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NOTICE OF EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER UMTANUM BRIDGE

AGENCY: Wenatchee Field Office, Spokane District, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Recreation Site Emergency Closure Order temporarily restricting access to the Umtanum Bridge in the Yakima River Canyon in central Washington.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that due to the Cow Canyon Fire, an Emergency Site Closure Order that temporarily restricts access and use of the Umtanum Bridge is now in effect. Water and campground access for the BLM-managed public lands that make up this recreation area are not restricted.

DATES: This Closure Order will be in effect from August 4, 2022 – until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Recreation Site Closure Order only affects the Umtanum Bridge and BLM lands across the bridge. The remaining public lands managed by the BLM within the Yakima River Canyon Recreation Area are not affected. The Recreation Area Closure is necessary to ensure public safety. BLM will post the Order at the main entry points to the bridge. A copy of the Closure Order and a map of the affected area will be available at the BLM Wenatchee Field Office (see contact information above). Under the authority of Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 9212.12, the following acts are temporarily prohibited:

Access to and crossing Umtanum Bridge.

The following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes construction activity.
2. Persons conducting activities where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted notice.
3. Any federal, state, or local officer or employee in the performance of their official duties, including members of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
4. Other exemptions unique to each agency/tribe.

NOTE: An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for performing any exempted activity.

Any person who knowingly and willfully violates this Recreation Site Closure Order issued under 9268.3(c)(2) may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Done at the Wenatchee Field Office this 4th day of August 2022.

Chris Sheridan
Acting Wenatchee Field Manager