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BLM Yakima Canyon Recreation Sites Re-opened

Yakima, WA – Effective immediately, BLM has re-opened four developed recreation sites it manages in the Yakima River Canyon. BLM's Umtanum, Lmuma Creek, Big Pines and Roza recreation sites had all been temporarily closed, due to damage from the January, 2009 Yakima River flooding.

Although the recreation sites are currently open to the public, minor flood cleanup and repairs will continue. BLM cautions visitors that portions of the Roza boat launch were damaged and may remain closed until more extensive repairs can be made.

In addition, visitors to the natural area BLM manages at Ringer Road (3 miles south of Ellensburg on Hwy 821) will need to continue to walk in to this location. Ringer Road itself was heavily damaged during the flooding and remains closed to vehicles.

Visitors to the Yakima Canyon area should pay attention to changing river levels and conditions at these and other roads and recreation sites in the area. Please contact the Wenatchee BLM office at (509) 665-2100 for further questions or to check conditions.

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The BLM manages more land – 256 million 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.

