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## **Notice of Temporary Closure**

OFFICE: Ashland Field Office, Medford District, Oregon

**ACTION:** Temporary Closure

**SUMMARY** The Bureau of Land Management Ashland Field Office herby provides notice that effective immediately, BLM road 38-2-29.1 and public lands described below are closed to all forms of public access. This action is in response to private timber operations that are creating public safety hazards along the road. Driving, hiking, camping, and all other activities are prohibited during the closure period, which is expected to last through April 30, 2025.

RATIONALE: This closure is pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1 and 43 CFR 9268.3(d).

**EXEMPTIONS**: This order does not apply to Federal, State, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or firefighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM.

**LOCATION:** All BLM-managed public lands along BLM road 38-2-29.1. including T38S R02W southeast corner of section 19, northwest corner of section 29.

**DATES**: This closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until April 30, 2025, or until timber operations are completed sooner.

**NOTIFICATION METHODS AND POSTED LOCATIONS**: Notification will be posted at the intersection of Sterling Creek Road and BLM road 38-2-29.1 and is available at the Medford Interagency Office, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford OR 97504. The order is posted online at <u>https://www.blm.gov/orwafire</u>.

**ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES**: Any person who violates the temporary closures or restrictions in this order may be tried before a United States magistrate and fined in accordance with <u>18 U.S.C. 3571</u>, imprisoned no more than 12 months under <u>43 U.S.C. 1733(a)</u> and <u>43 CFR 8360.0–7</u>, or both. In accordance with <u>43 CFR 8365.1–7</u>, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of State law.

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