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## Forest Service Road 40 Opens

BEND – Forest Service (FS) Road 40 will be open for traffic Thursday morning, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

FS Road 40 and sections of FS Road 4270 have been closed for several days due to the Snow Creek Complex Fires in the Bend Fort Rock Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest. As these fires are now 100% contained and firefighting activity is winding down, FS Road 40 will be open Thursday morning.

FS Road 4270 remains closed from its junction with FS Road 40 north to the Cascade Lakes Highway until further notice.

The Forest Service has had several fires to manage in Central Oregon during the last two weeks. Temporary road closures were necessary for public safety while fighting the fires, and for the transport of firefighting personnel and equipment.

The Forest Service appreciates the public's cooperation and patience during temporary road closures. FS Road 40 is a popular route for recreation uses on the Deschutes National Forest.

Fire danger remains high. Please be sure your campfire is dead out before leaving it. Drown it with water, and then drown it again. Have a safe and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend.