

Closing: Bear Camp Road Gate

November 24, 2019



Following the Medford Weather Service first winter weather travel warning for Thanksgiving week, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Medford District will be closing the gate on Bear Camp Road, located near Galice.

While the weather outlook remains uncertain, the predicted weather system could deliver as much as a foot of snow at the higher elevations on Bear Camp Road. The BLM will be closing the gate the morning of Tuesday, November 26.

The gate, which is closed annually for public safety ahead of winter weather, will remain closed until spring snow conditions allow for safe passage for public travel.

Bear Camp Road, which is managed by both the BLM and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest (RRSNF), is a remote, mountainous route that connects the Rogue Valley to coastal areas. It is not plowed during the winter, and weather conditions can often change quickly, making road conditions hazardous.

The BLM and the RRSNF urges the public that it is crucial to Know Before You Go this time of year.

Carry extra food, water, and warm clothing to provide for longer travel times.

In addition to paper maps, go digital and download all of your public lands maps on Avenza, and know where you are at all times! Cell service is NOT necessary!

District Maps and Motor Vehicle Use Maps

Know Before You Go: Be aware of predicted weather and road conditions of major highways that provide access to your public lands! Be prepared for sudden changes in weather and road conditions. Know the predicted weather for your route and your destination, and how it can possibly affect your travel plans.

Always let someone know your expected travel route.

Be prepared: Bring additional warm clothing, water, and extra food to account for unexpectedly longer travel times. Carry chains, a flashlight, and proper attire to install the chains, should the need arise.

For more information, call the U.S. Forest Service at, 541-247-3600.

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