



## NEWS RELEASE

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### 2007 Rogue River Float Lottery Ends Soon

**Medford, Oregon** – January 31 is the last day for noncommercial boaters to apply for a chance to float the wild section of the Rogue River during the 2007 season. Permits are required to float the wild section of the Rogue River, Grave Creek to Foster Bar, from May 15 through October 15. Lottery applications must be received by the Smullin Visitor Center at Rand by January 31 to be eligible. Postmark date on an application will not determine eligibility.

The lottery application fee is \$6.00 per application. Only one application will be accepted per person. This means your name may appear on only one application in the entire lottery, as the party leader or the alternate party leader, not both. You may apply in one of the following ways:

1. **Mail:** Smullin Visitor Center at Rand, 14335 Galice Road, Merlin, OR 97532
2. **Phone:** (541) 479-3735 (have lottery application and credit card information ready)
3. **Fax:** (541) 479-0535

The Rogue River float permit lottery instructions and application form are located on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/floatspace-lottery.php>. Applying through the internet is not an option. The BLM experiences busy fax machine and phones during the last week of January. So please don't wait until the last day to apply.

The lottery drawing will officially take place in February. Successful applicants will be notified in early March. The last names of successful applicants will also be posted on the BLM's website at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/index.php>.

Permits will be good for one specific launch during the 2007 regulated use season. Those who do not receive a permit through the lottery may be able to pick up canceled or unused spaces beginning April 2, 2007 by calling the Smullin Visitor Center at 541-479-3735.

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

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 sub-surface 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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