



## UPPER COLORADO RIVER

### FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

BLM-NORTHWEST DISTRICT

USFS-WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

NPS-COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT

INTERAGENCY



**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The temporary closure order within the Flat Tops Wilderness was revised to provide public safety in the Lost Solar Fire area. The revision includes Trail #1828 Lost Solar Creek from its junction with trail #1827 South Fork to the junction of trail #1825 Oyster Lake. Also trail #1825 Oyster Lake from the junction with trail #1828 Lost Solar Creek west to the junction with #2254 Fowler Creek. Trail #2254 Fowler Creek between its junction with trail # 2253 Fowler Bench and trail #1825 Oyster Lake as shown on the attached closure area map. Park Creek Trail #1829 will remain open for now.

**Management:** The Lost Solar Fire is being managed out of the Incident Command Post in Meeker by Incident Commander Jim Genung from the Upper Colorado River Fire Management Unit.

**Starting Date and Cause:** The fire started by lightning within the Flat Tops Wilderness on the White River National Forest on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**'Confine and Contain' Management Strategy:** This Wilderness fire is being managed using a 'confine and contain' strategy which allows fire crews to monitor the fire from a safe distance, reducing their exposure to unnecessary risk. Other factors contributed to this decision, including the remote location of the fire, the steep and rocky terrain, weather conditions and benefits to the ecosystem. The benefits of allowing fire to take its natural course within the Wilderness are many, including reducing dead and weakened trees, regenerating vegetation and improving big game and other wildlife habitat.

**Current Acreage:** 4417 acres

**Resources on the Fire:** Thirty five personnel are assigned to the fire, including a Wildland Fire Module, a Type 3 helicopter and crew, and overhead.

**Yesterday/Today:** There was no significant growth yesterday (Tuesday), however, the fire is still active. The fire received 0.1 inches of rain. Firefighters remain on the ground to monitor the fire, weather and fuels.

**Fire Weather and Smoke:** Periodic showers and thunderstorms are expected to continue today. Shower activity decreases by tonight as drier air arrives. West or southwest winds will push smoke produced by the fire toward the northeast, and may affect the communities of Steamboat Springs, Yampa, Taponas and Wolcott, as well as other locations in the Yampa Valley. The forecast from the Colorado department of Public Health and Environment can be found at: [http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colo\\_smoke.aspx](http://www.colorado.gov/airquality/colo_smoke.aspx).

Lost Solar Fire Information phone number is **970-456-1620**.

The website is: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/> and select the incident: Lost Solar Fire.

Email: [LostSolarFire@gmail.com](mailto:LostSolarFire@gmail.com)

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**TEMPORARY AREA CLOSURE ORDER**  
**USDA FOREST SERVICE**  
**WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS RESTRICTION**  
**BLANCO RANGER DISTRICT**

For the protection of health and safety to the public pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the White River National Forest, Blanco Ranger District, Flat Tops Wilderness, Rio Blanco County, in the State of Colorado.

The restricted area is further defined as an area in the Flat Tops Wilderness located at T. 2S R. 90W, Sections 1,2,11-15, and 22-24; T. 2S R. 89W, all or portions of sections 2-10 and 15-21 including Trail #1828 Lost Solar Creek from its junction with trail # 1827 South Fork Trail to the junction of trail #1825 Oyster Lake Trail. Also trail #1825 from the junction with trail #1828 west to the junction with #2254. Trail #2254 between its junction with trail #2253 and trail #1825 as shown on the attached map. Park Creek Trail #1829 will remain open for now.

**PROHIBITIONS:**

1. Going into or being upon the National Forest System lands within the Lost Solar Creek Fire Closure Area: See Attached Map 36 C.F.R. 261.53(e)
2. Being on the closed portion Trails #1828 Lost Solar Creek, #1825 Oyster Lake Trail and Fowler Bench Trail #2254. See attached map 36 C.F.R 261.53(e).

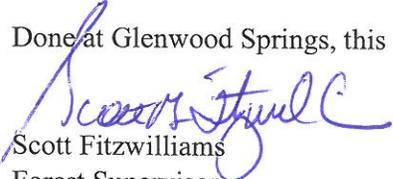
**EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from 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 Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

This order shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2016, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Glenwood Springs, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016

  
Scott Fitzwilliams  
Forest Supervisor  
White River National Forest Service

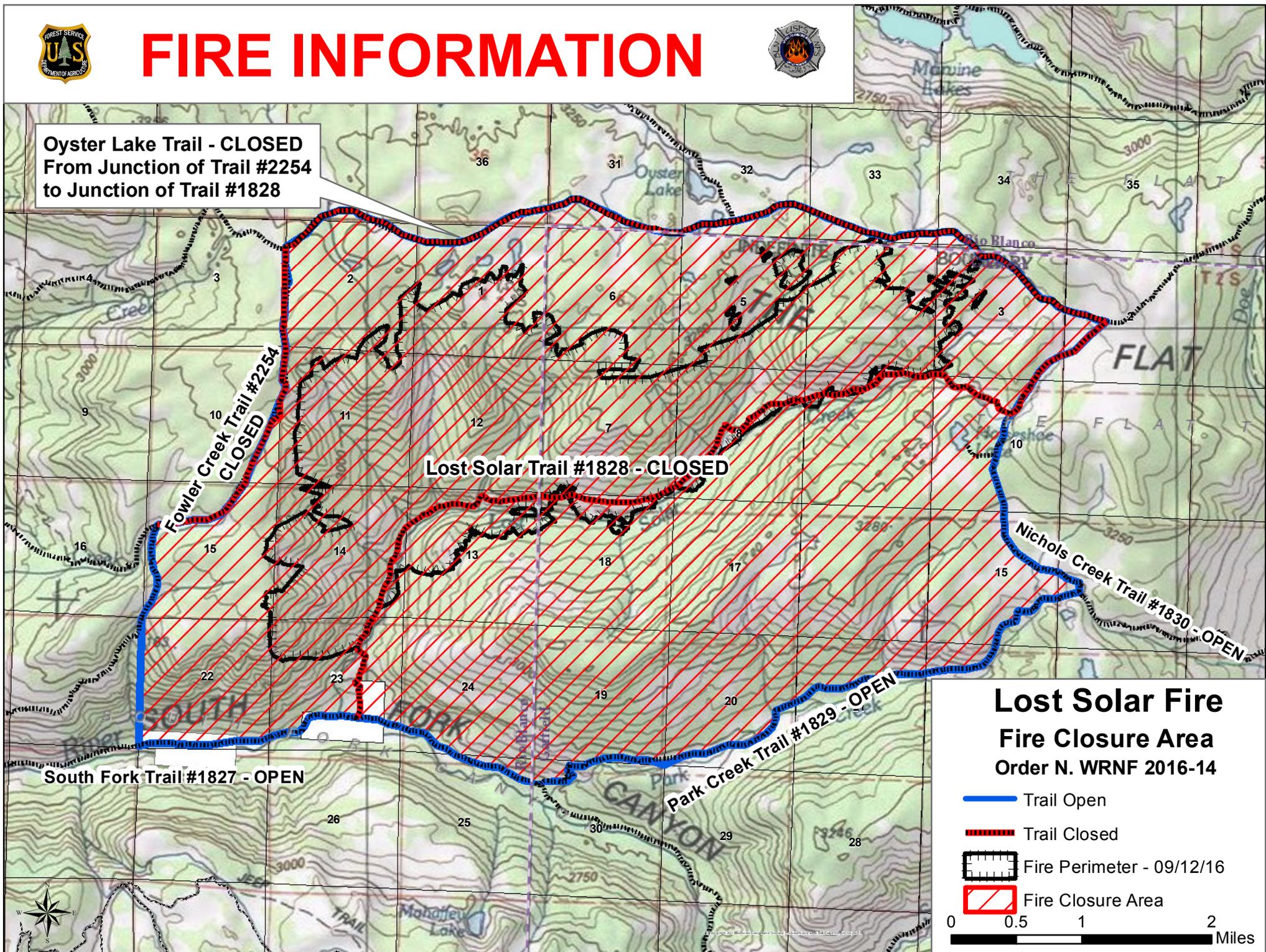
Violations of these prohibitions are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by the fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).



# FIRE INFORMATION



Oyster Lake Trail - CLOSED  
From Junction of Trail #2254  
to Junction of Trail #1828



South Fork Trail #1827 - OPEN

Fowler Creek Trail #2254  
CLOSED

Lost Solar Trail #1828 - CLOSED

**Lost Solar Fire  
Fire Closure Area  
Order N. WRNF 2016-14**

- Trail Open
- Trail Closed
- Fire Perimeter - 09/12/16
- Fire Closure Area

0 0.5 1 2 Miles