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Delays Expected for users on the Row River Trail

Eugene, Ore. - August 24, 2012 - The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) anticipates delays for users on a portion of the Row River Trail beginning Monday, September 4, 2012 for approximately two weeks. The delays are to accommodate moving and staging equipment for nearby construction and maintenance work on the Dorena Hydroelectric Project.

The Row River Trail will remain open with limited access during 10-15 minute periods Monday through Friday while workers move equipment across the trail and when they widen the path's shoulders or trim trees. The affected area is a 600-foot stretch near the trail fork that provides access to the Dorena Dam, just northeast of the structure. Full access to the trail will be available during the weekends.

Mowat Construction will provide flaggers at both ends of the trail to alert users that the activity is taking place. Riders are encouraged to exercise caution near the construction area. The BLM estimates the delays to be over September 14.

For additional information contact the BLM Eugene District front desk at (541) 683-6600. Additional information about the Eugene District is also available online at:

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