



Joint News Release

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CLOSURE UPDATE: BLM Lands SE of Ashland

The evacuation currently in place on the BLM Lands SE of Ashland has been expanded to increase public and firefighter safety.

For all areas impacted please see the attached map and closure order below. For additional information, please reach out to the BLM Medford District office at (541) 618-2200, or the Oregon Department Southwest Oregon District Medford Office at (541) 664-3328.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC LANDS: Jackson County

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Ashland Resource Area

ACTION: *UPDATED* Temporary closure of public lands in Jackson County

SUMMARY: *Update: Due to fire activity and ongoing suppression activity the emergency closure has been expanded.*

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice that public lands southeast of Ashland, Oregon as described below are closed to all unauthorized entry, effective immediately and remaining in effect until the Klamathon Fire is declared controlled, or until such time as the Medford District Manager determines public entry is safe. This closure affects public lands within Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument on roads administered by the BLM, and is specific to BLM lands and routes only. Please see attached map.

This emergency closure is necessary to ensure public safety, land health, and resource integrity during firefighting activities. Potential fire activity and suppression activities preclude public access. The areas affected by this closure order will be posted with appropriate regulatory signs at main access and entry points.

BLM will post closure signs at main entry points to the area. You may obtain maps of the closure area and information from the Medford District Office.

AFFECTED AREA: UPDATE: The emergency area and road closure has been expanded to include all Medford District lands south of Highway 66 and west of Copco Road. This includes Emigrant Creek Road, Baldy Creek Road, Soda Mountain Road, Pilot Rock Road, Mill Creek Road, the Lone Pilot Trail, and the Pacific Crest Trail from Highway 66 west to the boundary of Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Additionally, all BLM lands and roads within Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument within the closure area marked on the map are closed. This includes all BLM lands and roads within the following sections:

- T. 40 S., R. 02 E.
secs 1-3, 10-14, 19-20, 23-26, 29-36
- T. 40 S., R. 03 E.
secs 3-13, 15-35
- T. 40 S., R. 04 E.
secs 4-5, 7-9, 16-22, 27-33
- T. 41 S., R. 01 E.
secs 12-13
- T. 41 S., R. 02 E.
secs. 1-18
- T. 41 S., R. 03 E.
secs 1-12
- T. 41 S., R. 04 E.
Sec 3-10

Please see attached map.

Entry into the closure area is limited to firefighting resources, current land owners and by permit.

PROHIBITIONS: You must not enter the described closure by any means of motorized or non-motorized transportation, to include foot traffic.

DATES: This closure is in effect immediately and will remain in effect until the Klamathon Fire is declared controlled, or until such time as the Medford District Manager determines public entry is safe.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information and maps of the closure area may be obtained online and at the Medford District office at 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR, 97504 (541)-618-2200.

EXCEPTIONS: Person who are exempt from these rules include:

- A. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force engaged in fire, emergency, or law enforcement activities, or public utility employees engaged in emergency repairs;
- B. BLM employees, contractors, or agents engaged in official duties;
- C. Individuals operating within the scope of their official and legitimate government duties;
- D. Individuals with valid existing rights for access (e.g. Reciprocal and Unilateral Right of Way agreement holders, permittees or lease holders, or internal land owners); and
- E. Any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management

EXCEPTION REQUEST: Persons wishing to obtain an exception may submit a written request to the Medford District Manager for consideration. If an exception is granted, the permitted party must carry the written approval signed by the BLM Authorized Officer, Medford District Manager when entering the closure area.

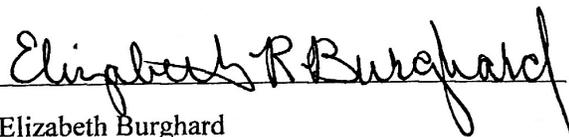
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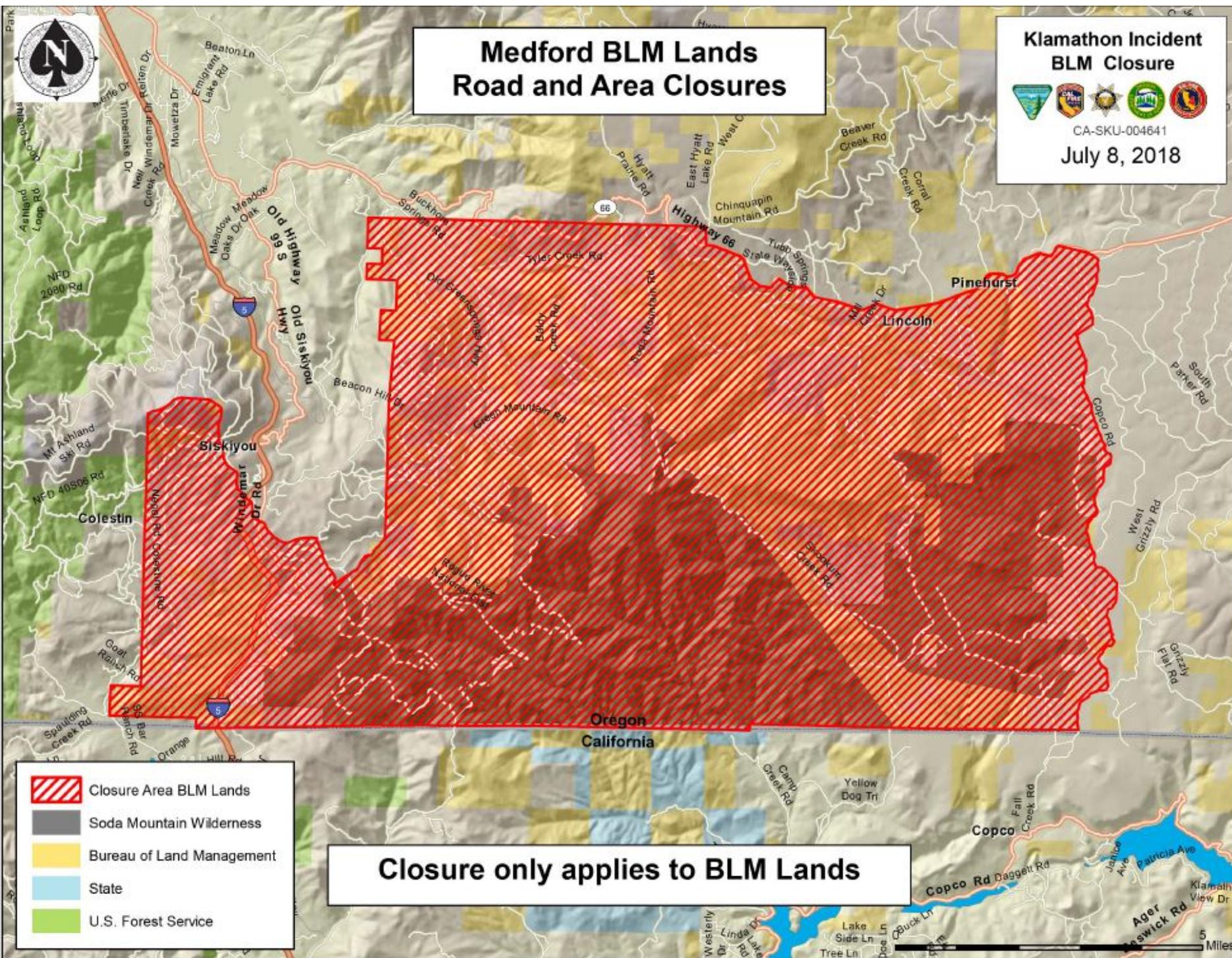
43 CFR 8364.1 Closure and restriction orders.

- (a) To protect persons, property, and public lands and resources, the authorized officer may issue an order to close or restrict use of designated public lands.
- (d) Any person who fails to comply with a closure or restriction order issued under this subpart may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7 of this title.

43 CFR 8360.0-7 Penalties.

Violations of any regulations of this part by a member of the public are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

 Date: July 8, 2018
Elizabeth Burghard
Medford District Manager



Medford BLM Lands Road and Area Closures

**Klamathon Incident
BLM Closure**
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- Closure Area BLM Lands
- Soda Mountain Wilderness
- Bureau of Land Management
- State
- U.S. Forest Service

Closure only applies to BLM Lands

5 Miles