

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS: Douglas County.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Roseburg District, Swiftwater Resource Area

ACTION: Temporary closure of public land in Douglas County.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that public lands west of Glide, OR as described below are closed to all unauthorized entry, effective immediately and remaining in effect until the Cable Crossing Fire is declared controlled, which is currently projected to be Thursday, October 30, 2015. This closure affects public lands within the road and area closure perimeter of the Cable Crossing fire area, administered by the BLM through the Swiftwater Resource Area of the Roseburg District Office, and is specific to BLM lands and routes only. Please see attached map.

This emergency closure is necessary to ensure public safety, land health, and resource integrity during firefighting activities and initial suppression rehabilitation efforts. The fire is not contained or controlled, and ongoing suppression and restoration activities preclude safe public access. The areas affected by this closure order will be posted with appropriate regulator signs at main access and entry points.

BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area. You may obtain maps of the closure area and information from the Roseburg District Office.

AFFECTED AREA: Beginning at the western boundary of Township 26 South, Range 3 West, Section 11 (Willamette Meridian) and Highway 138; due south along the Section lines to the southwest corner of Township 26 South, Range 3 West, Section 26; the land north of the Section lines running due east to the southeast corner of Township 26 South, Range 2 West, Section 28; due north along the section lines to the junction with Highway 138; the land south of Highway 138 traveling west along Highway 138 to the beginning point.

The North Umpqua River Corridor is closed to rafting, fishing, hiking and all other purposes from Baker Wayside (County Park) downstream to Deadline Falls. The North Umpqua Trail is closed from Tioga Bridge downstream to the Swiftwater Trailhead. The Swiftwater Trailhead parking area is closed. The Swiftwater Bridge is closed. The Swiftwater Park Day Use Area is closed. Entry into closure area is limited to Firefighting resources, current land owners and by permit.

Please see attached map. The boundaries of the affected public lands are located at:

Township 26 S, R 3 W, Sections: 1, 11, 13, 23, 25 and 26.

Township 26 S, R 2 W, Sections: 7, 17, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 30.

PROHIBITIONS: You must not enter the described closure areas by any means of motorized or non-motorized transportation, to include foot traffic.

DATES: This closure will be in effect immediately and will remain in effect until the Cable Crossing Fire is declared controlled, which is currently projected to be Friday, October 30, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional maps of the closure area may be obtained online at:
<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/newsroom/index.php>

or hardcopies from the office listed below:

Roseburg District Office, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd. Roseburg, OR 97471 (541) 440-4930

EXCEPTIONS: Persons who are exempt from these rules include:

- a. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs;
- b. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties;
- c. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties;
- d. Individuals with valid existing rights for access (e.g. Reciprocal and Unilateral Right of Way agreement holders or internal landowners)
- e. Any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management

EXCEPTION REQUEST: Persons wishing to obtain an exception may submit a written request to the Swiftwater Resource Area Field Manager for consideration. If an exception is granted, the permitted party must carry the written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer, Swiftwater Resource Area Field Manager when entering the closure area.

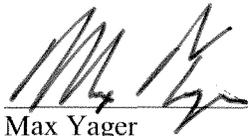
PENALTIES:

43 CFR 8364.1 Closure and restriction orders.

- (a) To protect persons, property, and public lands and resources, the authorized officer may issue an order to close or restrict use of designated public lands.
- (d) Any person who fails to comply with a closure or restriction order issued under this subpart may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7 of this title.

43 CFR 8360.0-7 Penalties.

Violations of any regulations in this part by a member of the public are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.



Max Yager

Swiftwater Resource Area Field Manager

Date: August 7, 2015