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## **BLM to Reopen North Bank Comstock Day Use Area**

(Roseburg, OR) – The Comstock Trailhead and the road leading to the trailhead at the BLM's North Bank Habitat Management Area will reopen to the public on October 4, 2008. During the recent temporary closure of this area, BLM installed vault toilets, a pavilion, a barbeque, a manure bin, safety fencing, and road and drainage improvements.

The main entrance gate will be open on the same schedule as prior to the closure. The main entry gate will be unlocked and open Friday through Monday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm during the winter and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in the summer months. Pedestrian access is always open.

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**About the BLM -- The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM, with a budget of about \$1.8 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 BLM 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.**

