



Pacific Northwest Region  
Malheur National Forest

# News Release

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## *Reduced Area Closures have taken effect for the Bald Sisters Fire*

### JOHN DAY, OREGON –

Due to decreased fire activity in and around the Bald Sisters Fire, Malheur National Forest Supervisor Teresa Raaf has implemented a reduction in the area closure for the Bald Sisters Fire, which is located on the west slope of Baldy Mountain in the Inventoried Roadless Area. The Forest Service recognizes that access for hunting, recreation and other activities is important. However, the public is advised to travel slowly through these areas and be aware of fire traffic.

The reduced area closure for the Bald Sisters Fire took effect at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 23 and will affect the area around Baldy Mountain in the Inventoried Roadless Area, specifically:

- Starting at the Malheur National Forest (MNF) boundary and Forest Road (FR) 2635 in Sec. 30, T 13S, R 35E to the intersection with Forest Service Road (FSR) 489 in Sec. 8, T 13S, R 35E.
- East to intersection with FSR156 in Sec. 14, T 13S, R 35E, to intersection with FSR 2635, Sec. 14, T 13S, R 35E.
- East on FSR 2635 to intersection with FSR 2652 in Sec. 9, T 13S, R 35 ½E.
- South to the Grant/Baker County line in section 10, T14S R35 ½ E;
- Southwesterly along the Grant/Baker County line to FSR 13 in Sec. 17, T 14S, R 35 ½ E.
- North and northwesterly on FSR 13 to the MNF boundary in Sec. 31, T 13S, and R 35E.
- North along MNF boundary to starting point at FSR 2635.
- Road 2652 on the east side of the closure area is closed to traffic. FSR 13 and all other main routes around the area closure are open to travel. The lands within boundaries described above are closed.

The official Area Closure Orders, along with maps, will be available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/malheur/alerts-notice> as well as on <http://inciweb.nwcg.org> For more information, call 868-347-0636 or 541-575-3000.

**FIRE RESTRICTIONS:** The Malheur National Forest remains at a Phase B of the Public Use Restrictions (PURs), which prohibits or restricts use of campfires, chainsaws (firewood cutting), internal combustion engines, smoking, generators, and off-road/off-trail vehicle travel. The following are exempt from Phase B of the PURs: Eagle Cap Wilderness, Hells Canyon Wilderness, Monument Rock Wilderness, and North Fork John Day Wilderness. However there are year-round fire restrictions that are still in effect in these Wilderness areas and can be found at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/PURS>.

To report a wildfire in the northern area of the forest, please call 541-575-1321 – for the southern area, call 541-573-1000.

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