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## **North Bank Habitat Management Area's West Entrance to Close Temporarily on August 24**

The North Bank Habitat Management Area will close the West Entrance (located about 5 miles east of Wilbur) and the entire length of Blacktail Ridge Road (number 26-5-11.2) starting August 24 for road improvements. Road work will include grading, graveling, and drainage improvements. The West Entrance and Blacktail Ridge Road will be closed through September 30.

All other public access into the North Bank Habitat Management Area will remain open while road improvements are under way at the West entrance and along Blacktail Ridge Road.

For further information, please contact Ariel Hiller at 541-440-4930.

The BLM manages more land – 256 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.

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