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## BLM announces seasonal closures to protect wintering wildlife on Western Slope

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.** — The Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction and Colorado River Valley Field Offices will begin winter range closures Dec. 1. These seasonal closures protect wildlife and natural resources and reduce damage to roads.

"Seasonal closures are vital for protecting habitats that serve as safe havens for wintering wildlife," said **Greg Larson, Upper Colorado River District Manager**. "By minimizing human and pet presence, we reduce stress on animals and support healthy, sustainable populations."

- Grand Junction Field Office closures are in effect Dec. 1 – May 1. Details and maps are available at the field office or on the [field office seasonal closures web page](#).
- Colorado River Valley Field Office closures are in effect Dec. 1 – April 15. Details and maps are available at the field office or on the [field office seasonal closures web page](#).

Visitors to Colorado public lands can help migrating deer and elk better survive the winter months by adhering to closures, viewing from a distance, and keeping dogs under control.

For more information, call the Grand Junction Field Office at (970) 244-3000, or the Colorado River Valley Field Office at (970) 876-9000.

An [interactive map](#) of all BLM Colorado seasonal closures is also available online.

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