

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS: Malheur, County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, OR/WA Office, (*State*).

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

SUMMARY: The Vale District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that we are temporarily closing certain access roads and certain areas to all public use, including vehicle operation and sightseeing, from 08/16/2015 to when the Bendire Complex Fire Incident Mgmt. Team determines entry into the closed area is safe for entry. The roads will remain open to residents

The area closed is from Beulah Reservoir north of Poverty Flat Rd (T19S R34E Sec 15), Kelsey Butte (T19S R39E Sec 19), and South Fork Cottonwood Reservoir (T20S R40E Sec 5); west between South Fork Cottonwood Reservoir and Westfall (T18S R41E Sec 20) along the Little Black Canyon Rd; south of Bonita Rd and Skyline Rd (T17S R39E Sec 1) to Clevenger Butte (T16S R37E Sec 28), and east between Clevenger Butte to Beulah Reservoir (T19S R37E Sec 2).

All entry into this area is closed. The emergency closure is due to active wild fire activity in the area. The Bendire Complex Fire Incident Management Team has determined that entry into this area by the public could put fire firefighters and the public at risk of losing their lives.

DATES: This closure will be in effect from 8/16/2012 to when the Bendire Complex Fire Incident Mgmt. Team determines entry into the closed area is safe for entry.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Gonzalez District Manager, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97917, telephone (541) 473-3144.

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; and
- Any landowner or landowner employee within the closure area; and
- 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 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.


District Manager

8/16/15
Date

**Bendire Complex
8/16/2015**

FIRE CLOSURE AREA

Legend

 Area Closure Bendire Complex



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