



TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management California

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS FOR PAVEMENT REPAIRS AND RESURFACING WORK

September 21, 2026

Office: Arcata Field Office, Northern California District, California

Action: Temporary closure of Headwaters Forest Reserve near Eureka, California.

Summary: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is temporarily closing the Headwaters Forest Reserve in Humboldt County near Eureka, California for pavement repairs and resurfacing on the Elk River Trail. The Elk River Trail and Elk River Trailhead will be closed to public access for the duration of the project. Visitors should not enter the construction area or attempt to travel around closure barriers. Construction is scheduled to begin Sept. 21, with the trail expected to reopen following completion of the project on Oct. 2. The schedule may change depending on construction conditions.

Rationale: The closure is necessary to allow construction equipment to operate safely and to protect both visitors and workers during the project. The work will improve approximately one mile of paved trail, including repairing damaged sections of pavement, placing a new asphalt overlay, improving trail shoulders, and other associated repairs.

Exemptions: This order does not apply to:

1. Federal, state, and local officers, and employees in the performance of their official duties.
2. Members of organized medical, rescue, or firefighting forces in the performance of their official duties.
3. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties.
4. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.
5. Salmon Pass guided hikes reserved on Recreation.gov

Location: Elk River Trail Head, Eureka, CA.

Dates: This closure is effective Monday, Sept. 21 through Friday, Oct. 2, but may be extended if needed.

Notifications Methods and Posted Locations: Electronically posted to BLM Arcata Field Office website, Headwaters Forest Reserve website, BLM California social media, and dispersed to local media outlets. Physically posted at the Arcata Field Office and at the Headwaters Forest Reserve trailheads.

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: Arcata Field Office at (707) 825-2300.

Signed by:

Field Manager (acting)

Date