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MODIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PUBLIC CLOSURE

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

ACTION: Modification of Temporary Closure of Public Lands

SUMMARY: This notice supersedes the emergency closure of BLM-administered public lands in the Prineville District issued on August 14, 2024, near the Crazy Creek Fire. Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides notice that effective at 5 p.m. Pacific on August 29, 2024, the public lands bordering the Ochoco National Forest, Paulina Ranger District near the Crazy Creek Fire are OPEN TO PUBLIC ACCESS

Except for the following areas, which **REMAIN CLOSED**. The BLM is issuing this order as some areas remain in active suppression and repair status.

AFFECTED AREA: The following areas in Crook County REMAIN CLOSED:

All BLM-administered public lands inside the Crazy Creek Fire and Durgan Fire perimeters in the following townships:

T. 15 S., R. 23 E. T. 15 S., R. 24 E. T. 16 S., R. 23 E.

DATES: This closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until such time as conditions allow for safe use of the identified 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. Incidents of dangerous fire behavior have been observed throughout the District.

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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