



Forest Service News Release

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Willamette NF cancels Tire Mountain Fire closure, reduces Chalk Fire closure area

Ollalie Trailhead, Kiahanie Campground among rec sites to reopen

Springfield, Ore. – Sept. 30, 2024 – The Willamette National Forest will cancel the Tire Mountain Fire Closure Order (06-18-10-24-18) and reduce the Chalk Fire closure area on Oct. 1, 2024, reopening many popular recreation sites in the Middle Fork Ranger District.

The lightning-caused Chalk Fire, located north of Oakridge, is 6,006 acres and 100% contained. The Tire Mountain, Coffee Pot, and McKinley Creek fires also are 100% contained.

“While we still have work to do this fire season, we are committed to keeping the closure areas as small as possible,” said Acting Middle Fork District Ranger Cameron Mitchell. “We will continue to reduce closures as soon as we can while providing for the safety of the public and our responders out there performing critical work.”

Approximately 20 miles of Forest Service Road (FSR) 19, also known as Aufderheide Drive, will reopen, restoring access to Rebel Creek Trailhead, Ollalie Trailhead, and Roaring River Trailhead from the north. FSR 1910 and FSR 1928 are also now open for travel.

A portion of the FSR 19 is still closed between the junctions of FSR 1912 and FSR 1928 (milepost 5-14). The best way to access this area is by going up FSR 1928 and over High Prairie to where it connects with FSR 1900.

Recreation sites and trails that are now open include Huckleberry Flats OHV Area east of FSR 1928, Kiahanie Campground, and Alpine Trail #3450 (accessible from FSR 1910).

Recreation sites that remain closed include Huckleberry Flats OHV Area west of FSR 1928, North Fork Segment #2 Trail #3666.2 and Trailhead, and North Fork Segment #3.

For a map of the closure area and a complete list of recreation sites and roads included in the order, visit our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notice>.

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