Coos Bay, Ore. – With winter weather arriving, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will be removing docks from the water at the North Spit boat launch on November 3, 2014.

The docks are removed every fall to prevent damage by winter storms and turbulent waters.

“By storing the docks on dry ground during the stormy season, we can prevent significant wear and tear,” said Mike Kelly, BLM Coos Bay District outdoor recreation planner. “We will re-install the docks in the spring when the weather begins to improve.”

Other facilities at the North Spit boat launch will remain open throughout the winter. For further information about recreation opportunities on the BLM Coos Bay District, visit www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/recreation

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