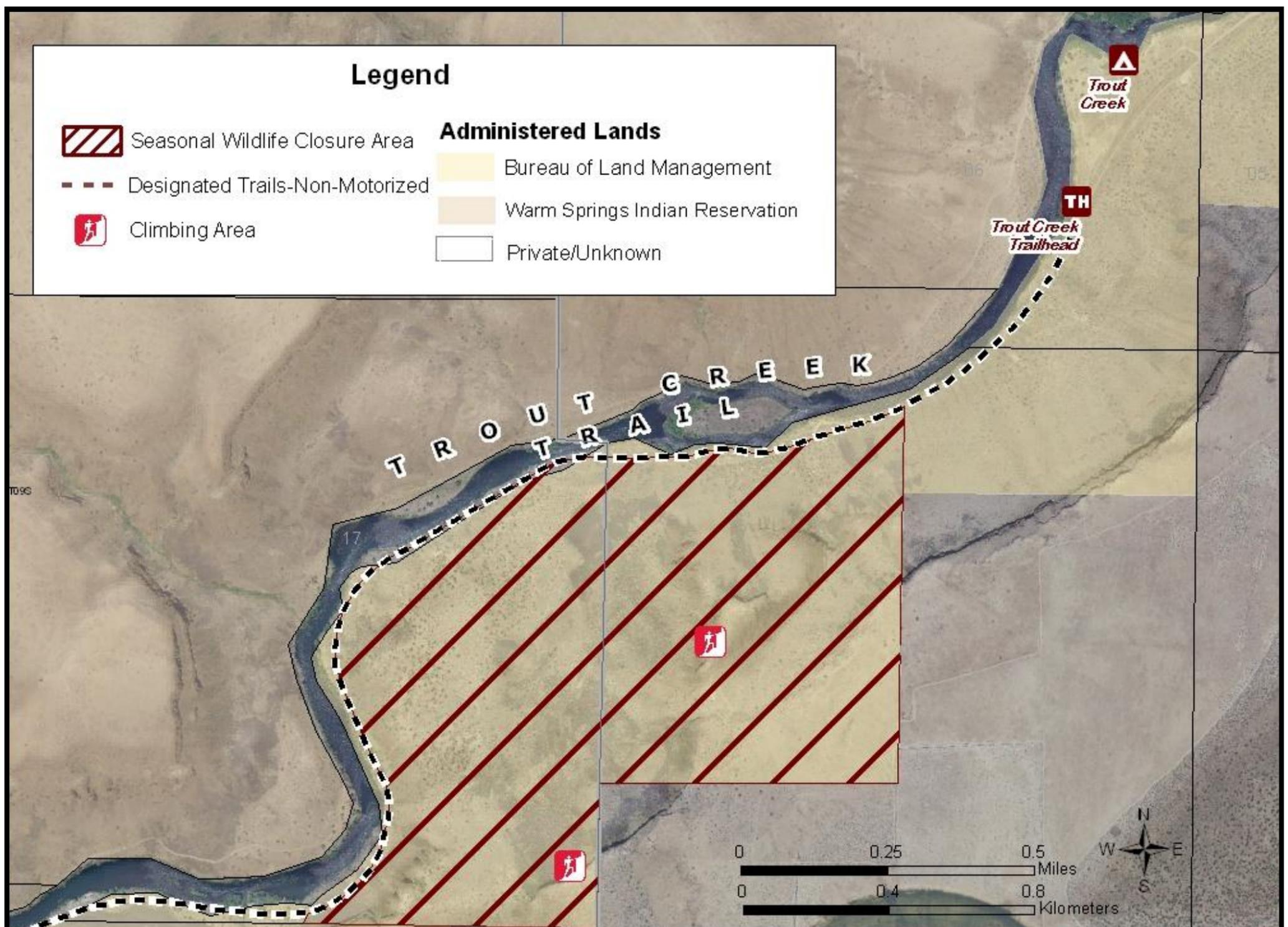




Trout Creek Seasonal Wildlife Closure Jan. 15—Aug. 31

Visitors are required to stay on the Trout Creek Trail or between trail and the Lower Deschutes River to protect nesting golden eagles.

Visitors must not enter the closed area [leave the trail to the south (uphill)]. This closure restricts access to all uses including hiking, climbing or mountain bike use.



**Please help us protect our wildlife by following this closure.
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So...why is the area above the trail closed for hiking or climbing???

Each year, the area uphill from the trail heading south along the river will be closed to protect a pair of breeding and nesting golden eagles.

There are multiple nest options in this area, and BLM biologists will monitor the birds to see which nest they select. Once we know that—we can open up the section of the climbing wall farthest away from the nest. **We'll make that decision by May 15th.**

Golden eagles are large, dark brown birds, with lighter golden-brown feathers on their heads and necks. They are very agile and fast, and use this—combined with powerful talons—to snatch up prey including rabbits, squirrels and even small deer.

They mate at about 4 years of age and may even stay with the same mate for life.

Golden eagles prefer to nest on rocky crags or cliff faces, and generally return to the same nesting territory—or even the same nest—every year. Females lay 1-4 eggs; however only 1-2 offspring survive each year.



Disturbance by humans is a leading cause of nest failure. People walking or climbing near a nest—**or even being within view of an eagle on a nest**—can cause an adult bird to abandon the nest. This means eggs can get cold, young don't get fed, and the nest is open to predation.

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