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EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS: FPO-ORN-00500-2025-02

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Northwest Oregon 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 September 24, 2025, the public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. The BLM is closing access to the affected area to provide for public safety during the road construction portion of the Brushback timber sale project, awarded in August 2025. Sale-related operations within the Brushback timber sale project area, including road construction and timber harvest will be ongoing through August 2028. This temporary closure is only for the road construction portion of the timber sale in the vicinity of the affected area described below. Additional closure orders for subsequent sale-related operations will be issued as necessary during the three-year period of the contract.

AFFECTED AREA: The BLM-administered public roads in T15S, R2W, Section 2: Road No. 15-2-1, the section of Road No. 15-1-18.2 adjacent to timber sale operations and BLM-administered lands accessible from those roads in the E ½ T15S, R2W, Sec 2 shown on the attached map. This includes access to the Horse Rock Ridge Area of Critical Environmental Concern-Research Natural Area (ACEC-RNA) from the east entrance.

DATES: This closure is effective September 24, 2025, and will remain in effect until October 31, 2025 unless a rescission of the closure order is issued prior.

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.

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. The Purchaser of the Brushback timber sale, its contractors and sub-contractors.
4. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.

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.

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