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Decision on John Day River Study Environmental Assessment Released

Prineville, Ore. -- The Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has released the Decision Record for the John Day River Study Environmental Assessment (EA).

The decision details boating use and the corresponding number of launch permits that will be available for reservation each day for Segments 2 and 3 of the Lower John Day River (Service Creek to Cottonwood) during the peak boating season of May 20 to July 10. These changes will not affect the river segments upstream of Service Creek or downstream of Cottonwood. The decision will be implemented for the 2011 boating season.

The EA contained a full range of alternatives to meet the requirements of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988, which directed the BLM to set a user capacity. Public scoping for the EA was initiated in July 2008. The EA was released by the BLM in August 2010 for a 30-day public comment period. A copy of the decision record, environmental assessment, and additional information about this planning process are available online at:



<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/plans/johndayriverstudy>



Information on how to obtain a boating permit for the 2011 season is available online at the John Day River boating webpage:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/johnday/boating-general.php>

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