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June is National Great Outdoors Month! FREE Entrance to BLM Recreation Areas on Saturday, June 9

*Salem, Ore--*National Get Outdoors Day is a new annual event to encourage healthy active outdoor fun. Come join the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the International Mountain Bike Association, Northwest Trail Alliance, and Ant Farm Youth Corps celebrate the Sandy Ridge Trail System. The Sandy Ridge System has been selected to help reach currently underserved populations and first-time visitors to public lands, and reconnect our youth to the great outdoors. In the morning, help the BLM and partners open up a new segment of trail to the public with a couple hours of volunteer trail work. Volunteers will be rewarded with the first opportunity to sample this new trail as they trade in tools for bikes in the afternoon. The event will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Sandy Ridge Trailhead.

Fee Free Day at Salem District Recreation Sites: The public is encouraged to Get Outdoors at the following Salem District recreation sites. On Saturday, June 9th, standard amenity fees will be waived at all District sites, including the following:

Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area: From noon to 4pm, climb the steps of Oregon's tallest lighthouse and view the original first order Fresnel lens that has been casting a beam of light out to sea since 1873.

Alsea Falls Recreation Site: Enjoy picnicking, hiking and mountain biking opportunities along the Alsea Byway. The south fork of the Alsea River and Alsea Falls offer visitors a cool and refreshing retreat in a temperate forest setting.

Wildwood Recreation Site: Enjoy recreation opportunities along the Salmon Wild and Scenic River. Explore a natural stream and wetland ecosystem along accessible interpretive trails and boardwalks and observe native fish in a unique underwater fish viewing chamber.

Little North Santiam River Recreation Area: This classic Oregon River offers beautiful beaches and striking views near Mill City, OR. Canyon Creek and Elkhorn Valley Recreation Sites offer the chance to swim, picnic and enjoy the outdoors.

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National Get Outdoors Day is the signature event of Great Outdoors Month, the designation given annually to June by the White House and governors across the United States. This year participants from federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the recreation industry are again teaming up to host the fifth annual National Get Outdoors Day at sites across the Salem District, Bureau of Land Management.

For more information about National Get Outdoors Day, visit:
<http://www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org/about/>

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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