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Notice of Emerald Mountain Area Closure October 2, 2024

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Little Snake Field Office (LSFO)

ACTION: Notice of Temporary Closure for Emerald Mountain - Ridge and Rotary Trail

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that BLM-managed lands in Emerald Mountain covering the Ridge and Rotary Trail administered by the BLM Little Snake Field Office will be temporarily closed to all entry by members of the public in the posted maps. This order is to protect persons, property and public lands and resources for hand thinning in areas inaccessible to heavy equipment and mechanical mastication of oak and brush. This closure is in accordance with 43 CFR 8364.1 (a).

DATES: The temporary closure will be effective at 12:00 am on October 2, 2024 until the mastication project is completed.

FOR FUTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kymm Gresset, Little Snake Field Manager, 970-826-5000 or <u>BLM_CO_LSFO_Web@blm.gov</u>.

SUPPLENTARY INFORMATION: Any person who violates a temporary closure or restriction order may be tried before a United States magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and § 8360.0–7, or both.

This closure will be posted at the Little Snake Field Office and closure signs will be posted at trailheads. Release of the closure will be posted on <u>Little Snake Field Office Closures</u> website.

EXEMPTION: The following persons are exempt from this order: Federal, State, and local officers and employees in the performance of their official duties; members of organized rescue or fire fighting forces in the performance of their official duties; and persons with written authorization from the BLM. Employees of Vegetation Management Services performing the specific tasks outlined in the statement of work for the Emerald Mountain Fuels Project.

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