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BLM Announces Stimulus Investment on Coos Bay District

NORTH BEND, Ore. – Today, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coos Bay District announced it received funding to implement one project in Douglas County under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The project will include maintenance and upgrades at the Loon Lake Recreation Area east of Reedsport, including paving, gate replacement, new interpretive panels, and implementation of a native vegetation management plan.

“Much of the infrastructure at Loon Lake was constructed over 30 years ago and is in need of repair and replacement,” said Dennis Turowski. “The project will ensure we continue to provide a safe and fun experience at the lake.”

Work on the Loon Lake project is expected to create jobs in paving, fabrication and landscaping over the next twelve months.

The project is part of the \$32.4 million that will fund 60 BLM projects throughout Oregon and Washington. Overall, the BLM will manage \$305 million in investments nationwide as part of the recovery plan signed by the President to jumpstart our economy, create or save jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century.

The public will be able to follow the progress of each project on www.recovery.gov and on www.interior.gov/recovery. The Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has appointed a Senior Advisor for Economic Recovery, Chris Henderson, and an Interior Economic Recovery Task Force. Henderson and the Task Force will work closely with the Department of the Interior’s Inspector General to ensure that the recovery program is meeting the high standards for accountability, responsibility, and transparency that President Obama has set.

About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 256 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 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, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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