



Lower Deschutes River Management Area News Release

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BLM and State of Oregon Announce Restoration of Lower Deschutes River Boaterpass Website ---www.boaterpass.com

PRINEVILLE – Today, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Prineville District Office, and the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation announced that boaters will now be able to obtain boating passes on the internet at www.boaterpass.com to schedule trips on the Lower Deschutes River. The Boater Pass website also contains a current list of available vendors where boater passes can be purchased in person. A boater pass is required on all segments of the Lower Deschutes River when accessing the river by any type of watercraft.

“Over the last several months the BLM and the State of Oregon have worked together to re-host the Deschutes Boater Pass website. Thanks to this cooperation, the Boater Pass website is up and running and boaters have easy access to the river,” said Dan Tippy, Prineville BLM Acting Deschutes Resource Area Field Manager.

This is the second year of a “limited entry” permit system on a portion of the Lower Deschutes River from Warm Springs to Harpham Flat (Segment 1). The remaining segments of the river, including the Harpham Flat to Sandy Beach section, will not be subject to limited entry during the 2006 boating season. Boaters can request a trip up to seven days in length if the first limited entry date is available. An individual may be named as the trip leader or alternate on only one limited entry boater pass at a time.

The limited entry days for the 2006 boating season are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from July 1 through September 3. Boater passes are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Other boater pass website features include river maps, tips on how to reduce user impact on the river environment, boating safety regulations, user fees and information on the river’s recreational, cultural and natural significance. When buying Lower Deschutes River boater passes online, customers need to provide trip dates, party size, launch and take out points and credit card numbers.

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