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Cobble Beach and Quarry Cove Trail at Yaquina Head Closed to Public Access

Salem, Ore—The Bureau of Land Management has closed Cobble Beach and the Quarry Cove Trail at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area in the interest of public safety.

All other areas of Yaquina Head are open to the public.

After weeks of heavy rain along the Oregon Coast, some BLM facilities at Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area have started to show signs of weather-related stress, including small slides and sinkholes. Additionally, higher than normal tides and large surf present additional dangers to the public near the shoreline.

Cobble Beach and Quarry Cove Trail will remain closed until the facilities are determined to be safe for public access. The Yaquina Head Historic Lighthouse and observation deck, the Interpretive Center, Quarry Cove, and the Communications Hill and Salal Hill hiking trails remain open.

BLM staff are assessing the weather-related damage to these facilities and will determine when they are safe for the public to use. Popular winter events at Yaquina Head, including whale-watching and storm-watching from the deck around the lighthouse, will continue during park hours (8:00 a.m. to sunset).

For more information about the BLM's Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/yaquina/index.php>

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