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WEST FORK COW CREEK ROAD CLOSED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC.

Medford – BLM managers have closed the West Fork Cow Creek Road #32-8-1.1, located in Douglas County, to all traffic because of a washout at milepost 9.5. The road is currently closed on both ends of the washout at milepost 7.0 and 10.0. The West Fork Cow Creek Road is located off of the Cow Creek Road # 33-7-2. The public is advised that the travel route is closed until further notice.

For travelers in this area, the Bobby Creek Road #32-8-9.2 may be used as an alternate route to access the Kelsey-Mule Road #32-8-31. Be advised that these roads are not maintained for winter travel and may be impassable due to snow. The Bobby Creek Road is not snow plowed. People are encouraged to check with the local BLM or USDA Forest Service office, at (541) 471-6500, before traveling these roads and to 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.