

Malheur National Forest

P.O. Box 909, John Day, OR. 97845 (541) 575-3000 www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September 30, 2008

For More Information: Jennifer Harris

Phone: 541-575-3008

FOREST VISITOR SURVEY WILL ASSIST LOCAL COMMUNITIES, RECREATION USERS AND MANAGERS

John Day, OR – A year-long survey of recreation visitors to the Malheur National Forest will begin October 4, 2008, according to Jennifer Harris, Recreation Staff Officer. The voluntary survey will gather information about what forest visitors enjoy doing, where they like to go, and how satisfied they were. The information will influence future decisions about our budgets and facilities provided.

Even though it will be voluntary, I hope all forest visitors will stop for our confidential survey," Harris said. "It's important for us to have local use information, which may be very different from the types of activities and recreation uses of people from other areas."

Forest recreation is an important part of the local tourism industry. Economic and use information will be valuable for private enterprises and local communities as well as for local recreation managers. More information is available at www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum/ or from Forest Service offices.

###

"The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status. (Not all bases apply to all programs) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audio tape, etc.) should contact the USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice and TDD). USDA Forest Service is an equal opportunity provider and employer."