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Facility Improvements Begin at Marmot Recreation Area

Salem, Ore. -- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is removing the vault toilet at the former Larch Mountain Environmental Education site, and installing it at Marmot Recreation Area (the former Marmot Dam site). The Larch Mountain trailhead will be closed for approximately one week June 13-17, 2016 during removal of the structure.

Larch Mountain will remain open to the public for hiking and picnicking, as well as environmental education. To make better use of facilities and more efficiently manage operations, the BLM has decided to focus resources on the Sandy River Basin. Opening the Marmot Dam Recreation Area to vehicle entry and day use this year is a key part of the BLM's 2009 *Sandy River Basin Management Plan*. An announcement for the opening of the Marmot Recreation Area will be shared as soon as preparations are complete.

Additional information is available on the BLM Salem District website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/index.php>.

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