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Celebrating Tribal Ceremony

Prospect, Ore--August 15, 2024—The Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest will be issuing a temporary area closure for tribal ceremonial purposes on Huckleberry Mountain, which includes Huckleberry Campground and the surrounding area. The closure was requested by the Klamath Tribes, with support from the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, for purposes of traditional and cultural use.

The temporary closure will be implemented once per year for approximately ten days within a six-week period spanning between August 1 – September 15. The closure period will vary from year to year. In 2024, the closure will begin on August 16, 2024 and terminate on August 26, 2024. See full closure order here <https://bit.ly/RRSNFAlerts>

“It’s been a long time in making this happen through good coordination efforts between the Klamath Tribe and the Forest Service. It’s great that we’re now able to put something together to bloom. We hope this to be a successful event and look forward to working together in future years,” said Tribal Council Member-at-Large Les Anderson.

The closure exempts 1) those with a specific authorizing permit, 2) any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of official duty and 3) any member of the Klamath Tribes, or those invited by the Klamath Tribes, to participate in ceremonial activities.

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Closure notices, road closed signs will be posted in the affected areas. Nearby alternative huckleberry picking and dispersed camping areas are identified on this map [link here](#).

“By implementing this closure, we are recognizing and celebrating tribal ceremony for our local indigenous tribes,” said Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor Molly Juillerat.

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