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Public Meeting for Susan Creek Recreation Enhancements Scheduled

The Bureau of Land Management's Roseburg District will be hosting an Open House for the public to discuss enhancement projects in the Susan Creek Recreation Area near mile marker 27 on Highway 138 approximately 30 miles east of Roseburg. The Open House will take place on Wednesday January 28th at the Roseburg District BLM office at 777 NW Garden Valley Road. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with a brief presentation and question and answer period beginning at 6:30.

With BLM's recent acquisition of 50 acres along the North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River in 2008, there is a new opportunity to develop improved access, recreation use, maintenance and emergency response operations along the Umpqua River and the North Umpqua National Recreation Trail. The proposed action includes construction of a pedestrian footbridge that would connect the Susan Creek Day-Use Area to the middle of the 16-mile Tioga Segment of the North Umpqua National Recreation Trail.

At the open house visitors will have an opportunity to speak with project specialists and provide written comments on several aspects of the proposed projects, including: 1) the expansion of the Susan Creek Day-Use Area parking lot to accommodate trailers and large RVs, 2) the design of the pedestrian footbridge over the Umpqua River, and 3) development of an access trail connecting the proposed bridge to the existing parking area and the Susan Creek Recreation Area.

The proposed projects will improve area tourism, public safety and emergency response time, public access, recreation opportunities and maintenance of public facilities.

The Open House will provide an opportunity for the public to meet with BLM Managers and field specialists designing and planning these projects.

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About the BLM:

The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 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, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

