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## Sierra Pacific Industries to Close Public Access to Oregon Forestlands Due to Wildfire Risk

Closure begins Tuesday, July 1

**Eugene, OR**—Due to the increasing risk of wildfires in the region, Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) will close its Oregon forestlands to public access beginning July 1, 2025.

SPI considers various wildfire risk factors when closing its lands to public access, including dry vegetation, low moisture levels, rising temperatures and long-range weather forecasts for the region. SPI employs fire prevention measures through proactive forest management tactics, including collaboration with land management partners to implement fuel breaks, initiate fuel reduction projects, and deploy appropriate, aggressive fire suppression efforts during the wildfire season.

"Sierra Pacific Industries is proud to provide public access to its forestlands for recreational purposes as conditions permit," **said Andrea Howell, SPI Corporate Affairs Director.** "Hot and dry weather conditions, combined with the increasingly dry vegetation conditions, have increased wildfire risk in the state. Given these conditions, SPI must suspend public access to its forestlands until conditions improve."

During the closure starting on July 1 the use of SPI's roads and walk-in access to the company's lands is *prohibited*. Only SPI roads shared with federal landowners and designated for public use will remain open. Public roads crossing SPI lands are not affected by this closure.

SPI is committed to regularly evaluating the situation and keeping interested parties updated on any changes. For updates regarding access, visit SPI's website <a href="https://www.spi-ind.com/OurForests/RecreationAccess">https://www.spi-ind.com/OurForests/RecreationAccess</a>. For inquiries associated with the closure, contact the SPI Oregon Public Recreation Hotline at 541-762-3110.

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Sierra Pacific Industries is a fourth-generation, family-owned forest products company based in Anderson, California. SPI owns and manages more than 2.4 million acres of timberland in California, Oregon and Washington. It is one of the largest U.S. lumber and millwork producers, as well as a manufacturer of windows, doors and biomass energy. The company is committed to sustainable forest management and manufacturing innovation along with a commitment to their people and operating communities. In Oregon, the company owns 186,000 acres of forestlands, primarily in Douglas and Lane counties, and operates four sawmills, a veneer plant, and a biomass energy facility.