

## BLM Sponsors Rogue River Hike to Historic Cabin

Come join the Medford BLM on an interpretive hike along the Rogue River Trail to the historic Whisky Creek Cabin. Learn about the history of the area, see wildlife, and view the beauty of the Rogue River Trail.

WHEN: Saturday October 3, 2009  
10:00am-2:00pm

WHERE: Grave Creek Boat Landing

DIRECTIONS: From Grants Pass take Inter-state 5 North. Take the Merlin exit (#61). Go left onto Merlin-Galice Road. Go approximately 23 miles and park at the Grave Creek boat ramp.

Around 1880, an unknown miner built the first cabin at Whisky Creek. The original structure was little more than a crude shelter, consisting of four walls, a dirt floor and a shake roof.

The first claim on Whisky Creek was filed by P.H. Rushmore in 1917. In 1918 the claim was bought by Cy Whiteneck who made improvements to the cabin. Cy stayed in the cabin until 1948. C.R. "Bob" and Claire Simmons were caretakers for the cabin from 1948-1955.

Lou Martin, one of the last resident miners in the lower Rogue River canyon, moved into the cabin in 1957 as a caretaker. He lived there until 1973 when the BLM purchased the deed, and Lou moved into the Hansen house at Rand.

The cabin was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 and is the oldest known mining cabin, still standing, in the remote lower Rogue River canyon.

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### About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 256 million 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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