



U.S. Department of the Interior
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AMENDED EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

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Roseburg District, Swiftwater Resource Area

On September 9, 2020, the Roseburg District issued an Emergency Closure Order that closed all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands east of Interstate 5 managed by the Swiftwater Resource Area. **This Amended Emergency Closure Order updates the BLM lands that will remain closed until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the public lands.**

Action: Pursuant to 43 CFR 9268.3 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective at 1200 on Monday, September 28, 2020, the BLM public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access and will remain closed until the Archie Creek Fire is declared controlled. This closure is necessary to protect public land users from risks associated with active wildland fire, fire suppression, suppression repair, emergency stabilization, and burned area rehabilitation. The closure is also needed to protect wildland fire fighters from activities that could interfere with fire suppression. The health and safety of the public and the firefighters is our priority. BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to this area.

Affected Area: All BLM lands in the Swiftwater Resource Area east of the Willamette Meridian Range 3 and 4 boundary line and north of Little River Road. These BLM lands are in Douglas County, Oregon. This includes Rock Creek Road from the end of Douglas County road maintenance to the boundary of the Roseburg and Northwest Oregon BLM District line and all BLM recreation sites located within the closure boundary (Rock Creek, Lone Pine, Millpond, Scaredman, and Susan Creek, and all BLM day use areas within the closure area). Cavitt Creek Falls Campgrounds is closed for the season.

This closure includes all BLM lands, facilities, and roads within the following description:

- All Sections of BLM Swiftwater Resource Area lands in:
 - Township 23 S., R. 1 W., R. 2 W., and R. 3 W.;
 - Township 24 S., R. 1 W., R. 2 W., and R. 3 W.;
 - Township 25 S., R. 1 W., R. 2 W., and R. 3 W.;
 - Township 26 S., R. 2 W. and R. 3 W.; and
 - Township 27 S., R. 2 W., and R. 3 W.

Please see attached map.

Prohibitions: The public must not enter the closure area. All uses within the closure area are prohibited. You must not enter by any means of motorized or non-motorized transportation, to include foot traffic. Exceptions to these prohibitions are noted below under Supplemental Information.

Dates: This closure is effective at 1200 on Monday, September 28, 2020, and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the affected public lands.

Supplemental Information: The following persons are exempt from the provisions of this Order:

1. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized medical, rescue or firefighting force engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs.
2. BLM employees, contractors, agents or other individuals engaged in official duties.
3. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate governmental duties.
4. Individuals with valid existing rights for access (e.g. Reciprocal and Unilateral Right of Way agreement holders or internal landowners).
5. Parties who carry written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer allowing access to the described public lands.

Exception Requests: Persons wishing to obtain an exception may submit a written request to the Swiftwater 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, Swiftwater 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.

Effective: This Order is effective at 1200 on Monday, September 28, 2020.

Signed By:

Heather Whitman, District Manager

Date