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## **FINAL PLAN RELEASED FOR SANDY RIVER BASIN**

SALEM--The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has made a final decision that will guide future management of BLM administered lands in the Sandy River Basin. In the past 15 years, the BLM has acquired nearly 6,000 acres of public land in the area. Combined with existing holdings, the Salem District now manages 14,850 acres within the Basin. "These lands offer a great opportunity for the BLM to work in partnership with others to create public use opportunities and to enhance long term stewardship in the Basin," said Cindy Enstrom, BLM Cascades Field Manager.

This effort results in the culmination of three years of collaborative planning. During that process, the BLM worked with a variety of partners including private landowners, recreational user groups, the U.S. Forest Service, the Sandy River Basin Partners, the Barlow Trail Association, the Department of State Lands, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and BLM received assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program.

The management plan outlines:

- A comprehensive conservation and restoration strategy for BLM managed resources within the Sandy River Basin
- A shared-use non-motorized trail system that will enhance access for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians
- A recreation management strategy for the Marmot Dam site and the Sandy River-Salmon River confluence that provides river and trail access.

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR EDITORS**

*This document can be downloaded from the BLM's web site at <http://www.blm.gov/or> Paper or electric copies can be requested from the BLM's Salem District Office at 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon 97306; Zachary Jarrett (503) 375-5610 or via email at [Zachary.Jarrett@blm.gov](mailto:Zachary.Jarrett@blm.gov).*

*The BLM, an agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages 261 million surface acres of public land— more 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 Salem District manages nearly 400,000 acres of public land in northwest Oregon.*

