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Plateau Fire Area Closure is lifted

Dolores –The Closure area for the Plateau Fire has been lifted. Many hazards still exist in the burn area including falling burned trees, hot burning areas, rolling debris such as logs and rocks, potential for heavy smoke with limited visibility and holes from burned out roots. Increased water, mud and ash flows may result in trail damage and anyone entering the area should take safety precautions. The area is especially hazardous during and immediately after thunderstorms or windy conditions.

The Plateau Fire was discovered on July 22, 2018. The fire burned in Plateau Canyon in steep rugged terrain in mixed conifer and ponderosa pine forest with low to moderate intensity. The fire is currently at 19,634 acres and is located about 13 miles north of Dolores within Dolores County. The Fire is 94% contained. Some small interior islands are continuing to smolder. Minimal fire behavior is expected.

To report a new fire on federal lands please contact the Durango Interagency Fire Dispatch Center at (970) 385-1324.

For more information, contact the Dolores Ranger District at (970) 882-7296.

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