U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS: Josephine County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Grants Pass Field Office, and the Siskiyou National Forest, Oregon.

ACTION: Temporary closure of public land in Josephine County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: The Medford District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), is giving notice that it is temporarily closing certain access roads and certain areas to all commercial and public use, including vehicle operation and sightseeing, beginning July 29, 2013 and will remain closed until further notice. At this time, local access only will be allowed from the Merlin Galice Road to FS road 2402.

The closed area is the BLM section of the Bear Camp Road, 34-8-36 of the Willamette Meridian. All entry will be restricted during this temporary closure in order to protect the public and to provide for firefighter safety during fire suppression operations.

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

DATES: This closure will be in effect from July 29, 2013 until further notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Rheiner Assistant Grants Pass Field Manager, 2164 NE Spalding Grants Pass, OR 97526 - (541)471-6614.

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.
You must not enter the area with any mechanized vehicle.

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; and
- Any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management.

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 person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than $1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Grants Pass Area Manager Field Manager,
Allen Bollschweiler

Date
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