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SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURE FOR FIRE PREVENTION

Within Crook and Jefferson Counties

With forest fire danger conditions increasing due to continued hot and dry weather, Oregon Department of Forestry is expected to reach Extreme Wildfire Danger status by next week for ODF protected lands within the Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes counties. Given the current fire danger conditions, Crook and Jefferson County officials in cooperation with Oregon Department of Forestry and Ochoco Lumber Company have determined that additional fire prevention measures are encouraged to assist with reduction of human caused ignitions.

As a wildfire prevention measure, a seasonal road closure will take effect on Wednesday July 22, 2009, for portions of Jefferson County road 3072 (aka Willow Creek Road) and portions of the Allen Creek and A-Y Roads within Crook County. Portions of the roads affected by the seasonal fire prevention closure traverse Ochoco Lumber Company property. This seasonal road closure is expected to continue through most of the fire season until wildfire danger conditions have improved to Moderate Fire Danger status.

Any further questions regarding this seasonal fire prevention road closure can be directed to the following officials.

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