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Upgrades at Millpond Recreation Site

Roseburg, Or. Millpond's popular day-use area pavilion is being renovated after providing over 43 years of memorable outings for residents of southwest Oregon. Wear and tear of the aging facility over the past few years has become a topic of safety and maintenance concern by BLM officials.

"The decision was made to replace the dilapidated pavilion in 2007 with recreation funds and use fees which are collected at the campground," said Swiftwater Field Manager, Marci Todd. "The project is currently underway and should be ready for use by Memorial Day weekend."

The new pavilion will feature a new updated design, but will cover the same amount of space as the old one. "The new replacement is sure to be a hit with recreation users who visit the Millpond Recreation Site," said Todd.

BLM has rebuilt or added smaller pavilions over the past several years at Tyee, Rock Creek, Lone Pine and Eagleview Campgrounds. The replacement of the larger Millpond pavilion is designed with similar architectural features. The sturdy design, which includes massive beams and open end gables, was duplicated from the pavilion on the south shore of Diamond Lake, managed by the Umpqua National Forest. The Millpond pavilion will also have a sink, electric outlets, and a long food counter.

All five BLM pavilions are available for rent for groups with 25 people or more. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance. Weddings, company parties, church and association gatherings, school outings and family reunions are common activities at these BLM recreation sites. Fees range from \$50/day for the smaller pavilions to \$110/day for the new Millpond pavilion. A refundable cleaning deposit of \$50 is also required. Individuals and small parties (under 25 people) are welcome to use the pavilion free of charge if no other formal reservation has been made.

These sites can be reserved by calling BLMs Roseburg District Office at (541) 440-4930.

