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## FREMONT-WINEMA NATIONAL FORESTS AND PARTNERS USE GRANT MONIES FOR RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

**Lakeview, Ore.** - The Fremont-Winema National Forests put multiple non-government partnerships and grant monies to good use in 2008 to enhance tourism and recreation in south central Oregon. An estimated \$900,000 is being used to support the development of the Volcanic Legacy All-American Road Byway and enhance recreation opportunities.

Partnership grants allow the Forest to share both the cost, and accomplishments, of mutually beneficial projects with our community partners. For example in 2007, the Forest contributed to the Klamath, Lake, Modoc, Siskiyou Outdoor Recreation Challenge Cost Share Agreement that promotes recreation and tourism in southern Oregon and Northern California. The Forest is a partner in the development and management of the Volcanic Legacy All-American Road Byway and the Klamath Basin Birding Trail.

“These partnerships are examples of how the Forest is working with our partners to enhance the local economy through promotion of recreation and tourism opportunities,” said Rich Kehr, Forest Staff Officer for the Fremont-Winema National Forests.

“Partnerships provide valuable opportunities for the Forest to maintain or enhance recreation services.”

Over the years, the Forest has partnered with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Klamath County, local snowmobile clubs, Back Country Horsemen, Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation and others.

Currently, the recreation staff on the Forest is working on the following partnership grant projects:

- **Chemult Train Station** – This project will construct a train station structure in Chemult that will include interpretive and public information and a heated place for people to wait for the train. Interpretive and public information will focus on northern Klamath County and present local history, recreation opportunities and service information. Information about the Volcanic Legacy All-American Road will also be presented. The train station is funded with several grants and is a cooperative effort with the county, ODOT, Forest Service and others. This project is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2009.

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- **Volcanic Legacy All-America Road Byway** – This byway extends 500 miles south from Crater Lake National Park, past Mt. Shasta and ends at Mt. Lassen National Park in Northern California. These long-term projects will benefit the local economy by providing an enriching travel experience through Klamath County. ODOT is a major partner. All of these projects are expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

All proposed orientation stations will be similarly designed and hold three interpretive panels. Of the three interpretive panels planned for installation, one will be a comprehensive byway map. A second panel will discuss the intrinsic values along the byway and the third panel will present information about the local area.

- **North Entrance** – This project will construct a byway orientation station at the south bound Beaver Marsh Rest Area on U.S. Highway 97. The project also proposes the installation of a byway entrance sign at the junction of U.S. Highway 97 and Oregon Highway 138.
- **Crystal Springs Byway Kiosk** – This project will build an orientation station at the Crystal Springs wayside, located about 10 miles north of the Westside Road and U.S. Highway 140 junction. This project site is adjacent to the marsh lands of Upper Klamath Lake.
- **Annie Creek Sno-park Byway Kiosk** – This project will build an orientation station at Annie Creek Sno-Park. The Sno-Park is located one quarter mile before the entrance to Crater Lake National Park on Highway 62, outside of Fort Klamath.
- **Pelican Guard Station Restoration** – This project site is located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 140 and the Westside Road. It is a key point along the byway for interpretation and recreation. The site consists of three structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps. It is currently not in use and is in disrepair. This project proposes restoration of the site, installation of picnic facilities, water and a toilet. A byway orientation station will also be constructed.
- **Doak Mountain Interpretive Stop** – This project will construct a small interpretive pullout on each side of U.S. Highway 140 near the summit where it crosses Doak Mountain. This site will be used as a byway interpretive stop. It provides a panoramic view of Upper Klamath Lake and the Cascade Range.

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