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Sierra Pacific Industries Reopens Oregon Forestlands for Public Access & Recreation, Effective Immediately

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Eugene, OR –Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) is reopening its Oregon forestlands to recreation, effective immediately.

"Protecting forestlands from catastrophic wildfires is a commitment that SPI takes seriously," said Courtney Griesel, SPI spokeswoman. "We are grateful for the recently improved conditions which allow us to reopen our lands for responsible recreation."

SPI's public access policy allows for use of most of its Oregon forestlands for hunting and other recreational activities. Among other restrictions, overnight camping, campfires, and smoking are prohibited. Motorized use in many areas is restricted for resource protection and public safety concerns. In addition to the wildfire-related closures, other areas will be posted closed for active logging, existing leases, wildlife protection and other considerations.

These forestlands are those acquired from Seneca in October 2021 and these protective measures by SPI follow Seneca's past commitments to long-term health and resiliency of forestlands. SPI remains committed to working with federal, state, and private partners on reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfire, helping to protect communities, wildlife habitats, water and air quality, and working forests.

To learn more about the company's recreation access policies, please visit the website at: <u>http://spi-ind.com/OurForests/RecreationAccess</u>. For inquiries associated with the closure, contact SPI Oregon at 541-689-1011.

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<u>Sierra Pacific Industries</u> is a third-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 and is one of the largest U.S. lumber manufacturers. The company also produces millwork, windows and renewable energy. In Oregon, Sierra Pacific Industries owns 177,000 acres of forestlands, primarily in Douglas and Lane counties, as well as operates four sawmills, a veneer plant, and a biomass energy facility.