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BLM Issues Wildlife Closure East of Bend

Prineville, Ore. – A seasonal wildlife closure will soon be in effect on high desert public lands east of Bend located on the Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The temporary closure is located in the Dry River Canyon on the north of State Highway 20 approximately 20 miles southeast of Bend. The closure is adjacent to Horse Ridge viewpoint and includes the entire canyon in addition to all public lands within one-quarter mile of the rim of the canyon. The Dry River Canyon closure is effective February 1, 2010 and expires August 31, 2010.

Wildlife biologists will periodically monitor the sensitive wildlife habitat to determine whether the closure area may be opened for public use at an earlier date than scheduled. Posted signs located adjacent to the closure will help the public identify and avoid the closed area.

Seasonal wildlife closures affect a very small percentage of the public land base that is accessible to the recreating public. “We’re asking for the public’s cooperation in minimizing disturbance to sensitive wildlife in this unique area,” said Mr. JC Hanf, BLM Natural Resources Staff Officer.

The closure is a legal requirement directed by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide protection for sensitive wildlife. Under the authority of Federal regulations, violations are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

An electronic map of the Dry River Canyon closure area is available on the BLM Prineville District website at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville>

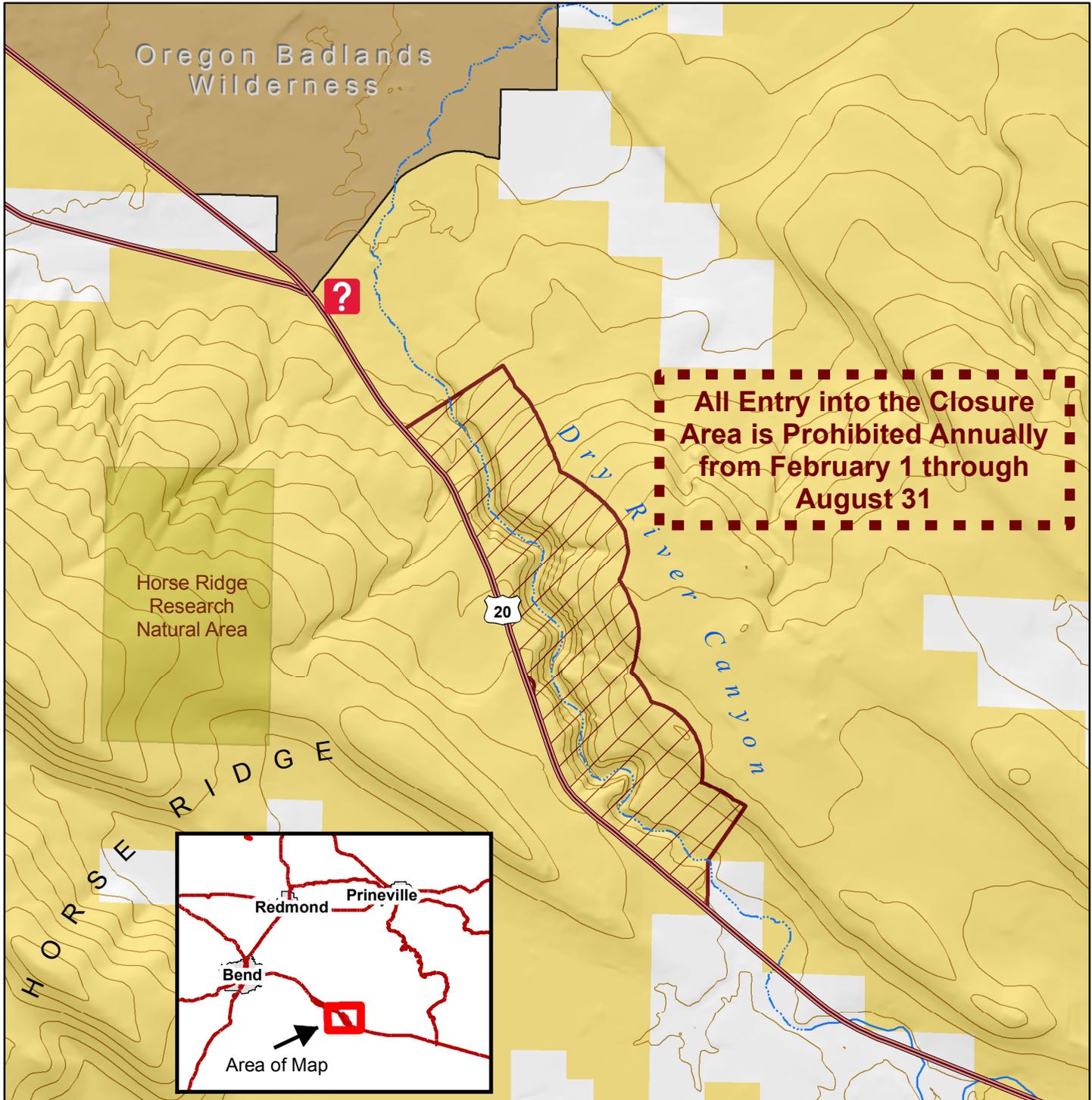
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The BLM manages more land -- 253 million acres -- than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also 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.



Dry River Canyon

Seasonal Wildlife Closure Area (February 1 - August 31)



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Road State Highway Seasonal Wildlife Closure Bureau of Land Management Private/Unknown Information | | <p>0 1.2 Miles</p> <p>0 2 Kilometers</p> | <p>U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Bureau of Land Management Prineville District January 2010</p> <p><small>No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources and may be updated without notification.</small></p> |
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