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## **Temporary Closure of Access Route to Juniper Dunes**

The Peterson Road access to public lands in the Juniper Dunes Wilderness Area and Juniper Forest in Franklin County northeast of the Tri-Cities, Washington, will be temporarily closed from May 1 through May 10, 2007. The closure is in accordance with the cooperative use and lease agreement between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the owner of this portion of the road, to allow for necessary farming activities. The portion of Peterson Road covered by this agreement will re-open for public use on May 11, 2007.

Last February, BLM signed an agreement with Mr. Stephen DeRuyter, to allow public use of the portion of Peterson Road owned by Mr. DeRuyter, to access public lands. The agreement reserved Mr. DeRuyter's right to temporarily close the road.

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