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**Hoodoo Recreation Services Selected for Campground Concession
Permit on the Deschutes National Forest**

BEND –The Deschutes National Forest has selected Hoodoo Recreation Services as the permittee to operate and maintain eighty-two campgrounds across all three ranger districts beginning January 2009.

A prospectus (solicitation for offers) for proposals to provide visitor services at various recreation sites within the Deschutes National Forest was issued in April of this year. It is Forest Service policy that Campground Concession Special Use Permits to operate Government-owned improvements (i.e. campgrounds) be awarded on a competitive basis through a prospectus and invitation to bid process. The solicitation for proposals generated five proposals from well qualified businesses across the western United States. Hoodoo Recreation Services demonstrated that they offer the best value to the government and the public they will serve.

The Deschutes National Forest currently has three campground concession permits to cover multiple campgrounds on each of the three ranger districts – Bend Fort Rock, Crescent, and Sisters. The decision was made to consolidate the three existing permits into one permit in order to ensure the following:

- cost effective and efficient operation and maintenance of concession-operated recreation facilities,
- consistent services, experiences, and fees across the entire Deschutes National Forest.
- and to better address backlog maintenance of facilities.

The three current permits will expire on December 31, 2008. The new permit is scheduled to become effective January 1, 2009. However, the selection decision is subject to administrative appeal. The final decision will not be implemented until the minimum appeal period of forty-five days has expired, or pending resolution of any appeals submitted during the appeal period.

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Hoodoo Recreation Services currently operates the campgrounds for the Sisters Ranger District and will add operation services for the campgrounds on the Bend Fort Rock and Crescent Ranger Districts once the new permit is implemented.

“Hoodoo Recreation Services has pulled together an excellent proposal to operate the campgrounds on the Deschutes National Forest, and we look forward to working with them to provide consistent and high quality services to the public,” said Forest Supervisor John Allen.