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Notice of Emerald Mountain Area Closure for Rotary and Ridge Trails October 1, 2026

OFFICE: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Little Snake Field Office (LSFO)

ACTION: Notice of Temporary Closure for Emerald Mountain –Rotary and portions of the Ridge Trail in the Emerald Mountain area opening up to the public the previously closed Beall Trail.

SUMMARY/RATIONALE: Notice is hereby given that BLM-managed lands in Emerald Mountain covering the Rotary and Ridge trails administered by the BLM Little Snake Field Office will be temporarily closed to all entry by members of the public in the posted maps. This order is to protect persons, property and public lands and resources for mechanical mastication to allow equipment access the mixed conifer stands surrounding the adjacent to the Rotary and Ridge trails. This closure is in accordance with [43 CFR 8364.1 \(a\)](#).

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.

DATES: The temporary closure will be effective at 12:01 am on October 1, 2026 until the project is completed or the trail can be safely used.

NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS: This closure will be posted at the Little Snake Field Office and closure signs will be posted at trailheads. Release of the closure will be posted on [Little Snake Field Office 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 FUTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Berg, Fuels Specialist USWFS, or Chris Sosebee, Outdoor Recreation Planner Little Snake Field Office, 970-826-5000 or BLM_CO_LSFO_Web@blm.gov.

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