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BLM and ODOT Closures Planned for Work on Tioga Bridge Project

Roseburg, Ore. – The Roseburg District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will temporarily close a portion of the North Umpqua River to rafters and fishermen, August 20-25, 2012, during construction and setting of the Tioga Bridge over the North Umpqua River.

As construction continues on the Tioga Bridge near mile post 28, along Highway 138, workers will utilize a large crane to lift and set bridge sections onto foundations and piers in the river.

All rafting and floating on the river between Susan Creek put-in to Baker Wayside will be closed during this period to ensure safety of the public during crane lifting operations and final assembly of the bridge structures. In addition, fly-fishing will also be restricted two hundred yards up and down stream of the Tioga Bridge construction site during that time period.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) expects delays between 20 and 30 minutes on Highway 138 during the bridge setting.

The Tioga Bridge construction site is located 28 miles east of Roseburg, OR, along Highway 138.

For further information, please contact the Roseburg District BLM at (541) 440-4930. For Further information on recreation opportunities on BLM, visit us on the web at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/recreation/index.php>

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