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Yakima Canyon Recreation Sites Temporarily Closed

Yakima, WA – Due to flooding by the Yakima River this past week, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has temporarily closed portions of the four developed recreation sites it manages in the Yakima River Canyon. BLM's Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza recreation sites have all experienced damage from the flooding, ranging from buried tables and fire rings, to damaged boat launches and signs.

Closures include the Umtanum bridge and boat launch; all of Lmuma Creek; Big Pines boat ramp, outhouses and the north end of the campground; and Roza boat ramp.

These areas will be closed to the public until further assessments and repairs of the damage can be made. BLM cautions visitors to pay attention to changing river levels and conditions at these and other roads and recreation sites in the area. Please contact the Wenatchee BLM office at (509)665-2100 for further questions or to check conditions.

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The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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