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Comments: The Prineville Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Central Oregon Field Office has concerns about closing the 4260-300rd. This road serves as the primary route into BLM managed lands in the North Fork Wilderness Study Area (WSA) as well as non WSA BLM managed lands east of the North Fork Crooked River. Closing this route would cut off valuable access to thousands of acres of BLM land for the public. This route is the only access currently to these parcels. The BLM also utilizes this road system for administrative uses. This area is utilized for public recreation like hunting and fishing while also providing access for BLM duties like grazing permit administration, fisheries and wildlife monitoring, and other administrative duties. The BLM would like to see this route taken off of the closure list, open to the public, permittees, as well as BLM.

The BLM would also be interested in looking at the potential of interagency communications regarding timber sales. The BLM currently has no NEPA completed. But, could look at some potential treatments along boundaries where Forest Service units are to create a cross boundary projects. Continued communication between agencies of information and progress would help facilitate this.