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London Peak Overlook Road Closed

Medford, Ore. - The Bureau of Land Management's Medford District has temporarily closed a portion of the road to the London Peak Overlook Trailhead (road 33-6-26) to public vehicle access at the end of the paved portion.

Due to high fire danger, the required slash cleanup after an active timber sale has not been accomplished yet, leaving hazards for vehicle traffic.

"To protect public land and the recreationists using this popular area, we're keeping motorized vehicles away from this fire hazard" said Grants Pass Resource Area Field Manager Allen Bollschweiler. "We've moved the trailhead down to the closure point, and invite folks to continue enjoying the trip on foot."

The road will be closed to public vehicle access until fire season is over, typically following cooler, wetter weather in the fall.

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About the BLM: The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. 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.

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