

NEWS RELEASE



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CASE NUMBER: 2007-9349

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT: November 4, 2007

DATE/TIME OF RELEASE: November 8, 2007

NATURE OF STORY: Search for Missing Hiker/ Area Closure

LOCATION: Three Sisters Wilderness

INVOLVED:

DETAILS: The following area will be closed by the Lane County Sheriff's Office: the Willamette and Deschutes National Forest's through Sunday, November 11, 2007 due to a major search in the area with large numbers of searchers and several aircraft. This is under the legal authority of ORS 401.570.

The French Pete area of the Three Sisters Wilderness. South of Separation Creek. The west boundary is FS Road 19, north boundary is the FS Road 1993. Legal description of the area closed is Township 18 South, Ranges 6, 7, and 8. This is approximately 100 square miles.

This area will be reopened sooner if circumstances change. General questions regarding the closure area can be directed to the Willamette National Forest at (541) 822-3381

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