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## **BLM North Bank Habitat Management Area Reopens**

**Roseburg, Oregon-September 2, 2009.** The West Entrance of the North Bank Habitat Management Area and Blacktail Ridge Road (number 26-5-11.2) will reopen Friday September 4, 2009. These areas were recently closed for road improvements.

The main entrance to North Bank will also resume normal summer operating hours with the main gate open to vehicles Friday through Monday from 8am-8pm. Winter hours will start in October, with the main gate open to vehicles Friday through Monday from 8am-5pm.

Pedestrian access is always available. Contact Ariel Hiller at 541-464-3356 for additional information.

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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