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## Hazard Tree Removal Begins at LaVerne County Park

NORTH BEND, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management will begin removing trees and pruning limbs at LaVerne County Park that pose a threat to visitor’s safety on December 21, 2009. The work is expected to be completed within three weeks.

Portions of the park will be closed to visitors during the operation, but visitor parking will be available. In total, the BLM will be pruning, topping or removing about 108 trees.

“Some of the trees in the park are rotten or have features that could cause them to fall,” said Dennis Turowski, BLM field manager. “We want to get the work done now so the site will be safe and ready for the start of the prime camping season in the spring,”

Visitors can contact LaVerne County Park at 541-396-2344, the Coos County Parks Department at 541-396-3121 ext. 354, or the Bureau of Land Management at 541-756-0100 for additional information.

The BLM retained the rights and management responsibility for the trees at LaVerne Park when the county park was formed on Congressionally withdrawn federal land in 1926.

### About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The BLM, with a budget of about \$1.8 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 BLM accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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