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BLM Offers Fourth Biennial Pedaling Through the Past Bike Tour

Klamath Falls – As part of the Oregon Archaeology Celebration, the Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Lakeview District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is inviting members of the public to participate in a 20.5 mile mountain bike tour along the historic Topsy Wagon Road on Saturday, September 15, 2007. This road was built into the rugged Upper Klamath River Canyon in the 1870's. It was the Klamath Basin's main link to the outside world until the 1930's.

Individuals interested in joining this trek must register with the Klamath Falls BLM office by September 14, 2007. Participation is free but limited to a maximum of 30 riders. Members of the public are encouraged to call early to ensure their involvement in this fun, yet challenging educational opportunity.

Pre-registered participants must sign-in at the Topsy Campground from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the event. The tour will begin upon conclusion of a presentation on the history of the J.C. Boyle Dam. Shuttles will be available for the return trip on the steep portion of the route as there is nearly a 1000 foot drop in the grade. The tour will conclude at 5:00 p.m.

This tour is not for the novice biker. Riders must bring a mountain bike and helmet for safety purposes, as cinder, gravel, and dirt surfaces will be encountered throughout the tour. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch, snacks, and sufficient water to last throughout the journey.

"I encourage folks to take advantage of this opportunity," said Michelle Durant, BLM Archaeologist and Event Coordinator. "Participants will enjoy listening to informal presentations at points of interest along the way and the beautiful scenery of the Upper Klamath River Canyon."

For more information or to register for this event, please contact the Klamath Falls BLM office at (541) 883-6916.

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 Bureau, 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 Bureau 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.

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