Forest Roads Damaged, Closed After Storm

Coos Bay, Ore. – Two Bureau of Land Management (BLM) roads are closed and several more damaged after last week’s storm dumped more than nine inches of rain on some forests in the area.

Wells Creek Road (# 22-9-7.0), off of Highway 38 east of Reedsport, is closed indefinitely at milepost 2.5 due to a slide. Burnt Mountain Tie Road (# 26-10-36.2), east of Coquille, will be inaccessible for one to two weeks due to a slump.

BLM road crews continue to assess roads for damage and updates on forest road conditions will be provided as information becomes available. Those travelling to the woods should use caution, and expect to encounter down trees and rocks on forest roads in the area.

About BLM
The BLM manages more land – 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about $1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.