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Fire Closure Lifted on BLM Lands in Washington State

Spokane – Effective midnight on Monday, October 9, 2006, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is ending the regulated fire closure on public lands it manages in the state of Washington. The fire closure is being lifted due to cooler temperatures and increased precipitation.

Scott Boyd, Fire Management Officer for the Spokane District, asks the public to use caution when operating motorized vehicles on roads and trails that have areas of high grass and vegetation and to ensure campfires are out before leaving the area.

For further information, call the Spokane Bureau of Land Management at (509) 536-1200.

The BLM manages more land – 261 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 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, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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