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## **Split Rock Recreation Site Improvements**

WENATCHEE – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will complete the final phase of construction at the Split Rock Recreation Site, beginning Wednesday, October 18, 2006. Split Rock is located at the south end of Palmer Lake, just to the north of Loomis, WA. The Split Rock Recreation Site will be closed to visitors for approximately three weeks during construction. Specific improvements include paving and striping the existing parking lot, installing a guardrail along the highway, constructing a trail to the beach along the boat ramp, placing curbing around the site to create areas for picnic tables and a trail along the edge of the parking lot, and installing signing.

These improvements will complete the upgrades at Split Rock, which included the renovation of the boat ramp in 2004 and a new toilet facility in 2005. For more information, please contact the BLM's Wenatchee Office at (509) 665-2100.

The BLM manages more land -262 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 subsurface 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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