BLM Recreation Sites Open for Summer

NORTH BEND, OR – Whether you want to camp in the woods, go on a hike through an old-growth forest, or lounge on the beach at Loon Lake, the Bureau of Land Management’s local recreation sites are ready for another summer season.

There are ten campgrounds with 158 campsites, five day-use recreation areas, and thirty-five miles of trails to explore on BLM lands in southwest Oregon. Opportunities range from guided tours of the Cape Blanco Lighthouse, horseback riding on the North Spit, remote camping sites like Park Creek, Vincent Creek and Sixes River, or a hiking trail to the Doerner Fir, one the United State’s largest coastal Douglas-fir trees. Of the sites BLM manages, 80% are free of charge.

Loon Lake Recreation Area and campground, located on the shores of Loon Lake east of Reedsport and the District’s largest campground, will open for the season May 24th. Camping sites, showers, a sandy beach, fishing, boating, and other opportunities are available. There is a $5 per vehicle recreation fee for day use. Many of the campsites at Loon Lake are reservable and can be booked by calling Reserve America at 1-877-444-6777, or visit their web site at www.Recreation.gov.

New this year, the Coos Bay BLM District is selling the America the Beautiful Interagency Recreation Pass. This new annual pass covers entrance fees or standard amenity fees at sites managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation.

On the Coos Bay District, the America the Beautiful pass is honored for tour fees at Cape Blanco Lighthouse and day-use fees at the Loon Lake, Edson and Sixes Recreation Areas. If visitors don’t have a pass, they can still pay any applicable fees upon arrival at the recreation site as well.

For more information on recreation opportunities on the Coos Bay District, please visit www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/index.php under the ‘Explore’ tab on the top of the page, or call the District office at (541) 756-0100. Brochures and recreation maps are available at local Chamber of Commerce offices and at the Coos Bay District BLM office.

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