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Eugene BLM Seeks Public Comment on Non-motorized Trails

Eugene, OR. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eugene District is seeking public comment on the Carpenter Bypass Non-Motorized Trail System and Parking Lot Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA outlines alternative management strategies relative to the management of non-motorized recreation opportunities on BLM-managed land along and proximal to Carpenter Bypass Road.

The BLM will host a public meeting for participants to review and provide feedback for potential recreational development of parking facilities and a new non-motorized trail system for hikers, mountain bikers and trail runners.

The BLM engaged in a multi-year effort to identify issues, needs and concerns for the stewardship and use of this area. This collaborative process involved local and regional recreational users and established key partnerships to help develop non-motorized recreation opportunities for this area.

The meeting will be held on **April 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the Lorane Grange**, Lorane, Oregon. Address: 80342 Old Lorane Hwy, Lorane, Oregon.

Contact Wade Judy for more information about the meeting at (541) 683-6457 or by email at wjudy@blm.gov or go to BLM's website at <http://www.blm.gov/or>.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. 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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