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To: All District Managers
From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection
Subject: Interagency Day Use Pass for the Pacific Northwest DD: 06/30/2003

In August of 2000, the Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management (BLM), along with the U.S. Forest Service (FS) Region 6, began discussing the possibility of establishing an interagency regional recreation pass. Research has indicated that visitors to public land do not discern between various land management agencies in the Northwest. The goal of this interagency fee group was to provide a simplified pass for visitors that visit several sites by establishing a fee for the region.

As a result of these interagency meetings, the FS, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and BLM conducted a pilot project during 2002 and 2003 at our Wildwood Recreation site. This pilot allowed for visitors with any of the above agency passes to be accepted into our recreation site. The pilot project received strong public acceptance.

This interagency team now consists of members from the FS, National Parks Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Washington State Parks, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and BLM. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between these agencies is currently being reviewed. This MOU is an agreement for these seven agencies to implement an Interagency Day Use Pass for the Pacific Northwest.

The intended date to begin sale of the interagency pass is January 2004. Attached is a list of Oregon BLM day use sites that would honor this pass. **Please take a look at the list for your District, and submit any corrections to Margaret Wolf by June 30, 2003. Also, please submit your fee manager's name for each of your sites.**

To begin outreach and sale of the pass, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will take the lead.

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For the first year the pass will only be sold through an 800 number, with the possibility of internet sales through the State Parks. The pass will be called the Pacific Northwest Recreation Pass and will sell for \$75. By December 2003, all offices will receive a sample pass with complete information to provide to visitors.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

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1 Attachment(s)

1 - [Day Use Fee Sites for Oregon/Washington](#) (1p)

Distribution

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OREGON & WASHINGTON BLM Day Use Fee Sites

Lakeview District:	Topsy Recreation Site Gerber Recreation Site
Salem District:	Wildwood Recreation Site Yaquina Head ONA
Eugene District:	Shotgun Creek Recreation Site
Coos Bay District:	Loon Lake Recreation Site Sixes River Edson Creek Cape Blanco Lighthouse
Spokane District:	Yakima River Canyon
Vale District:	National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center
Medford District:	Hyatt Lake

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