



Malheur National Forest

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Temporary Road Closures for Wild Horse Gather

John Day, OR - The Blue Mountain Ranger District will be conducting a wild horse gather in the Murderers Creek area beginning this month. The goal is to remove excess animals from the range to achieve appropriate management levels of wild horses in the Murderers Creek Wild Horse Territory. This will be a ground-based gather conducted by a local private contractor using both horseback capture and bait trapping, under the supervision of Forest Service personnel. The captured horses will be transported to the Oregon Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines, Oregon and made available for adoption.

To provide for safe access, the contractor will plow roads leading into the Murderers Creek area. However, to ensure the safety of the public, the contractor, and the wild horses, the roads and area will be temporarily closed to the public and to motorized vehicles. The closure took effect December 3, 2010 and be in effect through approximately March 30, 2011. The end date for the closure will be adjusted based on weather conditions and status of the gather operations. Copies of the closure notice and map identifying the closed roads will be available at the Malheur National Forest Supervisor's office in John Day and at www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur.

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