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Wildwood Recreation Site Fee Increase Proposed

SALEM—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM)—Salem District is proposing to increase recreation fees at BLM’s Wildwood Recreation Site, effective July 1, 2007. Current reservations at Wildwood would be honored at the existing rates. Reservations made after July 1, 2007 would be subject to the proposed fee schedule.

Additional revenues generated by the increase would be used on-site to help pay for maintenance and the services offered at Wildwood. This is the first proposed fee increase in seven years and it would be consistent with Clackamas County and US Forest Service recreation fees.

Wildwood is a 560 acre, developed, day-use site located on the banks of the Salmon Wild and Scenic River, west of the town of Welches. The site provides group shelters and individual picnic units, ball fields, open play areas, playgrounds, horseshoe pits, volleyball/basketball courts, and an extensive assortment of trails and accessible interpretive facilities.

The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004, authorizes recreation sites to retain fees where they are collected. The fees must be reinvested in services, upgrades or maintenance needs. This legislation also resulted in the formation of a recreation advisory committee which approves any BLM and Forest Service changes or increases in the fee structure. Advisory council members come from communities throughout Oregon and Washington and they represent a variety of recreation interests. The proposed fee increases are listed below:

Expanded Amenity Recreation Fee:	Existing Fees	Proposed Fees
	<i>Weekends/Holiday</i>	<i>Weekends/Holiday</i>
<i>Uncovered Picnic Kitchens</i>	\$45.00	\$60.00
<i>Full Group Shelter</i>	\$210.00	\$240.00
<i>Half Group Shelter</i>	\$105.00	\$120.00
<i>Salmon River Shelter</i>	\$105.00	\$125.00
	<i>Weekday</i>	<i>Weekday</i>
<i>Uncovered Picnic Kitchens</i>	\$30.00	\$45.00
<i>Full Group Shelter</i>	\$160.00	\$190.00
<i>Half Group Shelter</i>	\$80.00	\$95.00
<i>Salmon River Shelter</i>	\$80.00	\$95.00
Standard Amenity Recreation Fee:	Existing Fees	Proposed Fees
	<i>Daily</i>	<i>Daily</i>
<i>Passenger Vehicle</i>	\$3.00	\$5.00
<i>10-20 passenger vehicle</i>	N/A	\$10.00
<i>21+ passenger vehicle</i>	N/A	\$20.00
	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Annual</i>
<i>Passenger Vehicle</i>	\$10.00	\$25.00
<i>10-20 passenger vehicle</i>	N/A	\$35.00
<i>21+ passenger vehicle</i>	N/A	\$45.00

