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Snively Hot Springs Remains a Day Use Area Only

VALE, OREGON-The Bureau of Land Management, Vale District would like to remind the public that Snively Hot Springs, located on BLM land approximately 12 miles below the Owyhee Dam, remains a Day Use Area Only. The area is an undeveloped hot springs site though the public has placed rocks in the Owyhee River to create soaking pools. Visitors are welcome to visit the area ½ hour after sunrise to ½ hour before sunset. Other restrictions which apply are: no camping or fires are allowed at anytime at the site.

Unfortunately, the public has on occasion ignored these restrictions and citations have been handed out by District Law Enforcement Rangers. "Whether it is a group or a single individual, if you violate any of the restrictions for this area, each person at a minimum will receive a \$125.00 citation" stated Lynn Miracle Vale District Law Enforcement Ranger. "We will be stepping up patrols in the near future at Snively Hot Springs to deal with the late night partying, illegal drug use and dumping of trash". Signs have been reposted in the area informing the public of the restrictions.

For additional information please contact Mark Wilkening, Public Affairs Officer for the Vale District at 541-473-6218 or visit the District website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale.

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