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Public Invited to Annual Rogue River Users Meeting On November 5

October 31, 2008, Grants Pass, OR - The Medford District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest invite the public to the annual Rogue River Users Meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Grants Pass Interagency Office at 2164 NE Spalding Avenue.

The meeting agenda features information about the Rogue River Fee Program collections and expenditures (for 2008 and 2009), River use summary and compliance summary for 2008, upcoming Rogue River Program changes and open discussion time.

“We appreciate the public’s interest in the Rogue River and look forward to introducing people to our new Rogue River Manager,” said Abbie Jossie, BLM Grants Pass Field Manager.

The BLM has selected Jeanne Klein, former Recreation Planner at the Grants Pass Resource Area, as the new BLM Rogue River Manager. In this new capacity, Klein will also be responsible for duties as the Assistant Field Manager for the Grants Pass Resource Area.

For more information or if people have special needs for the meeting, please contact Jeanne Klein, Rogue River Manager, Grants Pass Interagency Office at (541) 471-6614; or Nancy Schwiager, Natural Resource Specialist, Gold Beach Ranger District at (541) 247-3600.

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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