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**NEW RECREATION MAP SERIES DEBUTS**

PORTLAND, OR – Folding a map may not be the easiest thing for some people, but finding the right map of federal public lands in the Northwest will become much easier for everyone. The Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service have pooled their resources to jointly produce maps showcasing Oregon and Washington recreation areas and amenities. The new map series means that visitors will need fewer maps to have full coverage of both agencies lands and resources.

The new Pacific Northwest Recreation Map Series is one product of *Service First*, an innovative framework for cooperation between these agencies. This unique map series leverages skills and resources in the agencies to save production costs by reducing overlap and gaining economies of scale. Now 27 recreation maps will display the area covered on 35 previous map versions. In addition to cost savings, the new map series is divided into logical destination zones, such as the Columbia River Gorge, the South Oregon Coast, Mount St. Helens and more.

This new series of maps will be sold in both agency offices, with paper maps selling for \$7.00 each, or \$8.00 for an all-weather version. Maps that have been printed so far include the Upper Klamath Basin, the Owyhee Canyon Country, the Land of Umpqua, and the Malheur River Country. The other 23 maps will be phased in over the next few years, to show areas that were not mapped before, or to replace maps that overlapped agency boundaries.

The *Service First* authority has been an avenue that allows agencies to share office space, issue permits for either or both agencies, manage land and facilities cooperatively, and provide a single point of contact for many resource programs. Within a formal *Service First* agreement, these resource management agencies are focused on improving customer service and operating more efficiently.

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 Bureau, 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 Bureau 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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