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## **BLM announces road closures within Foster Gulch Fire perimeter**

**BAKER CITY, Oregon** – The Vale District, Bureau of Land Management has posted emergency restrictions prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles on public lands within areas burned by the Foster Gulch Complex Fire. The restrictions went into effect September 20 and will remain in effect until at least June 1, 2007.

The closed area includes all BLM managed lands burned during the Foster Gulch Complex Fire with some specific exceptions. The boundaries run generally from Richland northeast to the Brownlee Reservoir and then north to the Hess Road, Townships 6-9 South, Ranges 45-49 East of the Willamette Meridian. The area remains open to non-motorized uses.

Within the fire perimeter, motor vehicle access across BLM managed land is limited to travel on primary routes **State Highway 86, Sag Road, Deer Creek Road (to Brownlee Dam overlook), Oxbow-Brownlee Road, Homestead Road** , and the **Hess Road**.

The attached map identifies the area boundaries and the roads which remain accessible. You may also obtain maps of the closure area and information from the Baker Field Office, 3285 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Baker City, (541) 523-1256.

This temporary closure has been put in place to protect natural resources and stabilization actions taken following the fire.

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