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Campgrounds, Other Sites Open for Summer

NORTH BEND, Ore. – With warmer weather signaling the start of summer, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coos Bay District campgrounds and other recreation sites are opening Memorial Day weekend for visitors looking for ways to spend time outside.

The BLM operates ten campgrounds with 158 campsites near Reedsport, Coquille, and other locations along the southern Oregon coast. In addition to camping, there are five day-use areas and thirty-five miles of trail to explore on public lands. Popular sites include the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area, Doerner Fir, North Spit, and Smith River Falls campground. Of the sites BLM manages, 80% are free of charge.

Loon Lake Recreation Area will open for the summer on Thursday, May 21st. Campsites, showers, a fishing dock, boat ramp, hiking trail, and sandy beach are all available. Many of the campsites at Loon Lake can be reserved by calling Reserve America at 1-877-444-6777, or by visiting their website at www.Recreation.gov. There are several non-reservation sites also available throughout the campground.

Additional information on campgrounds and other recreation sites is available on the web at www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/recreation, or by calling the Coos Bay District Office at 541-756-0100. Brochures and recreation maps are available online, at local visitor centers, and at the BLM office in North Bend.

About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 256 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 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, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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