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## **BLM announces temporary closure of Wagner Creek Road Sept. 18**

On Tuesday, Sept. 18 between 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wagner Creek Road will be closed 5.2 miles south of Talent, Ore. (4.4 miles south of the intersection of Wagner Creek Road and Rapp Road) where the pavement ends on Wagner Creek Road in between mile marker 4 and 5. The Oregon Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is replacing the bridge at the Wagner Creek Interpretive Trail located in the SE quarter of Section 14, Township 39 South, Range 1 West, Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Ore. A large tree had fallen on the previous bridge making it unusable by the public and a potential safety hazard. The new bridge will restore access to the Wagner Creek Interpretive Trail.

Several new site improvements at the Wagner Creek Interpretive Trail Site were completed by the BLM and several community groups including the Boy Scouts, Talent Historical Society and Talent/Phoenix Middle School. Improvements include new interpretive guide posts, a new interpretive brochure, new bench, picnic tables and trail improvements. The interpretive brochure will be available through the Talent Historical Society, Talent/Phoenix Middle School and several local businesses. Ashland Resource Area Manager John Gerritsma noted, "The Wagner Creek Interpretive Trail Improvements, including the new bridge, will be an asset to furthering environmental education and ecological understanding in the community."

We apologize for any inconvenience that the road closure causes. For questions regarding the road closure or site improvements at the Wagner Creek Interpretive Trail contact Nick Schade with the BLM at (541) 618-2281.

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