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Public Meeting Announced to Meet Managers of the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River

MEDFORD, OR – November 3, 2006 - On Wednesday, November 8, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the USDA Forest Service will host a public meeting at the Grants Pass Interagency Office located at 2164 NE Spalding Avenue in Grants Pass, Oregon.

This meeting is an opportunity for interested citizens to meet with agency representatives who manage the land and water resources within the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River corridor. The BLM and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest staff will be available to answer questions, provide information, and listen to thoughts and ideas.

The meeting will include specific information about the fee program (collections, expenditures, and future work) and a discussion about human waste management. Also a brief discussion will be held regarding the various public comments received by the federal agencies over the past year regarding competition for campsite use.

BACKGROUND TO EDITORS:

The Rogue River is located in southwest Oregon and flows 215 miles from Crater Lake to the Pacific Ocean. It is one of the original eight rivers included in the Wild and Scenic Act of 1968. The National Wild and Scenic portion of the Rogue River is 84 miles long, from the mouth of the Applegate River to Lobster Creek, featuring Class I to Class V whitewater rapids. Steelhead and salmon fisheries, challenging whitewater, and extraordinary wildlife viewing opportunities make the Rogue River a national treasure. Popular activities include whitewater rafting, fishing, jetboat tours, scenic driving, hiking, picnicking, and sunbathing. For more information, visit the Rogue National Wild and Scenic River web site at <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/rogue/index.htm>.

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