



Willamette National Forest



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Bow hunting season begins in Western Oregon tomorrow, August 28. Hunters planning to travel in the Scott Creek Cooperative Travel Management Area will find the area closed to public entry due to wildfire activity.

According to McKenzie Ranger District officials, fire suppression efforts for the Scott Mountain Fire have led to an emergency closure for the area bounded by Oregon State Highway 126 on the west, Oregon State Highway 242 on the south and the Deschutes/Linn County line on the east.

The closure affects the entire Scott Creek Cooperative Travel Management area as determined by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and includes vehicle and foot traffic.

It is possible the closure could run during the entire Western Oregon bow season, which runs from August 28 through September 26. The closure will be re-evaluated during the course of the fire.

“We sincerely regret the inconvenience to bow hunters who hunt in the Scott Creek area”, said Mary Allison, McKenzie District Ranger. “This area is very popular and it will be a disappointment to hunters who were planning to hunt. Luckily, we are fortunate to have plenty of other nearby hunting opportunities,” she added.

People with an appropriate bow hunting license can hunt in other units in Western Oregon identified in the 2010 Oregon Big Game regulations.

The Scott Mountain Fire began August 19 and is being managed by the Pacific Northwest Type I Team led by Jeff Pendleton. It is currently at 2,500 acres in size and 5% contained.

“This is closure, which includes the entire Scott Creek Cooperative Travel Management Area, is highly unusual, but right now it is not a safe place for people to be,” added Allison. “We are fighting an active wildfire that is not contained and we have fire fighter and public safety at the forefront of our concerns”.

Conditions are dry, please be careful with campfires.



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