

Bureau of Land Management
Notice of Temporary Closure or Restriction Order

OFFICE (FO/DO/State): Owyhee Field Office and Bruneau Field Office, Boise District, Idaho

ACTION (Closure or Restriction): Closure

SUMMARY: The Bruneau and Owyhee Field Office are amending the temporary closure dated August 26, 2026 by extending and modifying the closure as follows.

- All public lands within the perimeter of the fire remain closed to the public.
- The unburned area around South Mountain that is surrounded by the fire perimeter is closed.
- The unburned area South of Mud Flat Road between the Star Ranch Road and the Yellow House (Pole Creek East) Rd and Big Springs Road (see map)
- The county maintained roads through the fire perimeter remain open, but 2-track roads off of those main roads remain closed.
- All off road motorized travel is prohibited.

The closure will remain in place and is anticipated to be lifted September 19th, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. This closure is necessary to ensure the safety of the public and firefighters engaged in suppression operations on the Big Grass Fire in Idaho.

RATIONALE: This closure is necessary to ensure the safety of the public and firefighters engaged in suppression repair operations on the Big Grass Fire in Idaho and complies with 43 CFR 8364.1. This closure does not affect private land. The area would be monitored by BLM and County Law Enforcement personnel to ensure compliance with the closure.

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; ranchers with grazing permits within the closure; individuals may access their private land within the closure; 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: see map

DATES: September 4 to September 19, 2026.

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS

Press Release and Social Media

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES: Any person who violates the temporary closure 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: Chad Cline, Fire Information at 208-384-3378 or ccline@blm.gov.

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