



# Press Release

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## **County Commissioners close Snake River Road**

Today, County Commissioners temporarily closed the Snake River Road, beginning at the intersection of Sass Road outside of Richland, and continuing to the intersection of E. 5th Street in Huntington. Access will continue to be provided for local residential users. The closure order currently runs from April 3 - 17, 2020.

Visitors from outside the area have been frequenting recreational sites along the rivers, disregarding campground closures and Oregon's Stay Home Save Lives Order, including social distancing and the limitation to only necessary travel. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, Baker County's highest priority is protecting the community by limiting the spread of the disease and impact to our rural healthcare and emergency services.

The order states, "Baker County is a rural community possessed with limited emergency medical and healthcare capability, and is determined to follow medical guidance and do everything in our collective power to protect these vital community assets during a predicted surge of patients due to the COVID-19 pandemic."

The County Commissioners ask residents to observe the Stay Home Save Lives order to protect the health and safety of our community.

# Road Closure Area

