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Cline Buttes Recreation Area: Draft Concept Maps Available for Review on Web

PRINEVILLE, OR— The Bureau of Land Management's Prineville District is currently developing a plan for the 32,000-acre Cline Buttes Recreation Area located between Bend, Redmond, and Sisters. The plan is based in part on management direction provided in the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan that was finalized in 2005. The Cline Buttes Plan will develop site-specific details on trail locations, different recreation uses, fuels reduction and wildlife habitat restoration.

The Bureau of Land Management is asking for public input on the draft "concept maps" to help further develop specific trail use alternatives for the Cline Buttes Recreation Area design. The maps (Concepts A, B, and C), and accompanying text, are available on the internet at:

www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/plans/clinebuttes/

The concept maps show the balancing of different uses and limit of access to specific managed trailheads. Many details remain to be developed, including important considerations such as:

- Overall density of the road and trail system, plus the effects on wildlife habitat and ecosystem health;
- Fire safety issues for emergency access roads; and
- Management tools for the various planned activities, such as seasonal use periods, daily hours of operation, etc.

Comments on the concept maps can be mailed to the Bureau of Land Management Prineville District at 3050 NE 3rd Street, Prineville, OR 97754, or by email at clinebuttes@blm.gov

Any comments or suggestions received through the month of May will be considered during the current phase of alternative development. The formal comment period will begin once detailed alternatives are prepared and the Environmental Assessment is completed. The draft Environmental Assessment is expected to be available for review in the summer of 2007. For more information, please contact the Bureau of Land Management Prineville District at (541) 416-6700.

The Bureau of Land Management 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 Bureau of Land Management'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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