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Ann's Butte Area Closed to Motorized Access

Bend—The Ann's Butte area south of Bend in the Bend Fort Rock Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest will be closed to motorized access beginning at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 and will remain in force until the forest order is rescinded. The Ann's Butte area of the Deschutes National Forest is approximately two miles west of the Harper Bridge in Sun River.

This closure was necessary due to resource damage caused by motor vehicles in the area. Vehicles have caused channeling and erosion, and have also created the likelihood of noxious weed establishment and spread.

The intent of this closure order is to reduce human disturbance in the Ann's Butte ecological area and to prevent damage to wildlife habitats and soils.