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EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS

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

ACTION: Temporary Closure of Public Lands

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3(d) and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective immediately, the public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. This action is in response to an active landslide on the Rogue River Trail. The BLM is keeping the following public lands closed in order to ensure safety of the public and rehabilitation crews.

AFFECTED AREA: Please see attached map. Portions of BLM administered lands in the following are affected by this closure: T33S R10W – NE ½ of section 10 (north of the Rogue River)

DATES: This closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the public lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Sullivan, Public Affairs Officer, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford OR 97504, telephone (541) 618-2340. This notice is also available online at https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions.

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. You must not enter closed areas. This restriction will be rescinded once conditions improve, and public safety can be ensured.

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. Individuals with valid existing rights for access (e.g., Reciprocal and Unilateral Right of Way agreement holders, permit holders, permittees or lease holders, or internal landowners); and
- 5. Parties who carry written approval 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.

EFFECTIVE: This Order is effective immediately upon signature.

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