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Notice of Temporary Trail Closure Order – Nome Creek Trail

OFFICE: Eastern Interior Field Office, White Mountains National Recreation Area, Fairbanks Alaska

ACTIONS: Nome Creek Trail Closure – trail closure near the Nome Creek Bridge in Nome Creek Valley.

SUMMARY: Nome Creek Trail Closure – A temporary trail closure approximately one (1) mile in length near the Nome Creek Bridge in Nome Creek Valley, for approximately eight (8) weeks between June 1 and July 26, 2025, or until construction is completed as determined by the Authorized Officer. The temporary trail closure is required because heavy equipment work will commence in the surrounding area to perform restoration on the stream and surrounding floodplain, stock piling and placing material. The public should avoid the surrounding restoration project area which will include a staging zone for heavy equipment, fuel, and a construction camp.

Signs will be posted along the trail in the Nome Creek Valley to notify the public of the temporary closures. BLM law enforcement rangers and other employees will be in the area to enforce the temporary restriction on motor vehicles.

RATIONALE: 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 – 43 CFR 8364.1

EXEMPTIONS: This order does not apply to Federal, State, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or firefighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM.

LOCATION: White Mountains National Recreation Area, within the Nome Creek Valley near the Nome Creek Bridge.

DATES: Approximately June 1 – July 26, 2025.

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS: https://www.blm.gov/visit/whitemountains/trail-update and <u>https://www.facebook.com/BLMWhiteMountains/</u>

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES: Any person who violates the temporary closures or restrictions in this order may be tried before a United States magistrate and fined in accordance with <u>18 U.S.C. 3571</u>, imprisoned no more than 12 months under <u>43 U.S.C. 1733(a)</u> and <u>43 CFR 8360.0–7</u>, or both. In accordance with <u>43 CFR 8365.1–7</u>, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of State law.

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