Please pack out all garbage. If you must build a fire, please do so in a fire ring, or use a portable stove. Please use a shovel to make a shovel pit, and an ax to cut a fire trench before you leave. Please don’t leave a mess for someone else to deal with.

2. Drive safely! Remember, these roads have logging trucks on them, and a 40-ton truck can’t maneuver as well as your vehicle. If possible, stay off the road during working hours, and don’t block gates or roadways when parking your vehicle.

3. Don’t cut down snags! Snags (standing dead trees) are a very important part of the habitat for non-game wildlife like woodpeckers and birds. We try to provide habitat for these species by leaving snags as a part of our forest management activities. Please don’t cut down snags. There is plenty of wood on the ground that can be used for camp wood. Thanks, on behalf of our non-game friends.

4. Get that data! It is virtually impossible to manage game populations effectively without good biological data, and some data can only be collected with help from hunters like you. If you are a bird hunter, please put bird wings in one of the collection barrels. Big game hunters, please collect the middle incisor teeth (front teeth) from your animal; these will be used to understand the herd’s age structure. If you have an antlerless tag, please collect teeth, the reproductive tract, udder, and kidneys with attached fat. The samples you collect will be used to monitor the herd’s pregnancy rate. Stop by the field headquarters, or ask a biologist for collection bags and instructions for gathering these samples. We’ll even do it for you.

Thanks again and have a nice trip.

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Cooperating Landowners

Period of Restriction:
Three days prior to archery season (late August) through May 31st

Only those roads shown in green, and the adjacent area within 300 feet of those roads, are open to motorized vehicles during the period of restrictions.

Motorized vehicle travel within the Travel Management Area boundary on all other roads and trails, and cross-country is prohibited except by special permit from the landowner or land managing agency. Oregon ATV permits are required on all off-highway vehicles on BLM lands. Snowmobiles are not allowed at any time in the Howard Creek Canyon below Camp 5 or on the breaks of the Wallowa River from Minam to Rondova. On BLM lands, vehicles, including snowmobiles, are restricted to open roads only. The landing of aircraft is prohibited within the closure area except for emergencies.

Snowmobiles will be subject to travel restriction prior to the end of the last deer and/or elk hunt season in the calendar year, but snowmobiles will be allowed from the last hunting season to May 31st during the period from January 1st through the last day of spring turkey season.

During the period of this closure, normal forest management activities including logging, grazing, and slash disposal will be in progress. Please be aware of heavy logging traffic on some roads. No one involved in these operations is allowed to carry firearms, hunt or transport game or hunter carcasses while using vehicles in the closure area. Hay and straw used by persons on Hancock F.M., Inc. property must be certified free of noxious weeds to comply with North American Weed Management Association standards. This requirement is necessary to limit the spread of noxious weeds. Persons in possession of or transporting non-certified hay on Hancock F.M., Inc. property will be cited under Wallowa County Ordinance Controlling Spread of Noxious Weeds 2010-001. Oregon Revised Statutes 164.345, or 164.365 ( Criminal Trespass), and/or Oregon Revised Statutes 164.345 or 164.365 ( Criminal Mischief).

Use caution with firearms. Do not leave camp or warming fires unattended. Please pack out all litter.