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Final BLM closure lifted

Roseburg, Oregon-August 31, 2009. As a result of the announcement that the Williams Creek fire located approximately 15 miles east of Glide has been fully controlled, the Bureau of Land Management has announced that it is lifting all remaining closures that had resulted from the fire, which was first reported on July 28.

All BLM lands east of Rock Creek and west of Canton Creek that were previously closed for public safety and fire management access have been reopened to the general public.

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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