



Malheur National Forest

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ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO RESOURCE DAMAGE FROM “MUD BOGGING”

John Day, OR - The Malheur National Forest is closing Forest Road 4900-850 in the Laycock Creek area, effective immediately, to all motorized vehicles with an axle width greater than 50 inches, announced Doug Gochnour, Forest Supervisor.

Forest Road 4900-850 will be closed from its junction with Forest Road 49 to its junction with Forest Road 4900-050. Forest Roads 4900-873 and 900-050 will be closed at their junctions with Forest Road 4900-850. This segment of road is approximately 3.5 miles in length.

“The “mud bogging” that has been occurring with trucks in the area is causing potentially irreversible damage to the resources”, said Gochnour. “We feel it is necessary to rest the area to give it time to recover as it is critical habitat for steelhead, as well as sensitive plants in the surrounding meadows.”

The road will remain open to ATV’s, motorcycles and all non-motorized use.

Copies of the map showing the closure as well as the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Closure Order are available at the Supervisor’s Office in John Day. Violations of this order is a federal offense and may result in a fine and/or prosecution.

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