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Malheur National Forest Closes Mines

JOHN DAY, OR – Malheur National Forest will be closing the York/Rannells and the Roba/Westfall mines within the next few months due to hazardous mine waste. These mines are located in the Flagtail area and have been inactive for about 40 years.

“We do not believe there is any current threat to public safety from this waste” said Roger Williams, Forest Supervisor. “However, the closure of these mines will ensure the environment is protected from the hazardous mine waste.”

An analysis is currently being prepared to determine the method of clean-up and closure.

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