



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

AMENDED EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

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Roseburg District, Swiftwater Resource Area

On September 9, 2020, the Roseburg District issued an Emergency Closure Order that closed all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands east of Interstate 5 managed by the Swiftwater Resource Area. Then, on September 28, 2020, the BLM amended the Emergency Closure Order to provide additional public access to areas outside of the Archie Creek Fire suppression operations. **This Amended Emergency Closure Order updates the BLM lands that will remain closed until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the public lands.**

Action: Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management hereby provides notice that effective at noon on Friday, October 23, 2020, the BLM public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access and will remain closed to protect public land users from risks associated with active wildland fire, fire suppression, suppression repair, emergency stabilization, and burned area rehabilitation. Our priority is the health and safety of the public and our employees. The BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area.

Affected Area: The BLM-administered lands in the Swiftwater Resource Area within the Archie Creek Fire perimeter as indicated on the enclosed map are closed. These BLM lands are in Douglas County, Oregon. This includes portions of Rock Creek Road and all BLM campgrounds located within the fire perimeter (Rock Creek, Lone Pine, Millpond, and Susan Creek). BLM day use areas and pull-outs along State Highway 138 that are not being used for staging areas for fire recovery activities are open. Barricades and closure signs indicate where public access is prohibited along the Highway 138 corridor. Cavitt Creek Falls and Scaredman Campgrounds are closed for the season.

Prohibitions: The public must not enter the closure area. All uses within the closure area are prohibited. You must not enter by any means of motorized or non-motorized transportation, to include foot traffic. Exceptions to these prohibitions are noted below under Supplemental Information.

Dates: This closure is effective at noon on Friday, October 23, 2020, and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the affected public lands.

Supplemental Information: The following persons are exempt from the provisions of this Order:

1. 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.
2. BLM employees, contractors, agents or other individuals engaged in official duties.

3. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.
4. Individuals with valid existing rights for access (e.g. Reciprocal and Unilateral Right of Way agreement holders or internal landowners in the act of direct access to their property).
5. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.

Exception Requests: Persons wishing to obtain an exception may submit a written request to the Roseburg District Manager for consideration. If an exception is granted, the permitted party must carry the written approval signed by the Roseburg District 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.

Effective: This Order is effective at noon on Friday, October 23, 2020.

Signed By:

HEATHER WHITMAN Digitally signed by HEATHER WHITMAN
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October 22, 2020

Heather Whitman, District Manager/Authorized Officer

Date