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## **Alcohol Ban in Effect at Lower Lake Creek Falls**

Eugene, Ore. - The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eugene District ban on the possession or consumption of alcohol at the Lower Lake Creek Falls recreation site is now in effect.

“The BLM is taking this action to improve public safety and visitor experience. The alcohol ban should make the site more family-friendly,” BLM Eugene District spokesman Michael Mascari said.

The BLM and local law enforcement officers will enforce the alcohol ban at the site known locally as the ‘Slides’ this spring. Violators will be ticketed and fined up to \$1,000.

The Lake Creek Falls/Slide Area is a popular recreation destination for thousands of summer visitors who enjoy the natural waterslide at the unique site. This area’s popularity has led to undesirable impacts associated with large amounts of visitors congregating at a relatively small and remote site. Increased problems due to intoxication, excessive trash including broken glass, sanitation issues, and noise have become routine. The local fire department has responded to an increasing number of injuries, often related to alcohol and law enforcement officers note an increase in vehicle accidents in the area.

The agency posted signs at the recreation site to advise visitors of the change. More information regarding the alcohol prohibition is available on the BLM Eugene District public website at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene/index.php>

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