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Bootleg Fire Emergency Closure area reduced this week

LAKEVIEW, Ore. – The emergency closure area for the Bootleg Fire on the Fremont-Winema National Forest was reduced this week to the fire perimeter.

All roads, recreation sites and facilities remain closed within the closure area.

The adjustment to the closure area restores access to several recreation sites on the Silver Lake, Paisley and Lakeview Ranger Districts. This includes Yamsay Mountain, Winter Rim, North Brattain, Brattain Butte and South Brattain Recreation Areas; the Fremont National Recreation Trail; Antler, Silver Creek Marsh, Farm Well, Slide Lake, Withers Lake, Hanan/Sycan, Bear Creek, Moss Pass, Cox Pass and Cottonwood Trailheads; Thompson Reservoir, East Bay, Silver Creek Marsh, Lower Buck Creek, Upper Buck Creek, Farm Well, Antler, Marster Spring, Hanan/Sycan, Chewaucan Crossing, Jones, Clear Springs, Happy Camp, Dairy Point, Cottonwood and Moss Meadow Campgrounds.

There is still fire burning and visible smoke within the fire perimeter that will continue until winter snows.

Work within the Bootleg Fire area is expected to resume in coming months to address serious safety hazards within the closure area, including damage to Forest roads, cattleguards, bridges and other facilities. Removal of hazard trees along roads and near recreation areas is among the priorities to improve safety.

“We are happy to be able to restore access to the Fremont-Winema National Forest outside of the Bootleg Fire perimeter,” said Forest Supervisor Barry Imler. “It’s important for public, employee and firefighter safety to continue to stay out of the area burned by the Bootleg Fire while work continues over the next several months.”

The order is formally referenced as Closure Order Number 06-02-21-09. Violations of the prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. It is in effect until August 31, 2022, unless rescinded earlier.

Fire conditions remain extreme in the area, with dry fuels than can carry fire quickly. Area residents and visitors are reminded that Public Use Restrictions are in effect and all campfires and charcoal use are prohibited even in developed campgrounds. For the full fire restrictions, please visit <https://scofmp.org/restrictions.shtml>.

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