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BLM Seeks Public Input on Plans for the Sandy River Basin

SALEM – The public is invited to share their ideas about plans for recreation development and stewardship on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) 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 BLM 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 on identifying public use opportunities and enhancing long term stewardship in the Basin,” said Aaron Horton, BLM Salem District Manager.

Participants are encouraged to attend either of the two open house sessions to ask questions and provide their comments. The open houses will last from 6:00-9:00 pm and will be held on the following dates and locations:

Tuesday	August 5	University Place Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Portland
Wednesday	August 6	Wildwood Recreation Site on Highway 26 just west of Welches at the Pioneer Shelter

The open houses will focus on:

- A conservation and restoration strategy for the Sandy River Basin.
- Potential shared-use non-motorized trail systems enhancing access for hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians.
- Proposed facility developments at the Marmot Dam site and Sandy River-Salmon River confluence that provide river and trail access.

“The main objective of these open houses is to generate feedback about alternative management strategies and proposed projects from people who enjoy and live in the Sandy River Basin,” said Cindy Enstrom, BLM Cascades Field Manager.

For more information about the open houses or the Sandy River Basin Integrated Management Plan Environmental Assessment, please visit the BLM website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem>.

About the BLM: 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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