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Guard Rails Installed at Bastendorff Beach

Coos Bay, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in partnership with the Coos County road department, is installing guard rails along Bastendorff Beach Road this week in an effort to continue to improve the popular Bastendorff Beach recreation area.

The guard rails are being installed on the beach side of the county road, on BLM-managed land. They will channel vehicles onto approved routes and help prevent unmanaged cross country vehicle use within the interior forested dune and on the beach.

The BLM, Coos County Parks, and Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department have been working together to improve facilities and the overall visitor experience at the site. The agencies developed and signed the Bastendorff Beach Cooperative Management Plan in 2011. One key goal of the plan has been to reduce long-term camping and illegal dumping, and the associated health and safety problems that sometimes accompany these activities. The guardrails will serve to limit interior access and subsequent camping within the forested dune and are in addition to other improvements that have occurred over the last several years, including installation of new restrooms.

For additional information or questions regarding the guard rail installation, please contact Nancy Zepf with the Bureau of Land Management at 541-756-0100.

About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 245 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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