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PUBLIC INPUT FOR FISHERMEN'S BEND RECREATION SITE

Salem, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites the public to provide feedback, comments, and or suggestions on the future of Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site. Fishermen's Bend is a very popular campground and day use recreation site located along the North Santiam River, 30 miles east of Salem and 1.5 miles west of Mill City. It is the most developed overnight facility managed by the Salem District, serving approximately 80,000 visitors each year.

Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site covers 80 acres of development within the 169 acres set aside for the site. The site includes three overnight loops (Camp, River, and Group) that provide a total of 54 campsites, 3 overnight group sites, 3 group picnic sites and 2 cabins. The site also features an amphitheater for environmental education presentations, playgrounds, a basketball court, renovated restrooms, a boat ramp with access to the North Santiam River, and other amenities.

Visitor demand far exceeds the developed capacity within the site. In 2005, BLM acquired a 17-acre parcel to the east of and adjacent to Fishermen's Bend. It is heavily impacted, but has the potential for additional river access and park development. This planning effort will provide a framework that will guide the future management and development of Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site for the next 15 to 20 years. The BLM wants to hear from visitors and stakeholders early in the planning process. A final plan will be completed in 2014.

Additional information about the Fishermen's Bend Recreation Site is available online at:

http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/site_info.php?siteid=228

When providing feedback, comments, and/or suggestions, please be as specific as you can and consider the following topics: site amenities and services, reservation policies, future site development or expansion, fee changes, environmental education and interpretation.

Before including address, phone number, email-address, or any other personal identifying information in your comments, be advised that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request that the BLM withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. If you wish us to withhold your personal information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Comments will be accepted via e-mail at tmeredit@blm.gov, or by mail at: BLM, Salem District Attn: Traci Meredith 1717 Fabry Rd SE, Salem, OR 97306.

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