	Comment
Lands End-Hwy 65 side	100	CLOSED	Gate closed on 5/13 to protect soft road bed.

			This road is not ATV accessible.
Lands End (above Wildrose Picnic Area)	100	CLOSED	Gate will be closed until conditions allow travel across to Hwy 65. This road is not ATV accessible.
Lands' End (lower)BLM gate	100	OPEN	
Carson Lake	108	CLOSED	Not accessible
Flowing Park	109	CLOSED	Not accessible
Trickel Park Road/aka Bonham Reservoir / Big Ck. Reservoir, Cottonwood Lakes access from Collbran side	121	CLOSED	Gate Closed on 3/30 to protect soft road bed. Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide until road bed is dry.
Trickel Park Bureau of Reclamation Shop Gate	121	CLOSED	Not accessible by full size vehicle. Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide until road bed is dry
Cottonwoods Silver Lake Gate	257	CLOSED	Not accessible by full size vehicle. Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide until road bed is dry.
Neversweat & Big Meadows Reservoirs	258	CLOSED	Not accessible by full size vehicle. Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide until road bed is dry
Trickle Park Hwy 65 side	121	CLOSED	Not accessible by full size vehicle. Closed to all vehicle over 50" wide until road bed is dry.
Park Creek Vega State Park access	262	CLOSED	Not accessible by full size vehicle. Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide until road bed is dry. Caution creek levels can be high in afternoon
Old Grand Mesa Road from the north side of GM/town of Mesa	251	No Gate	Do not know road conditions at this time.
Atkinson Lake	114	CLOSED	Not accessible by full size vehicle. Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide until road bed is dry.
Weir & Johnson Road	126	CLOSED	Not accessible by full size vehicle. This road is not ATV accessible.
Leroux Creek Gate	128	CLOSED	Gate closed 3/27 to

			protect soft road bed. Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide until road bed is dry.
Surface Creek Gate	125	CLOSED	Gate closed 3/27 to protect soft road bed. Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide until road bed is dry.
Old Grand Mesa Road Gate / Cedaredge side	123	CLOSED	Gate closed 3/23 to protect soft road bed. Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide until road bed is dry.
Haypark Road	129	CLOSED	Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide until road bed is dry.
Buzzard Divide (Hightower Gate)	265	OPEN	Gate opened on 4/15, suggest high clearance vehicles only. No passenger cars at this time.
Buzzard Divide (Bird Creek Gate)	265	OPEN	Gate opened 5/6 suggest high clearance vehicles only. No passenger cars at this time.
Leon Lake	127	CLOSED	Not accessible by full size vehicle
Island Lake	116	CLOSED	Not accessible

Fruita Division			
Grand Valley Ranger District			
Route Name	Route #	Current Status	Comment
Fruita Res. #1	400.2C	CLOSED	Gate Closed on 3/17 to protect soft road bed. Closed to all vehicles over 50" wide to protect soft road bed. Road Conditions checked on 5/7
Fruita Division	400	Partially Open	Road conditions to Reservoir #2 4-wheel drive suggested. Snow drifts at Haypress . Road Conditions checked on 5/7
Lakes			
Grand Valley Ranger District			
ALERT!!! LAKES WITH ICE ARE NOT SAFE TO BE ON.			
Lake/Reservoir Name	Forest	Current Status	Comment
Jumbo	Grand Mesa	Thawed	
Beaver	Grand Mesa	Thawed	
Sunset	Grand Mesa	Thawed	
Glacier Springs	Grand Mesa	Frozen?	No report
Island Lake	Grand Mesa	Frozen	Layers of ice, slush, water, ice
Cobbett	Grand Mesa	Frozen	Same as Island
Ward Creek	Grand Mesa	5% THAWED	Inlet thawed
Waterdog	Grand Mesa	Frozen	No report
Griffiths	Grand Mesa	Frozen	No report
Bonham Reservoir	Grand Mesa	Frozen	Report received from BOR on 5/8. 3" of new snow and blizzard conditions. See attached picture.
All other lakes	Grand Mesa	Frozen	
Mesa Lakes Recreation Area	Grand Mesa	thawed	
Kiser Slough	Grand Mesa	Frozen?	

Big Creek	Grand Mesa	Frozen	See attached picture
Fruita Reservoirs # 1,2,3	Grand Mesa	Thawing?	
VEGA STATE PARK	North of the Grand Mesa NF	OPEN	970/487-3407



Picture taken on 5/11/2015 by Bob Mosher, Big Creek Reservoir on FDR 121



Picture taken on 5/11/2015 Bonham Reservoir FDR 121



Picture taken on 5/11/2015 Bureau of Reclamation buildings on FDR121



Picture taken 5/11/2015 FDR 279 Young's Lake



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