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Birch Creek Ranch and Road Closed for the Winter Months

VALE, OREGON-The Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, gave notice today that the BLM will be implementing an emergency closure of the Birch Creek Ranch Road and the historic Birch Creek Ranch. The closure will be in effect from November 30 to February 15, as published in the Federal Register.

The closure is being implemented to protect natural and historic resources associated with the access road and the ranch during the winter months. “BLM will not be plowing or maintaining the Birch Creek Road during these months and attempts by the public to use the road could be extremely hazardous” said Carolyn Freeborn, Jordan Field Manager.

The closure also prohibits access to the ranch from across the Owyhee River. Accessing the Birch Creek Road or ranch during this closure could result in law enforcement action.

For further information or if you have questions regarding this closure please contact Carolyn Freeborn, Jordan Field Manager at the Vale District at 541-473-6208 or visit the Vale District website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale.

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