

## United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Grants Pass Field Office 2164 NE Spalding Ave, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526 http://www.blm.gov

## **Notice of Temporary Closure**

**OFFICE**: Grants Pass Field Office, Medford District, Oregon

**ACTION**: Temporary Closure

**SUMMARY** The Bureau of Land Management Grants Pass Field Office herby provides notice that effective immediately, the Cow Creek Scenic Byway and public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. This action is in response to the Dad's Creek Fire that started on August 31, 2025. The closure is to protect firefighter and public safety. Driving, hiking, camping and all other activities are prohibited in the closure area until the order is lifted.

**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:** The closure includes the BLM-managed portion of the Cow Creek Scenic Byway from the Ruben Historic Marker to the intersection with Dad's Creek. Township 33 South Range 07 West Section 2 and 3, Township 32 South Range 07 West Sections 27, 28, 33 and 34.

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

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS: Notification will be posted at the trailhead and is available at the Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 N.E. Spalding Ave, Grants Pass, OR 97526. Closure information is also posted online at: https://www.blm.gov/orwafire.

**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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