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BLM Seeks Public Input on Recreation Plan

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CHRISTMAS VALLEY – The Lakeview District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will host an open house meeting on May 26, 2008 to receive public input on its North Lake Special Recreation Area Management Plan.

This plan will designate recreation activities on over 500,000 acres of public lands. Lakeview Resource Area officials will be present at the meeting to provide information on proposed recreation actions and facilities. This includes discussion of the future management strategy for the Sand Dunes off-highway vehicle (OHV) area, as well as other recreation opportunities within northern Lake County. Written public comments will be accepted from individuals in attendance for consideration in the preparation of the final plan. Instructions for submitting email and hard copy comments will be distributed along with maps of existing recreation sites and approved Sand Dunes OHV routes.

The open house meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Christmas Valley Community Hall located at 87345 Holly Lane, Christmas Valley, Oregon.

"Hosting the meeting during the busy Memorial Day weekend will provide a means for outdoor enthusiasts to comment on the future management of the recreation sites they use," said Shirley Gammon, BLM Lakeview District Manager. "I encourage the public to take advantage of this opportunity."

For more information about this upcoming meeting, please call Kim McLean at (541) 947-6185.

About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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