



Cottonwood Canyon State Park EA

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Comments can be sent or emailed until December 16, 2013:

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Prineville BLM is requesting input on options to issue the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (ORPD) a Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) lease for about 10,000 acres in the lower John Day River basin, 22 miles northwest of Condon, Oregon. The State would manage the leased lands in together with the Cottonwood Canyon State Park. The proposed lease would identify the terms and conditions for how ORPD could use the public land, including the development and maintenance of almost 32 miles of roads and trails. Without this lease, ORPD would not be able to connect trail segments and would limit public access in this area for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding. If the lease is approved, camping would also be limited to ORPD’s designated sites within the park boundary.

As a result of the new State park, the BLM is also considering setting a boating use level to this segment (Segment One) of the John Day Wild and Scenic River to account for the possibility of increased use and interest. BLM is considering limits to the number of groups per day between May 15 and December 31.

These actions are needed to work with ORPD to provide the public a seamless recreation experience with access to both the land and water in this area. An environmental assessment is required as part of the R&PP process and to identify the kinds and amount of public use that the river can sustain without impact to the Wild and Scenic River values, such as fisheries and recreation.



How can you comment on the Cottonwood Canyon State Park EA?

We would like to hear from you! The BLM is in the scoping phase of the analysis, which means that any comments received by the public or interested parties will be used to identify issues and develop alternatives. Although there will be additional opportunities to comment, BLM is requesting input now so that it can be considered early, and invites you to share concerns about how actions related to this proposal might affect other resources or uses. Topics to consider might include boating use limits, visual resources, wildlife, recreation or historic/cultural resources.

Our legal disclaimer for comments:

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

We're on the web!
<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/plans>



Join us at our Public Meeting!

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

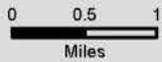
From 4pm to 6pm

Sherman County Extension Office
66365 Lonerock Road, Moro Oregon
(follow sign to the fairgrounds).

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Legend

- Proposed Trails
- Highways
- Roads
- h Day Use Area
- RPP Application
- Wilderness Study Areas
- WSR Corridor
- Administered Lands**
- Bureau of Land Management
- State
- Private

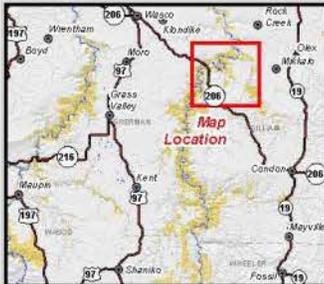


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