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RAINIE FALLS TRAIL CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Medford, Oregon – As a result of fire activity, the Rainie Falls Trail, located on the south side of the Rogue River near Grave Creek, will be closed until further notice. This closure order covers BLM-managed public lands south of the Rainie Falls Trail. The following BLM administered Lands are affected by this closure: T34S R08W in the northern portions of sections 1 and 2.

Members of the public may not enter closed areas, and all uses—including hiking, hunting and dispersed camping—are prohibited. The BLM and ODF are currently responding to active fires in the area.

Map of the closure areas are available on the Bureau of Land Management's website: <u>https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregon-washington/fire-restrictions</u>

Due to additional fire activity, the BLM is encouraging recreational boaters to avoid the river between Hellgate Canyon and Grave Creek. If that is not possible, please take out at the Rand Recreation Area.

Please help us protect firefighters and first responders by avoiding Galice Road and the Grave Creek area. Galice Road is a narrow winding road with limited visibility around corners, and first responder access is our priority.

Weather and fuel conditions remain favorable for fire starts. Nearby residents and visitors to the area are encouraged to check with local emergency officials for the latest information on fire restrictions and evacuations.

A list of personal use restrictions, as well as closure orders, are available at <u>https://www.blm.gov/programs/public-safety-and-fire/fire-and-aviation/regional-info/oregonwashington/fire-restrictions</u>. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter @BLMOregon.

Please call 911 to report any signs of new fires.

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