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## NEWS RELEASE

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### WEST FORK COW CREEK ROAD REMAINS IMPASSABLE

Medford, Oregon – The West Fork Cow Creek Road (# 32-8-1.1), located in Douglas County, remains closed to the public at this time due to significant damage from a washout at milepost 9.5. The road is currently closed at both ends of the washout with rock barricades and signs at milepost 9.4 and 10.0.

For travelers in this area, the Bobby Creek Road (#32-8-9.2) located at milepost 4.0 of the West Fork Cow Creek Road (#32-8-1.1) may be used as an alternate route to access the Kelsey-Mule Road (#32-8-31). The Bobby Creek Road is not snow-plowed. The public is advised that these roads are not maintained for winter travel and may be impassable due to snow. People are encouraged to check with the local BLM or Forest Service offices at (541) 471-6500, before traveling these roads, and to also obtain a map.

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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