

Malheur National Forest

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Access Opens on Murderers Creek Unit on the Malheur National Forest

JOHN DAY, OR.— Forest Road 2150 going to Aldrich Lookout will remain open 7 days a week, throughout hunting season, announced Stan Benes, Malheur National Forest Supervisor. Additionally, hunters may now access the entire Shaketable Complex Fire area in the Murderers Creek Hunt Unit by foot.

For public safety, the following restrictions still apply:

- Forest Road 2140 will remain closed to motorized vehicles. Foot travel is permitted.
- Forest Road 2170 where it travels into the fire perimeter remains closed to motorized vehicles. Foot travel is permitted.
- Off road motorized vehicle travel within the Shaketable Complex Fire Area is prohibited.

All ODFW Green Dot closures remain the same.

In May, 2007, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Malheur National Forest announced partial closure of hunters' access on the Murderers Creek Wildlife Management Unit due to the Thorn Fire Salvage Recovery Project. Complexity of the NEPA analysis has delayed project implementation to the spring of 2008. As a result, fire salvage operations will have *no effect on current and upcoming hunting seasons*.

Maps showing the area and road closures are available at all Malheur National Forest offices and at http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur/.

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