



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

Bureau of Land Management

Roseburg District, Swiftwater Resource Area

Action: Pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2023, the BLM administered-public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access and will remain closed until the Chilcoot Fire is declared controlled and/or conditions change to allow for an amendment to the closure area. Due to an expected increase in fire activity and predicted severe fire weather conditions, 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 administered-public lands within the area as described below:

All BLM public lands within T.24 S., R.01 W. sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 35. As well as T.25 S., R.01 W. sections 1, 11, 14, 23, 24, and 25. This includes the closure of Scaredman Recreation Site.

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 12:01 a.m. on August 31, 2023 and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the affected public lands.

Supplemental Information: Pursuant to Title 43 CFR 9212.3, 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).

- 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 9212.4 Penalties

Any person who knowingly and willingly Violates the regulations of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not than 12 months, or both.

Effective: This Order is effective at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2023.

Signed By:

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Michael J Korn, Swiftwater Field Manager

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