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BLM Prineville District Accepting Applications for New Special Recreation Permits on the Lower Deschutes River

Prineville, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Prineville District, is accepting applications for new Special Recreation Permits (SRPs) from individuals and companies interested in guiding activities that will require a watercraft on the Lower Deschutes River. The application period opened August 29, 2016 and will be open through November 28, 2016.

The Lower Deschutes Wild and Scenic River Management Plan allows for the number of permitted guides and outfitters to increase by 5 percent annually. With around 80 active guiding SRPs on the Lower Deschutes currently, applicants will be applying for **four** new available permits. This application is for non-motorized activities on the lower 100 miles of the Deschutes River only.

The Lower Deschutes Wild and Scenic River is a remarkable resource that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors annually. The BLM, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation, and State of Oregon work collaboratively to manage the Lower Deschutes River for its wild, scenic, and recreational values.

Application materials, including the application prospectus, can be found here:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/contracts/index.php>

Additional information about the Prineville District is available online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/index.php>

For more information about this SRP application process, contact the Prineville District office at (541) 416-6700.

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