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## Stouts Fire: Notice of Emergency Closure of Public Lands in Douglas County

***Roseburg, Ore.* –** The Bureau of Land Management, Roseburg District, South River Resource Area and is issuing a temporary emergency closure of public lands in Douglas County Oregon. This closure affects public lands within and adjacent to the **Stouts Fire**, on lands administered by the BLM.

This closure affects public lands inside the established perimeter of the Stout's Creek road and is specific to BLM lands and routes only. This emergency closure is necessary to ensure public safety, land health, and resource integrity during firefighting activities. The fire is not contained or controlled, and ongoing suppression and restoration activities preclude safe public access. The areas affected by this closure order will be posted with appropriate regulation signs at main access and entry points.

The BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area. The area is closed to any means of motorized and non-motorized transportation, including foot traffic. This closure will be in effect immediately and will remain in effect until the Stout's Fire is declared controlled.

The Stouts Fire was reported on Thursday, July 30, 2015, burning approximately 11 miles east of Canyonville near the community of Milo. The fire has currently burned over 19,000 acres and is 20 percent contained. Additional information on the Stouts Fire is available at:

**http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4426/**

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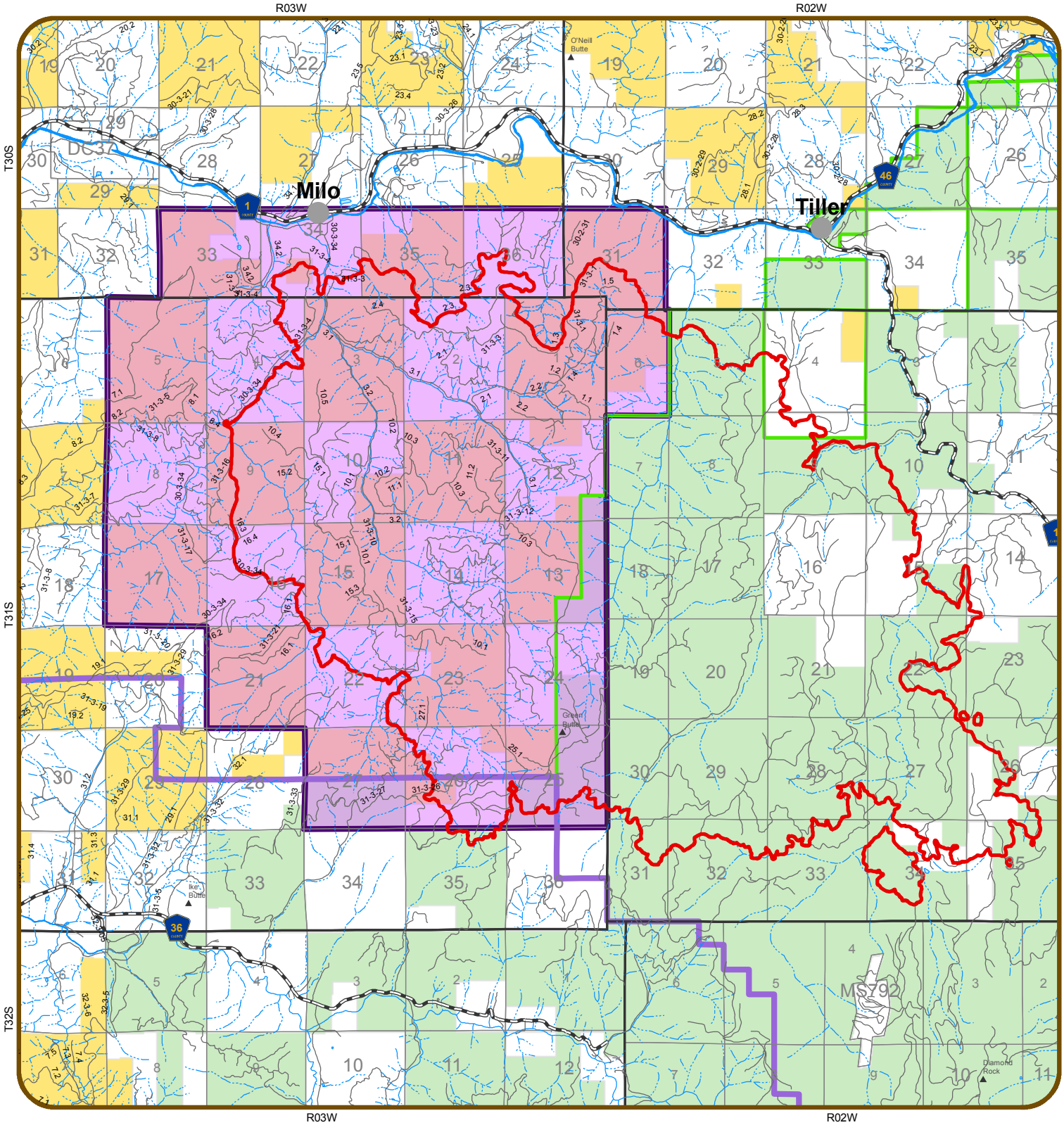
# Stouts Creek Area Closure




Stouts Creek Closure Area
Stouts Creek Fire Perimeter (2015-08-06, 0330 hrs)
County Roads
BLM and Other Roads
Minor Stream
Major Stream
Lake or Reservoir
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Forest Service
Private/Unknown

Miles
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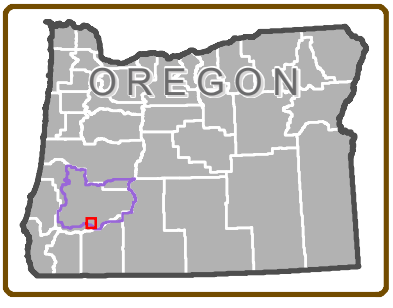

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**
**Bureau of Land Management**

**EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS:** Douglas County.

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that public lands east of Canyonville, Oregon near the community of Milo as described below are closed to all unauthorized entry, effective immediately and remaining in effect until the Stouts Fire is declared controlled, which is currently projected to be Thursday, October 30, 2015. This closure affects public lands within the road and area closure perimeter of the Stouts Fire area, administered by the BLM through the South River Resource Area of the Roseburg District Office, and is specific to BLM lands and routes only. Please see attached map.

This emergency closure is necessary to ensure public safety, land health, and resource integrity during firefighting activities and initial suppression rehabilitation efforts. The fire is not contained or controlled, and ongoing suppression and restoration activities preclude safe public access. The areas affected by this closure order will be posted with appropriate regulator signs at main access and entry points.

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:** Beginning at the northwest corner of Township 30 South, Range 3 West, Section 33 (Willamette Meridian); due east to the northeast corner of Township 30 South, Range 2 West, Section 31; due south to the southeast corner of Township 31 South, Range 2 West, Section 6; due west to the southeast corner of Township 31 South, Range 3 West, Section 1; due south to the southeast corner of Township 31 South, Range 3 West, Section 25; due west to the southwest corner of Township 31 South, Range 3 West, Section 27; due north to the southeast corner of Township 31 South, Range 3 West, Section 21; due west to the southwest corner of Township 31 South, Range 3 West, Section 21; due north to the northwest corner of Township 31 South. Range 3 West, Section 21; due west to the south west corner of Township 31 South, Range 3 West, Section 17; due north to the northwest corner of Township 31 South, Range 3 West, Section 5; due east to the southeast corner of Township 30 South, Range 3 West, Section 32; Due north on Section Line to the beginning point.

Please see attached map. The boundaries of the affected public lands are located at:

Township 30 S, R 2 W, Section: 31.
Township 30 S, R 3 W, Sections: 33, 34 and 35.
Township 31 S, R 2 W, Section: 6.
Township 31 S, R 3 W, Sections: 1,3,5,9,10,11,12,13,15,17,21,23,25,26 and 27.

**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 will be in effect immediately and will remain in effect until the Stouts Fire is declared controlled, which is currently projected to be Friday, October 30, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional maps of the closure area may be obtained online at:
http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/newsroom/index.php

or hardcopies from the office listed below:

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)
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.

Date: August 7, 2015

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