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EMERGENCY PUBLIC LAND CLOSURE

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, Oregon.

ACTION: Temporary Closure of Public Lands

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective immediately, the public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. This action is in response to a fire currently active in the area. The BLM is closing public lands to reduce conflicts with emergency crews and allow for fire suppression and to ensure public safety, land health, and resource integrity.

AFFECTED AREA: The BLM-managed lands in Deschutes County in the following described area:

All BLM-administered lands from the intersection of McCafferty Road and Powell Butte Highway, heading north along the BLM property line to the intersection of Highway 126. Following Highway 126 to the west to the intersection of the Highway 126 and the Central Oregon Irrigation District North Unit canal. Following the canal south to the very outside SW corner of T16 R13 S3. Then turning west, following an unimproved road that parallels the section line (north side of sections 10/11/12/6 and the south side of sections 1/2/3/7) until reaching the starting point at the McCafferty Road and Powell Butte Highway.

DATES: The closure is effective immediately and will remain until conditions allow for safe use of the public lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Prineville District Front Desk, at 541-416-6700
BLM_OR_PR_Mail@blm.gov. This notice and the closure notice will be available online.

DISCUSSION OF THE RULES: All uses within the area are prohibited. Exceptions to these prohibitions are noted below under Exemptions. Public safety issues such as torching trees, snags, and other fire-related concerns remain.

EXEMPTIONS: 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, or agents 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, permittees or lease holders, or internal landowners); and**
5. Parties who carry written approval by the BLM Authorized Officer (Field Manager or District Manager) allowing access to the described public lands.

PENALTIES: Any person who violates this may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Vehicles found in violation of this order may be removed.

EFFECTIVE: This Order is effective immediately upon signature.

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District Manager, Prineville District

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