

## **Bureau of Land Management**

### **Notice of Temporary Closure or Restriction Order**

**OFFICE:** Coeur d'Alene Field Office, Idaho

**ACTION:** Temporary Closure

**SUMMARY:** Big Creek -Shoshone County, Idaho. Area in the vicinity of the Central Shoshone County Water District intake facility will be closed to camping, parking or other uses for the duration of the construction activities beginning September 28 through November 30, 2026. The BLM in cooperation with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Trout Unlimited and the Restoration Partnership are removing the deteriorated concrete and steel dam, water intake structures and associated facilities. These actions will improve fish passage within the Big Creek watershed, providing access to clean and cool habitats for spawning and rearing—habitats that have been obstructed due to the dam's height and water velocity.

This order is to protect persons, property and public lands and resources while allowing construction and restoration equipment access to the site. Travel access through the area on the county road will continue as open throughout the project period of work.

**RATIONALE:** This closure is in accordance with 43 CFR 8364.1 (a), the 2007 Coeur d'Alene Resource Management Plan, and the Decision Record for Upper Big Creek Fish Passage & Restoration

**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 or Trout Unlimited, agency personnel monitoring the event, or activities conducted under an approved plan of operations.*

**LOCATION:** Big Creek, Shoshone County, Idaho. T. 48N R. 3E sec. 22.

**DATES:** The temporary closure will be effective at 12:01 am on September 28 through November 30, 2026

**NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS :** [Advisories and Closures | Bureau of Land Management](#) The closure notice and map will also be posted at the construction site in Big Creek.

**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:** Douglas Evans, Natural Resource Specialist, 208-769-5000 or devans@blm.gov

**APPROVED BY:** J. Raymond Pease, District Manager (acting),

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