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BLM Issues Seasonal Road Closure in Juniper Dunes

SPOKANE, WA -- Effective at 12:01 a.m. on March 1, 2009, public lands in the northwestern portion of the Juniper Dunes area located in Franklin County, Washington will be temporarily closed to motorized vehicles. These lands are administered by the Spokane District Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The closure order prohibits the operation of any type of motorized vehicle within the closed area during the period from March 1 to August 15, 2009. The temporary closure is necessary for the protection of wildlife and botanical resources.

A copy of the closure order will be posted at locations throughout the affected area. A notice will also be published in the *Federal Register*. A copy of the order and a map of the closed area are available on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/newsroom/index.php>.

Violations of this closure regulation are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

For more information about the closure, please call the BLM Spokane District Office at (509) 536-1200, or visit the BLM Spokane District Office at 1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane Valley, Washington 99212.

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The BLM manages more land – 256 million 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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