EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS

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

ACTION: Temporary Closure of Public Lands

REFERENCE NUMBER: CO-ORN-010-2023-01

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3(d), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that the public lands described below, and identified on the attached map, are closed to all forms of public access to protect public health and safety. This action is in response to unsafe conditions resulting from unmitigated overhead hazards and damaged infrastructure at the following recreation sites in the Beachie Creek Fire burned area.

- Canyon Creek Recreation Site
- Elkhorn Canyon Recreation Site
- Fishermen’s Bend Recreation Site. Access to the boat ramp and to some immediately adjacent day-use areas is open. The remainder of the recreation site remains closed.

DATES: This closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe entry.

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 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, or agents engaged in official duties.
3. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.
4. 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: Kirstin Heins, Field Manager, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon 97306. Telephone 503-375-5646.

EFFECTIVE: This order is effective immediately upon signature.

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Cascades Field Office
Closures due to Beachie Creek and Riverside Fires as of 11/1/2022

Canyon Creek and Elkhorn recreation sites are closed. Fishermens Bend recreation site is closed except for boat ramp access. Other areas within Beachie Creek and Riverside burned areas are open.