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13 Road reopening for public firewood opportunity

PRAIRIE CITY, Ore. – Prairie City District Ranger Gregg Moon is pleased to announce that the 13 Road will be opening to the public starting at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday September 1, 2016.

With a valid Malheur National Forest personal use firewood permit, the public will have access to obtain the wood that firefighters cut and stacked along the 13 Road.

In the course of fire-line preparation, hazardous trees and woody fuels have been thinned along the road corridor. These materials have been cut into short lengths, stacked at the roadside, and can be loaded by hand and taken away. **We are offering this opportunity while chainsaw use and off-road vehicle travel are prohibited during Phase IV Public Use Restrictions.**

Stacked decks of lodgepole logs in the area are not available to the public and will be posted as such.

It is safe for the public to access this area with the following conditions:

- All other Road and Area Closure restrictions described in Forest Order #T-2016-0616-Whitman-03 remain in effect, including closure of the 16 Road from its junction with 13 Road east to Forest Road 1680.
- Remain in the road corridor within 100 feet of the driving surface of Road 13. Only obtain the pre-cut wood from within the road corridor.

Please drive cautious as fire traffic remains heavy throughout the area.

Firewood Permits may be obtained through the following offices:

- **Malheur National Forest Supervisor's Office/Blue Mountain Ranger District** in John Day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling 541-575-3000.
- **Prairie City Ranger District** in Prairie City between the hours of 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling 541-820-3800.
- **Emigrant Creek Ranger District** in Hines between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or by calling 541-573-4300.

For further information, contact the Malheur National Forest at 541-575-3000. For additional information about the status of the Rail Fire, please call 541 446-3592 or consult <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4914>.

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