

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS: Douglas County

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Roseburg District, South River Resource Area

ACTION: *UPDATED* Temporary closure of public land in Douglas County.

SUMMARY: *Update: Due to reduced fire and suppression activity, the emergency closure has been limited to the Fire Perimeter.*

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that public lands west of Riddle, OR as described below are closed to all unauthorized entry, effective immediately and remaining in effect until May 31, 2018. This closure affects public lands within the perimeter of the Horse Prairie Fire, administered by the BLM through the South River Resource Area of the Roseburg District Office, and is specific to BLM lands only. Please see attached map.

This emergency closure is necessary to ensure public safety from the continued risks of falling trees, landslides, and moving rocks and logs.

BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area. You may obtain maps of the closure area and information from the Roseburg District Office.

AFFECTED AREA: All BLM lands within the Horse Prairie Fire; roughly bounded by Olalla Creek, Table Mountain, Union Creek, Cow Creek Cattle Creek, Stag Ridge, Island Creek and Doe Creek. This includes all BLM lands and roads within the perimeter of the Horse Prairie fire and incorporates all or portions of the following sections:

- T.30 S., R.07 W.
secs. 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35
- T.30 S., R.08 W.
secs. 25, 35
- T.31 S., R.07 W.
secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23
- T.31 S., R.08 W.
secs. 1, 11, 13

Travel on the Cow Creek Backcountry Scenic Byway and roads adjacent to the fire perimeter are exempted from these prohibitions.

Please see attached map.

Entry into the closure area is limited to firefighting resources, current land owners/their agents and by permit.

PROHIBITIONS: You must not enter the described closure areas by any means of motorized or non-motorized transportation, to include foot traffic.

DATES: This closure is in effect immediately and will remain in effect until May 31, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information and maps of the closure area may be obtained online and at the Roseburg District Office at:

https://www.blm.gov/news/oregon-washington?body_value=&field_region_tid%5B%5D=26&date_filter%5Bvalue%5D%5Byear%5D=2017

Roseburg District Office, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg, OR, 97471
(541) 440-4930

EXCEPTIONS: Persons who are exempt from these rules include:

- a. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs;
- b. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties;
- c. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties;
- d. Individuals with valid existing rights for access (e.g. Reciprocal and Unilateral Right of Way agreement holders or internal landowners); and
- e. Any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management

EXCEPTION REQUEST: Persons wishing to obtain an exception may submit a written request to the South River Resource Area Field Manager for consideration. If an exception is granted, the permitted party must carry the written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer, South River Resource Area Field Manager when entering the closure area.

PENALTIES:

43 CFR 8364.1 Closure and restriction orders.

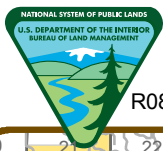
- (a) To protect persons, property, and public lands and resources, the authorized officer may issue an order to close or restrict use of designated public lands.
- (d) Any person who fails to comply with a closure or restriction order issued under this subpart may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7 of this title.

43 CFR 8360.0-7 Penalties.

Violations of any regulations in this part by a member of the public are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.


Michael J Korn
South River Field Manager

Date: September 28, 2017



Horse Prairie Area and Road Closure

R08W

R07W

R06W

R05W

T29S

T29S

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R08W

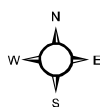
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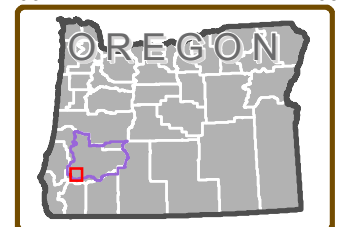
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Legend

-  Closure Area
-  Interstate Highway
-  State Highway
-  County Roads
-  Roads
-  Major Stream
-  BLM
-  Other



Date: 9/27/2017



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