U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS: Blaine County, Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Twin Falls District, Idaho.

ACTION: Temporary closure of public land in Blaine County, Idaho.

SUMMARY: The Shoshone Field Office, Twin Falls District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that it is temporarily closing certain public land areas to public use from 08/16/2013 further notice.

AREA DESCRIBED: The area closed is all BLM-managed public lands north of US Highway 20, west of Highway 75, south of the Sawtooth National Forest Boundary, east of Willow Creek Road, east of Baseline Road, and east of N 1000 E (Princess Mine Road) to its intersection with US Highway 20, or as depicted on the accompanying map.

This area is closed to all use and human entry. The emergency closure is due to wildfire activity and fire suppression activities in the area. The BLM has determined that entry into this area by the public could put fire firefighters and the public at risk. The BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area. You may obtain maps of the closure area and information from the Shoshone Field Office.

DATES: This closure will be in effect from 8/16/2013 until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Maclean, Field Manager, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID 83352. Ph. (208) 732-7200.

DISCUSSION OF THE RULES: Under the authority of 43 CFR 9268.3(d)(1)(i), BLM will enforce the following rule on public lands within the closed area:
You must not enter the closed area by any means.

EXEMPTIONS: Persons who are exempt from these rules include:
- Any Federal, State, or local officer or employee in the scope of their duties;
- Members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty;
- Any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management;
- Any landowner or landowner employee within the closure area;
- Any grazing permittee with livestock or rangeland developments within the closure area.

PENALTIES: The authorities for this closure are section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than 6 months [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].

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