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NEWS RELEASE

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Wild Rogue River Float Permit Openings Available

Medford, OR, - Permit openings to float the wild section of the Rogue River will be given away, over the phone, beginning April 2, 2006. The wild section of the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River is a regulated use river with permits required for floating between Grave Creek and Foster Bar from May 15 through October 15. Call the Smullin Visitor Center at (541) 479-3735, beginning April 2 at 9 a.m. to obtain float permit spaces. Visitor Center phone-in hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday April 2 to Friday April 6. Visitor Center hours will be 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. starting May 5, 7 days a week.

Openings to float the wild section may occur at any time due to cancellations and parties failing to confirm all or part of their spaces. To learn what dates may be available call the Visitor Center at (541) 479-3735 or visit our website at www.or.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/permit.php .

The Rogue River is located in southwest Oregon and flows 215 miles from Crater Lake to the Pacific Ocean. It is one of the original eight rivers included in the Wild and Scenic Act of 1968. The National Wild and Scenic portion of the Rogue River is 84 miles long, from the mouth of the Applegate River to Lobster Creek, featuring Class I to Class V whitewater rapids. Steelhead and salmon fisheries, challenging whitewater, and extraordinary wildlife viewing opportunities make the Rogue River a national treasure. Popular activities include whitewater rafting, fishing, jetboat tours, scenic driving, hiking, picnicking and sunbathing. For more information, visit the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River web site at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/index.php>.

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