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Lightning Fires Close Multiple Forest Roads on the North Fork John Day Ranger District

The lightning storm that passed through the Ukiah, OR area Wednesday afternoon ignited 29 wildfires in the surrounding area. These fires, burning on Umatilla National Forest and Oregon Department of Forestry protected lands, have prompted Forest officials to close several forest roads for public and firefighter safety.

Effective immediately, the following Forest Roads are closed:

- All Forest Roads within the Umatilla National Forest, North Fork John Day Ranger District north of Oregon State Highway 244. (Pearson Creek Area)
- Forest Road 54 from its intersection with Oregon State Highway 244 south to its terminus.
- Forest Road 55 from its junction with Forest Road 10 to its junction with the Forest Road 52.
- Forest Road 52 from its junction with Forest Road 51 to its junction with Forest Road 55.
- Forest Road 5505.
- Forest Road 5506.
- Forest Road 5507.
- Forest Road 5510.
- Forest Road 5309 from its junction with Forest Road 5309330 to its terminus

In addition, a section of State Highway 244 from milepost 3 to milepost 15 is closed. Please check with Oregon Department of Transportation for additional closure information.

The public is advised to visit Inciweb at www.inciweb.org or the Umatilla National Forest web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/> for the latest information.

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