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Emergency Bridge Closure on Yellowstone Access Road

Sweet Home, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management, Salem District, has temporarily closed access to the Yellowstone Bridge. Federal Highway bridge inspectors performing routine maintenance checks of bridges on Salem BLM managed lands, found the bridge to be unsafe.

The Yellowstone Bridge, is located approximately 18 miles northeast of Sweet Home, Oregon (SE1/4 section 27, T11S R3E at the junction of the 11-3E-35.1 and 11-3E-27.1 roads). Emergency closure signs are being posted and barricades put into place.

The Yellowstone Bridge and immediate road junction will be closed until further notice. Federal Highway engineers will be evaluating mitigations and future actions for repair or replacement. Please plan accordingly if traveling in this area.

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