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Notice of Temporary Road Closure Order Nome Creek Road Construction

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

ACTIONS: Nome Creek Road Repair – midweek road closures on the West end of the Nome Creek Road June 1– September 30, 2026.

SUMMARY: Nome Creek Road Repair - June 1 – September 30, or until construction is completed as determined by the Authorized Officer, from 6 a.m. on Mondays to 7 p.m. on Fridays, the western part of Nome Creek Road, which leads to Ophir Creek Campground from Nome Creek Bridge, may be closed for road improvements and culvert replacement to improve drainage and reduce the likelihood of spring washouts. During the closures, the public will not be able to access recreation sites along the road, including Table Top Mountain Trail, Nome Creek Airstrip, Moose Creek Landing, Ophir Creek Campground, and the put-in for Beaver Creek Wild and Scenic River.

The road will be open on weekends, federal holidays, and for moose hunting September 1-15.

For openings, travelers should expect traffic controls and delays of up to 20 minutes. The eastern section of Nome Creek Road will not be under construction and will remain open, providing summer access to Quartz Creek Trail, Mount Prindle Campground, and upper Nome Creek.

Signs will be posted on the Steese Highway, US Creek RD, and 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, including the West end of Nome Creek Road from the bridge to Ophir Creek Campground.

DATES: June 1-August 31 and September 16- 30, 2026, or until construction is completed.

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS:

<https://www.blm.gov/visit/white-mountains/trail-update>
<https://www.facebook.com/BLMWhiteMountains/>

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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APPROVED BY:

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