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Campground Concession Prospectus Issued for the Deschutes National Forest

BEND – The Deschutes National Forest has issued a Prospectus (solicitation for offers) for proposals to provide visitor services at various recreation sites within the Deschutes National Forest. The sites will include approximately eighty campgrounds.

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.

Because of the consolidation of the existing permits into one permit, the Deschutes National Forest recreation sites will be a single bid item. Proposals must address operation of all of the listed sites.

Complete applications must be submitted to John Allen, Forest Supervisor, attention Mark Christiansen, 1001 SW Emkay Drive, Bend, OR 97702. Applications must be received by close of business (4:30 p.m. local time) on June 13, 2008.

Detailed information on the recreation facilities and historic income will be available in the Prospectus. The complete Prospectus is available on the Deschutes National Forest website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon/recreation/cg_prospectus08/. In an effort to reduce costs, hard copies of the prospectus are also available by request as identified below. Additional information about facilities and locations is available on the Deschutes National Forest website at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon.

Operation of the facilities in the Forest provides a benefit to the public rather than the government. For this reason, concession operation of these campgrounds will be exempt from Service Contract Act (SCA) wage scales. Wage rates of concession employees will be subject to the requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

If you are interested in receiving a copy of the Prospectus, or have questions regarding the solicitation please contact Mark Christiansen, Recreation Program Manager, by email at mchristiansen@fs.fed.us or by phone at (541) 383-5571 or Ronda Bishop, Special Use Permit Administrator, by email at rmbishop@fs.fed.us or by phone at (541) 433-3230. Please include full contact information with your Prospectus request.