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BLM Releases Molalla Corridor Recreation Area Management Plan

SALEM, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salem District will release the final Molalla River-Table Rock Recreation Area Management Plan on July 19, 2011. The Molalla River-Table Rock Recreation Area is located southeast of the town of Molalla, in northwest Oregon. The plan presents a 15 year strategy for management of recreation resources within the 27,405 acre planning area. The Management Plan, Decision Record and Environmental Assessment are available online at the Salem BLM District web page at:

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

The Molalla River-Table Rock Special Recreation Area Management Plan addresses the most pressing issues identified through public scoping by providing a comprehensive and realistic framework for managing recreation within the Molalla River-Table Rock area. The plan focuses on concentrating overnight and day use to locations that minimize natural resource impacts. It is balanced in scope, establishing a vision for the enhancement of a broad range of activities instead of improving the area for a select set of visitors. The 15 year planning strategy seeks to address the primary issues of public safety and resource degradation while retaining the qualities that draw current users to the area.

The plan also establishes a framework for overhauling the Molalla Shared Use Trail System. This strategy focuses on closing or re-routing unsustainable portions of the trail system and identifies opportunities to construct approximately 5 miles of new trail with a focus on user-specific trail development.

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about \$1 billion, the bureau 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.

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