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Eugene District Recreation Hours for 2014!

Springfield Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eugene District will make changes to the hours of operation for some recreation sites for the 2014 recreation season.

Whittaker Creek Campground will be available for first-come, first-served camping and day use between May 23 and July 14. The early closure of the campground this year is necessary to replace the existing 75 foot wooden bridge over Whittaker Creek for reasons of public safety. The campground has 31 campsites of which several are pull-through trailer sites. There is also a picnic area, horseshoe pits, drinking water, and vault toilets, as well as a boat landing and an Old Growth Ridge National Recreation Trail (2.7 mile loop): <http://on.doi.gov/livh07i>

Clay Creek Campground will be available for first-come, first-served camping between May 23 and September 14. Clay Creek will be unavailable for overnight camping this summer from August 8 – 10 due to a group event authorized under a Special Recreation Permit. Day Use will be available throughout the summer recreation season. Clay Creek has 21 campsites, of which several are pull-through sites. The campground has drinking water, vault toilets, a ball field, swimming opportunities via Siuslaw River access, horseshoe pits, the 1.3 mile Clay Creek trail, and shelter structures that are popular for weddings and other group events. The shelters can be reserved by calling BLM at (541) 683-6600: <http://on.doi.gov/1qsjNCL>

Sharps Creek Campground will be available for first-come, first-served camping between May 23 and September 30. Sharps Creek has 11 sites with drinking water. There are accessible vault toilets on site and the adjacent day use area overlooking Sharps Creek has a swimming hole and a designated recreational gold panning area. Hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians can enjoy the area's remarkable scenery while traveling the nearby 16-mile Row River Trail: <http://on.doi.gov/1hhUzWV>

Shotgun Creek Recreation Site will open for day use starting May 1 and close for the season on October 31. The hours of operation while open are as follows:

May 1 to June 13: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
June 14 to September 14: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
September 15 to October 31: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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In addition to the popular picnic sites, the Shotgun Creek Day Use Recreation Site has a summer swimming area and the hiking trails are open to the public all year. There are also two shelter structures popular for weddings and other group events. The shelters can be reserved by calling BLM at (541) 683-6600: <http://on.doi.gov/Q6u1xb>

Additional information on these sites and other recreation areas is available on the web:

<http://on.doi.gov/1eb592n>

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