



# **Piedras Blancas Light Station celebrates 135<sup>th</sup> birthday!**

(Above: Piedras Blancas Lighthouse circa 1915)

In celebration of the 135<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Piedras Blancas Light Station there will be free public tours offered on Tuesday, February 16 and on Thursday, February 18, 2010. The Piedras Blancas lighthouse was first lit on February 15, 1875. In the fall of 2001, the Bureau of Land Management assumed management of the Piedras Blancas Light Station and tremendous progress has been achieved in restoring the light station and grounds. Piedras Blancas Light Station has been congressionally designated an Outstanding Natural Area within the National Landscape Conservation System.

People wishing to attend the complimentary tours on February 16 and February 18, please call 805-927-7361 and leave a message giving your name, phone number, the date you wish to attend, and the number of people in your party. Tours meet at 9:45 at the former Piedras Blancas motel, located 1 ½ miles north of the light station. Please do not wait at the gate to the light station. Tours last about two hours and include both the human history of the site and the natural history.

