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BLM Sets Meeting to Discuss Bastendorff Beach

COOS BAY, Ore. – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coos Bay District and Oregon State Parks have scheduled a public meeting to discuss future management of Bastendorff Beach. The meeting is set for Tuesday, May 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology dining hall in Charleston.

“We’ve heard some concerns from the community about sanitation and safety at Bastendorff Beach,” said Dennis Turowski, Umpqua Field Manager. “We are developing a plan with Oregon State Parks to address some of these concerns, and we want to hear people’s ideas. Bastendorff needs to be an enjoyable and safe place for people to play.”

The meeting will include a presentation by staff specialists, and an opportunity for the public to provide BLM and Oregon State Parks with their concerns and ideas for the site. For those unable to attend the meeting, the agencies will accept public comments until May 18, 2010.

Comments should be submitted to Nancy Zepf of the BLM, at 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459, or via email to: or_coosbay_mail@blm.gov

Additional information on Bastendorff Beach and the public meeting can be obtained at the Coos Bay District webpage at: www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/index.php or by calling Nancy Zepf, Recreation Planner, at 541-751-4313 or Calum Stevenson, Oregon State Parks, at 541-888-8867.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 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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