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CAST for Kids Event at Hyatt Lake

The Oregon Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is a sponsor of the C.A.S.T. "Catch A Special Thrill" for Kids Event happening Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event is designed to facilitate an environment where disabled and disadvantaged children, aged 6 – 18, and their caretakers can share an outdoor day of fun on Hyatt Lake in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

Disabled and disadvantaged children from the local area are hosted at Hyatt Lake; fishing rods & reels, t-shirts, hats, and tackle boxes will be supplied by a variety of sponsors. The participants are partnered with a volunteer experienced angler (guide), and escorted on a motorized boat, with the supervision of their guardian. Proper techniques of fishing and education on natural resources will be demonstrated. The morning's fishing excursion culminates with a lunch and an awards ceremony.

Children's games and other activities will also be provided. BLM entrance and camping fees are waived for participants and their families attending the event. The Lions Club will host a free lunch for children and their families. Anyone interested is asked to register before the event by calling (541) 779-4520.

The C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation mission is to provide disabled and disadvantaged children the opportunity to enjoy a quality outdoor recreational experience fishing on the water.

Additional information about the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument is available online at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/csnm/>.

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about \$1 billion, the bureau 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

About CSNM: The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) is part of the Bureau's National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS), created in June 2000 to bring into a single system some of the most remarkable landscapes found on public lands in the west.

In total, the Bureau manages over 800 units in the NLCS including National Conservation Areas, National Monuments, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historical Trails, and Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas. The CSNM was created by Presidential Proclamation on June 9, 2000. The monument encompasses 52,940 acres in southwestern Oregon and is the first monument set aside solely to preserve biodiversity.

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