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Prineville BLM Looking for Campground Hosts

Central Ore. – The Prineville District, BLM is looking to fill several volunteer campground host positions for the 2013 recreation season. Hosts are needed on the John Day, Lower Deschutes and Crooked Rivers and provide a valuable service in exchange for receiving a free campsite.

Hosts serve as representatives of the BLM and set examples of "model camping" practices for other visitors. They greet and provide information to visitors, help with campground management, fee collection, light maintenance and upkeep, and may serve as the emergency contact for people in the campground.

Individuals or families with self-contained camping units are encouraged to apply. A minimum two-month commitment is required; however, the BLM can arrange for longer assignments if there are openings. Hosts must live on-site and work a minimum of 20-hours a week. Depending on funding, some reimbursement for amenities such as propane may be available.

For more information or to request an application for the Campground Host Program, please contact Park Ranger, Curt Booher at cbooher@blm.gov or call the Prineville BLM Office at (541) 416-6700. A list of some of the available campsites, along with an application, is located on the Prineville BLM webpage under the recreation tab at http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/recreation/host.php

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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