

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Northwest Oregon District, Oregon.

ACTION: Temporary Closure of Public Lands – Updated November 11, 2021

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3(d) and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective November 1, 2021, the BLM is reopening certain areas within Wild and Scenic Molalla River Corridor, Beachie Creek Fire closure to public access. The gate at Ivor-Davies Wayside was opened November 1st and a safety corridor of approximately 150 feet on either side of the road has been cleared of danger trees to allow access as far at the Table Rock Trailhead. All roads stemming from the Molalla Mainline have not had danger trees cleared and will remain closed to all forms of public access, **even if ungated** (see accompanying maps).

Note: A multitude of hazards such as unstable slopes prone to rock fall; fire affected trees prone to windfall; and infrastructure damaged by the fires have made lands within the fire perimeter unsafe for entry.

AFFECTED AREA: All BLM managed public lands, roads, sites, and trails within the following areas are adjusted by this UPDATED closure notice:

- South Molalla Road (6-3E-6) to Middle Fork Road (7-3E-14) to Table Rock Access Road (7-4E-7) are open, 150 feet on either side, upriver to the Table Rock Trailhead.

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:

The following recreation sites in the Molalla River corridor are open to the public.

- Hardy Creek Trailhead.
- Table Rock Trailhead.
- Unburnt portions of the Table Rock Wilderness shown on the attached map.
- Dispersed camping opportunities alongside the road are very limited at this time.

DATES: This order is effective November 1, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Huston, Field Manager, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, OR 97306, telephone (503) 315-5969.

DISCUSSION OF THE RULES: The public must not enter the Beachie Creek and Riverside closure areas indicated outside this addendum. All uses within the closure area are prohibited. Exceptions to these prohibitions are noted below under Exemptions. You must not enter closed recreation sites. Recovery of these areas is expected to continue into next year, 2022.

EXEMPTIONS: The following exemptions from the provisions of this Order:

- Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized medical, rescue or firefighting force engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs.
- BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties:
 - Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.
 - Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer (Field Manager or District Manager) allowing access to the described public lands.

PENALTIES: Any person who violates this may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Vehicles found in violation of this order may be removed.

EFFECTIVE: This Order is effective immediately upon signature.



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