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## RESCISSION OF EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF ROGUE RIVER

Rum Creek Fire Area

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Oregon.

**ACTION:** Rescission of temporary closure of the Rogue River between Grave Creek and Russian Creek in the Grants Pass Field Office, Medford District.

**SUMMARY:** This notice rescinds the emergency closure of the BLM-managed river section of the Rogue River between Grave Creek and Russian Creek issued on August 22, 2022.

As Field Manager I have determined in consultation with appropriate agencies that resource conditions have changed and the closure is no longer needed.

The public is cautioned that although boaters may float through this section of river, the Rum Creek Fire is still active and they enter at their own risk. The public should use appropriate judgment and move through the area promptly.

The Rum Creek Fire is still actively burning downhill in steep terrain. Conditions in burned areas will remain potentially hazardous for the foreseeable future. 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, and to 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 BLM-managed river section of the Rogue River between Grave Creek and Russian Creek. The following BLM administered Lands are affect by this closure:

T34S R07W	T33S R07W
Section 1	Section 32
T34S R07W	T33S R07W
Section 2	Section 33
T34S R07W	T33S R07W
Section 5	Section 34
	T33S R07W
	Section 35

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This change will take effect at 12:01 AM on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kyle Sullivan, Public Affairs Specialist, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford OR 97504, telephone (541) 618-2340. This notice and the closure map is also available online at <a href="https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions">https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions</a>.

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