RESCISSION OF EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER FOR HOLIDAY FARM FIRE

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


SUMMARY: This notice rescinds the emergency closure of BLM-administered public lands in the Northwest Oregon District issued on September 22, 2020 associated with the Holiday Farm Fire with the exception of the gravel portion of Goodpasture Road and Mt.Hagan Rd 2611 where hazard tree removal is ongoing.

As District Manager I have determined that fire and resource conditions have changed, and the area closure in the Holiday Farm Fire Area is no longer needed.

Citizens are reminded to use extra caution within the burned areas as conditions remain potentially hazardous. Hazardous conditions include fire weakened trees and limbs that may fall, loose rock, ash and dust that may be toxic or carcinogenic, and soils with reduced stability. Burned areas may also be more fragile and susceptible to damage from use. The public is urged to avoid burned areas, avoid travelling along roadways where standing dead trees may strike or block the roadway, and use extreme caution if they do enter these areas. The public is also reminded that all laws protecting public lands and resources from damage or unauthorized use remain in place; violators can be prosecuted, and convictions can lead to fines or imprisonment.

This rescission does not change the status of any other BLM closure or fire restriction orders.

AFFECTED AREA: The following BLM-managed roads and public lands150 feet on either side of roads remain closed:

- The gravel portion of Goodpasture Road
- Mt. Hagen Rd 2611

See attached map.

DATES: This order is effective April 22, 12:01 am and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the public lands.
DISCUSSION OF THE RULES: The public must not enter the closure area. All uses within the closure area are prohibited. Exceptions to these prohibitions are noted below under Exemptions.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Teitzel, Acting District Manager, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, OR 97306, telephone (503) 375-5646.

EFFECTIVE: This Order is effective at 12:01am on Friday, April 22, 2022.