



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

# EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER

## Bureau of Land Management Idaho

### BLM-Managed Public Lands Between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Rocky Canyon Road

July 7, 2023

**Action:** Pursuant to Section 303 (a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 [43 U.S.C. 1733 (a)], 43 CFR 8360.0-7, 43 CFR 8364.1 to 43 CFR 9268.3 and 43 CFR 8364.1, 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 closure is for public and wildland firefighter safety, in relation to the Hulls Fire and management of that incident due to unexploded ordinances.

**Affected Area:** The Hulls Fire is within the Ridge to Rivers Trail System in the Boise Front. The closure encompasses approximately 4,500 acres of BLM-managed public land located roughly three miles northeast of Boise, Idaho, between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Rocky Canyon Road.

**Prohibitions:** The public must not enter the closure area. The area will remain closed for the next 48 hours, or until the risk of wildfire spread is eliminated.

**Dates:** This closure will remain in effect until conditions allow for the safe use of these public lands.

**Supplemental Information:** The area closure is necessary to provide for public safety by excluding use until the wildfire risk from this event has been eliminated. This fire is within an unexploded ordinance (UXO) area where use and activity are already confined to designated roads and trails that have been cleared of UXO by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. UXO is present in the area because of past use as an artillery range by the former Boise Army Barracks. For more information on UXO please visit <https://tinyurl.com/33a8yv8e>.

Ground disturbance or the intense heat produced by wildfire can trigger detonations of UXOs, posing a significant threat to public and firefighter safety. Shrapnel from a detonated UXO can travel up to 1/3 of mile in all directions, therefore wildland fire suppression tactics will include positioning resources in areas that have been previously cleared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and will utilize approaches and equipment to minimize risk to firefighters. For more information and updates on the Hulls Fire and firefighting efforts in Boise, Idaho, please visit <https://www.idahofireinfo.com/>.

**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. For questions, please call 208-570-3725, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Signed by:

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Field Manager

Date