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Notice of Temporary Closure

OFFICE: Deschutes Field Office, Prineville District, Oregon

ACTION: Temporary Closure

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management Deschutes Field Office hereby provides notice that effective June 1, 2025, public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. This action is in response to public health and natural resource concerns following several years of long-term camping that has created large amounts of trash and human waste. In addition, people camping in this area have developed illegal user-created routes, cut fences and removed vegetation.

RATIONALE: This closure is pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 and 43 CFR 9268.3(d).

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: All BLM-managed public lands in Township 16 South, Range 12 East, Section 34 SE/NE

DATES: This closure is effective June 1, 2025 and will remain in effect until June 1, 2027. This order may be extended if restoration actions are not completed and public health issues are not resolved. BLM staff will evaluate damage and will determine a schedule for repairs and restoration, pending funding availability.

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS: Notification will be posted at all current entrances to the public lands described in this order, and is available at the Prineville District Office, 3050 N.E. 3rd Street, Prineville, OR 97754. This order is posted online at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions>

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 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.0–7, or both. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1–7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of State law.

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