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Some Roads Still Open Until Snow Closures

BEND—Due to low or no snow accumulation, winter road closures that are normally established near sno-parks along Highway 46 and Road 45 will be delayed until the snow closes them. This extension of the open road season will allow better access into these areas for Christmas tree cutters during this year's late start to the winter trail season.

The closure period will begin immediately when snow conditions are sufficient to start the winter trail season or on December 15, whichever comes first. Sufficient snow is defined as a 4-6" snow depth at Meissner and Edison Sno-Parks with additional accumulation in the immediate weather forecast.

Affected roads include but are not limited to the following sections or entire roads: 4610, 4612, 4613, 4614, 4615, 4140, 4180, 4188 and 4525. Other secondary roads connected to these roads and to the following sno-parks are included in this modification: Meissner, Wanoga Snow Play, Wanoga Snowmobile, Swampy and Edison Sno-Parks.

This does not affect the existing road closures on Highway 46 from Dutchman Flat to Deschutes Bridge nor Road 370. These roads will remain closed until spring 2009.