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New Molalla River Recreation Sites Open July 4

Salem, Ore--The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salem District will be opening two new recreation sites along the Molalla River on July 4. The completion of these new recreation facilities represents nearly five years of collaborative work with stakeholders in the Molalla area.

Cedar Grove Recreation Site will be available for group overnight camping between July 4 and Sept. 30. The site is located in a picturesque grove of western red cedar at milepost 6 on the Molalla Forest Road. Amenities include potable water, restrooms, and 11 tent camping sites each equipped with a tent pad, metal fire ring, BBQ grill, and picnic table. The entire recreation site will be available through a permitted reservation system for a group of up to 40 people. A 10-day notice is required for reservation. Permit fees will range from \$100 to \$200 per night based on group size. Interested groups should contact the BLM Salem District Office, (503) 375-5646.

Three Bears Recreation Site will be available for day-use picnicking and river access between July 4 and Sept. 30. Situated on a scenic stretch of the river 4 miles south of Glen Avon Bridge, Three Bears will offer 10 large picnic sites, potable water, restrooms, and access to a beautiful cobble beach and swimming hole. The site will be free to use in 2013. Overnight camping will not be permitted.

Beginning in 2014, the BLM intends to offer full overnight tent camping at both sites. Development of these facilities is the central component of the *Molalla River-Table Rock Recreation Area Management Plan*, released by the BLM in 2011. The Molalla River Corridor receives 60,000 to 70,000 visitors each year.

For more information on the Molalla River Recreation Area, including directions and a map, go to <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/index.php>.

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