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BLM SETS ANNUAL TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

HINES, Oregon – On Wednesday, January 21, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will implement its annual temporary closure of the Skull Creek, Horton Mill and Emigrant Crossing roads north of Burns. The Moon Reservoir roads west of Burns and the access roads to the north side of Chickahominy Reservoir near Riley will be closed as well, beginning January 28. Closure of the Skull Creek road will affect firewood cutting in that area throughout the period.

In anticipation of continued adverse weather conditions and eventual spring thawing, the agency is closing these areas to avoid potential road surface damage and erosion. BLM closes the gates and patrols the areas each year until dry conditions occur and maintenance needs are completed in the spring.

Many other roads in BLM's Burns District may also become muddy and susceptible to damage in the coming months. Visitors are encouraged to avoid traveling on any road at any time of the year when doing so will cause ruts and possible soil erosion. Limited road maintenance funds prohibit regular maintenance of most primitive access roads in the district. Remember to drive with care and caution.

For more information on road conditions, temporary closures or restrictions and alternative wood cutting areas on public lands in the Burns District, call the BLM at (541) 573-4400.

