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## **BLM Proposes Improvement Plans at Turn Point Light Station**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing site improvements, including the addition of a new restroom facility on public lands it manages at Turn Point Light Station. The Turn Point Light Station is located on Stuart Island in the San Juan Islands within San Juan County, Washington. The public lands at Turn Point Light Station are administered by the BLM's Spokane District, Wenatchee Resource Area, Lopez Island Office.

The proposed action is to remove the composting toilet and install a vault toilet, re-route a portion of the existing trail from the outhouse to the historic water tank, remove selected and hazardous trees, and create a site for a volunteer host to camp. To avoid conflict with recreational use of the site, all large-scale project work will be scheduled between September 17 and May 15, 2008, which is outside the visitor high-use season.

**BLM is seeking public review and comments on this EA until August 22, 2008.** The EA is available on the internet at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans), or upon request from the Spokane District Office (509.536.1200), Wenatchee Field Office (509.665.2100), or Lopez Island Office (360.468.3754). Email comments to [gteague@blm.gov](mailto:gteague@blm.gov) or send them to BLM, Lopez Island Office, P.O. Box 3, Lopez Island, WA 98261

Turn Point Light Station came under BLM administration after the transfer of facilities from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) in 1991. The site is eligible for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places. The property is an example of a historic light station serving as an aid to navigation in Puget Sound for over 100 years. The station also has interpretive value particularly as an example of early to mid 20th century living on the San Juan Islands. The BLM's overall management approach for this area is one of preservation and meeting the desires and expectations of visitors to the site.

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