

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Temporary Closure

OFFICE: Coeur d'Alene Field Office

ACTION: Temporary Site Closure

SUMMARY: By order, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Beauty Bay Recreation Site is temporarily closed to protect public safety during harvest operations planned September 8-October 8, 2026. The order will be issued immediately with full force and effect, temporarily closing the Beauty Bay Recreation Site. During the identified closure period, Beauty Bay Recreation Site area is closed to all public.

RATIONALE: This closure is necessary to protect public safety due to the threat posed by numerous pine beetle-infested hazard trees within the area that will be falling during harvest operations. This temporary closure order is issued pursuant to **43 CFR 8364.1** to protect public safety, facilitate potential renovation activities, avoid conflicts among public land users, and ensure compliance with updated regulatory requirements. **The order will be issued with immediate full force and effect** in accordance with the modernized rule. The temporary closure complies with the 2007 Coeur d'Alene Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) by simply exercising the authority to restrict use when needed and does not alter the underlying route designation decided in the RMP/TMP. This order is supported by RMP Goal RC-1 and Objective RC-1.c2, which guide the BLM to ensure visitor safety, and provide high-quality recreation experiences while providing controls and limits to protect visitors and the landscape by establishing additional rules in response to changing situations.

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.

This order does not apply to activities conducted under contract with the BLM, agency personnel monitoring the event, or activities conducted under an approved plan of operations. Authorized users must have in their possession a written permit or contract from the BLM, signed by the authorized officer.

LOCATION & DATES: Beauty Bay Recreation Site is located in Township 49 North, Range 3 West, Section 11, approximately 11 miles southeast of Coeur d'Alene on Highway 97. The closure is in effect September 8-October 8, 2026.

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS: [Advisories and Closures | Bureau of Land Management](#) www.blm.gov/idaho/advisories-and-closures

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Coeur d'Alene Field Office at (208) 769-5000

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