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BLM Rogue River Restoration Proposal

Grants Pass, OR – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grants Pass Resource Area, is proposing the Rogue River Corridor Restoration Project located on BLM lands along the Hellgate Recreation Section of the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River Corridor. The proposed project extends from White Horse Park to Grave Creek.

The Rogue River Corridor Restoration Project proposal includes decommissioning roads and trails that are no longer necessary for management of the area, converting some roads to formal hiking trails, and restoring the riparian area along the river corridor.

A public presentation about the Rogue River Corridor Restoration Project will be held on March 17, 2009 at 6:15 pm at the North Valley High School, 9741 Monument Drive, Grants Pass (Merlin). BLM personnel will be available to answer questions concerning the proposed project until 8:00 pm.

For more information, contact Mr. Tony Kerwin at (541) 471-6564. Additional information is also available on the internet at:

http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/index.php

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.

