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GATE 'COURTESY' REMINDER

People traveling off paved roads on public lands in the Spring Creek and South Fork areas are asked to close gates after they drive through them.

Bruce Thompson, BLM Elko Rangeland Management Specialist, explained, "We've had several instances recently in the Spring Creek and South Fork areas of people opening pasture gates, driving through, and leaving the gates open."

"It's part of Western courtesy to close gates after you open and drive through them. Livestock operators pay fees to graze their livestock on public land and often have substantial investments in fences and gates. Gates left open next to highway rights-of-way can be especially dangerous if cows wander on to the highway."

"With the checkerboard land pattern in Elko County, public and private land is interspersed," Thompson concluded. "When encountering fenced and /or posted land, always check with the land owner for permission before traveling on private land. It's always good to know where you're at and whether land is public or private. Land maps are for sale any BLM office in Nevada and are \$4 each."

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