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Theft at Shotgun OHV Maintenance Yard

(Springfield, OR) The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Lane County Sheriff's Office are investigating an incident which occurred on Monday, April 13, 2015. A yellow flatbed trailer and a John Deere model 3120 tractor were stolen from the maintenance yard at the Shotgun Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Area, located northeast of Springfield, Oregon. Electrical and phone systems were also damaged during the theft. The estimated total loss exceeds \$50,000.

Surveillance footage shows that an unknown person entered the maintenance yard around 1:30am driving a 2008-2010 white Ford pick-up truck with a flatbed. "The theft of public property costs us all and will impact our short term ability to maintain this popular recreation area," said Bill O'Sullivan, Field Manager for the Upper Willamette Resource Area.

The BLM is offering a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the identification and arrest of the person(s) involved in this theft. Anyone with information about this crime is urged to contact the Lane County Sheriff's Office at (541) 682-4150.

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