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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Forest Service Road Closure near O'Brien OR**

**Cave Junction, OR** - A road closure is in effect prohibiting motorized vehicles on Forest Service Road 4402 and spurs 112, 206 and 450, announced acting Illinois Valley District Ranger, Tom Link.

Three fires identified, as being started by the lightning storm that passed through the area on July 13, is the cause of the road closure. "The fires are burning in mixed conifer and brush", said Dick Booth, Two Rivers Zone Fire Management Officer. The Carter Fire, a four-acre fire inside the Kalmiopsis Wilderness is burning near the Bailey Cabin area. Trails are not closed in the wilderness but officials are cautioning hikers to stay out of the area for safety reasons. The Biscuit Fires, two separate fires totaling about 140 acres in the Biscuit Hill area west of O'Brien OR., are not threatening any structures.

"The closure is to protect the public and to keep the road clear for the suppression effort", said Link. "We need to keep the public safe and away from fire danger while keeping the road open to get fire fighting equipment and personnel in and out of the area quickly".

Forest Service Road 4402, locally known as the road to Soudough and the McGrew Trail, will remain closed to motorized vehicles until further notice. For more information, contact the Illinois Valley Ranger District at 592-4000.

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