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20th Annual Hotshot Memorial Run

Prineville – Firefighters and employees with the Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests and the Prineville District Bureau of Land Management would like to invite the Central Oregon community to participate in the Prineville Hotshot Memorial Run Saturday, May 10, 2014. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Colorado South Canyon Fire and the 14 firefighters, including nine Prineville Hotshots, who lost their lives in the fire. Although this run happens annually, this year in honor and memory of the fallen firefighters, the race will be followed by special activities including a barbeque, live music, and a commemoration event.

The Hotshot Run includes a 5K run/walk and a 10K run, with a mass start at 10 a.m., and a Kids Fun Run at 11:15. The race starts and finishes at Ochoco Creek Park at 450 Elm St. in Prineville. The award ceremony, barbeque and events begin about 11:30 in the park. More information and entry forms are available online at <http://www.runningwildfire.org/>.

Lightning started the South Canyon Fire On July 2, 1994, during a year of drought and at a time of low humidity and record high temperatures, seven miles west of Glenwood Springs, Colorado, near the base of Storm King Mountain. On July 6, as a cold front moved into the area, the fire made a run up a drainage beneath the firefighters working above. While 35 firefighters escaped to safety, 14 perished, unable to outrun the flames. Nine of these firefighters were members of the Prineville Interagency Hotshot crew, most from Central and Eastern Oregon.

The Annual Hotshot Memorial Run raises funds for the Wildland Firefighter Foundation and was formed as a result of the Storm King Fire tragedy. The Foundation's main focus is to help families of firefighters killed in the line of duty and to assist injured firefighters and their families. This non-profit organization honors and acknowledges past, present, and future members of the wildland firefighting community, and partners with private and interagency organizations to bring recognition to wildland firefighters. For more information about the Wildland Firefighter Foundation, please visit <http://www.wffoundation.org/>.

The Prineville Interagency Hotshot crew was formed in 1980 and quickly developed into a highly-skilled firefighting unit. The firefighters spend an average of 95 days on the fireline every summer and respond to about 20 large wildfires around the country.

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



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throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2013, the BLM generated \$4.7 billion in receipts from public lands.

The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The Agency manages 193 million acres of public land, provides assistance to State and private landowners, and maintains the largest forestry research organization in the world. The USDA is an equal opportunity employer.

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