U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS:

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

ACTION: Closure of Established Campgrounds and Implementing Temporary Use Restrictions

SUMMARY: The Northwest Oregon District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that we are:

1. Closing all BLM established campgrounds across the Northwest Oregon District.
2. Implementing temporary use restrictions across the Northwest Oregon District as follows:
   a. Dispersed camping on BLM managed lands.
   b. Use of OHVs on BLM managed lands; OHV systems at Shotgun and Nestucca are closed at this time.
   c. Campfires, including those in metal fire rings, are restricted on BLM managed lands.
   d. Smoking, except while in non-public buildings, closed vehicles, in boats on the water, or while standing in the water.
   e. Discharging a firearm except for legal hunting purposes.
   f. Violating any State of Oregon Department of Forestry Regulated Closure Proclamation in effect during the time of this restriction.

For BLM managed lands east of I-5, please see order signed on September 10, 2020.

This action is taken due to documented fire events on September 7 and 8, 2020 and observed extreme fire danger and behavior have prompted the closure of these sites while fire suppression crews respond to the incidents. This order will be revisited and renewed if warranted until fire danger has passed.

DATES: This temporary use restrictions will be in effect through 9/30/2020.

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

DISCUSSION OF THE RULES: Under the authority of 43 CFR 9268.3(d)(1)(i), persons and vehicles are prohibited from entering recreation sites for reasons of concern for public health and safety. Incidents of extreme fire behavior and extreme fire danger have been observed throughout the District. You must
not enter closed recreation sites.

EXEMPTIONS: Persons who are exempt from these rules include:

- Any Federal, State, or local officer or employee in the scope of their duties;

- Members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty; and

- Any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management, including authorized volunteer camp hosts.

Any further exceptions to this rule may be authorized by the pertinent BLM Field Manager.

PENALTIES: The authorities for this closure are section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Any person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than $1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

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