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Access Roads Temporarily Closed to Vehicle Use at Hog Canyon Lake and Rock Creek Recreation Area

Spokane – Effective immediately; due to recent snowfall, the roads to Hog Canyon Lake and Rock Creek Recreation Area (also known as Escure Ranch) are closed to motorized vehicles until further notice.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have closed the roads for public safety. The BLM will continue to monitor the road conditions to determine when it is safe to reopen public access.

Hog Canyon Lake road is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Spokane, and crosses the Spokane and Lincoln County line near Sprague, Washington. This road provides access to a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife boat ramp and fishing area on Hog Canyon Lake and to the northeastern portion of BLM's Fishtrap Recreation Area.

The Rock Creek Recreation area is located approximately 20 miles South of Sprague, Washington, in Whitman County, and provides access to the Towell Falls trailhead location.

Further road closures are possible due to deteriorating weather conditions.

Please check the Spokane District website for further closure information at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/index.php>, or call the Spokane District Office at (509) 536-1200.

About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 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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