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Quartzville Road Reopened at Milepost 15.5 New Slide Found at Milepost 17.5

UPDATE: The Quartzville Road slide at MP 15.5 has been cleared. A new, larger slide has been found at MP 17.7. The new slide will be evaluated today. Road conditions beyond MP 17.7 are unknown at this time.

SALEM, OR—The Quartzville Road, northeast of the town of Sweet Home, is closed at Milepost 15.5. During the recent rains, a mud slide covered the road near the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Dogwood Recreation Site. BLM road crews will be clearing debris on Jan 20-21. "We hope to have the Quartzville Road open soon thereafter," said Steve Baldwin, BLM Road Maintenance Manager.

For updated Quartzville Road information call Salem BLM at 503-375-5646.

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About the BLM:

The BLM manages more land – 256 million 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.

