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Road Closures Modified in Monument Complex Fire Area Public Asked to Take Caution

Three road closures remain in effect in the Monument Complex Fire area as firefighters complete mop-up and fire line rehabilitation activities, announced Tom Mafera, Heppner District Ranger, All other closures have been lifted.

The three remaining road closures include:

- Forest Road 5327 from its junction with Forest Road 53 to its junction with Forest Road 5316.
- Forest Road 5316, from its junction with Forest Road 5327 to its junction with Forest Road 2105.
- Forest Road 5320 from its junction with Forest Road 5316 southerly to its terminus.

“Public and firefighter safety is our main concern,” said Mafera. The public can expect to encounter patchy areas of smoke and hot spots that could flare up without warning when traveling through the wildfire area. “Firefighters and equipment will be working in the area on rehabilitation projects and traveling on forest roads.”

Other common hazards when entering a recent wildfire area include falling snags or trees, rolling material such as rocks or logs, and holes from burned out stumps.

The Monument Complex Fire burned 54,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management, Forest Service and Oregon Department of Forestry protected private lands north of Monument, Oregon. For more information, contact the Heppner Ranger District at (541) 676-9187 or the Umatilla National Forest Supervisor’s Office in Pendleton at (541) 278-3716.

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