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## BLM to Begin Grazing at North Bank Area

**Roseburg, Ore.** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is planning to utilize cattle to graze approximately 58 acres within the North Bank Habitat Management Area (NBHMA) beginning in late December 2011. The NBHMA is situated approximately three miles southeast of Sutherlin, Oregon, along North Bank Road. The grazing project is an effort to assess grazing as a practical tool to improve forage for the Columbian white-tailed deer.

Grazing is being utilized to meet objectives in the NBHMA Habitat Management Plan.

Based on periodic monitoring to meet habitat goals, the grazing period may extend for approximately four months. Work crews with the Jefferson Conservation Corps are currently working on site to prepare facilities for the grazing project and to install electric fencing around the location.

Due to live electric fencing, it is recommended that the public avoid entry into the fenced grazing project area. Dogs should remain leashed in the vicinity of the grazing project area.

The project was designed in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. For more information about the Roseburg BLM visit:

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

Further information about the NBHMA can be found at the following page:

[http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/north\\_bank.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/north_bank.php)

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