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Hungry Ridge Road #309 Closed Due to Heavy Rain Storms

Acting Forest Supervisor Ralph Rau signed a closure on a portion of the Hungry Ridge Road #309 today. The closure begins at the junction of Forest Roads #309 and #279 and ends at the junction of Roads #309 and #9408. A map of the road closure order is attached.

A blocked culvert due to heavy rain storms and debris caused water to wash out sections of the road. Forest staff determined this event to be a dangerous travel situation and advised that the road be closed.

Nez Perce National Forest staff was alerted Thursday afternoon that there was water over the Hungry Ridge Road #309 at Milepost 1.5 and the road was washed out (gone) at Milepost 4.3. Road closure signs and barriers were posted off of Highway 14 around 3:00 pm. The other end of the road is still snowed in.

Using any type of motorized vehicle on FR #309 is restricted. These restrictions are in place while flood damage repairs are on-going. The Forest will continue to update the public as we assess the situation.

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