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BLM, Oregon State Parks Seek Comments on Bastendorff Beach Plan *Public Meeting Scheduled March 2nd*

Charleston, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coos Bay District and Oregon State Parks have completed a draft plan for the future management of Bastendorff Beach, and are asking the public to send in their comments on the proposed plans for the popular site.

A thirty-day comment period begins February 14 and ends March 15, 2011.

“We heard early on that people love Bastendorff Beach, but they have concerns about sanitation, trash dumping, law enforcement, and camping,” said Dennis Turowski, Umpqua Field Manager for the BLM. “The agencies drafted this plan to hopefully address many of those concerns, and make the site safe and attractive again.”

Coos County Parks Department has also agreed to partner with BLM and State Parks in managing the site in the future.

Among other items, the agencies propose to install another restroom, resurface the parking lots, designate only two vehicle routes from the road to the beach, install barriers to block vehicle access to the interior area, limit camping to 24 hours, and develop a host site.

“Of course, any physical site improvements will depend upon funding being available to implement them,” said Turowski.

The plan is available for download at: www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/plans/activityplans.php

Additionally, the agencies’ have scheduled a public meeting for March 2, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the North Bend Library to discuss the draft plan and gather feedback from the public.

Comments on the plan can be submitted via email to: or_coosbay_mail@blm.gov or by mail to BLM, ATTN: Nancy Zepf, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459.

Bastendorff Beach is one of the most popular beaches in the Coos Bay area, receiving 50 – 100,000 visitors per year. The BLM manages approximately 110 acres of public land at the site, while Oregon State Parks manages the beach from the ocean to the mean high tide line. Coos County Parks Department manages the beach road, paved beach parking areas and Bastendorff Beach Campground on the headland.



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