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Where in the Heck is New Princeton, Oregon?

Portland, Ore. – Folding a map may not be the easiest thing for some people, but finding the right map of Federal public lands in the Northwest – and finding New Princeton – has just become a whole lot easier for everyone! *Hint: It's in southeast Oregon.*

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has recently produced wall-size maps showcasing the vast array of both Oregon and Washington public lands. The Oregon and Washington maps are a significant update to versions that were created in 1994.

The maps are at 1:500,000 scale and contain all new Federal surface management designations and updated base data information. Generally speaking, a map scale is the representation between distance on the map and distance on the ground. A map scale usually is given as a fraction or a ratio: 1/500,000 or 1:500,000, meaning that 1 inch on the map is equal to 500,000 inches (or approximately 8 miles) on the ground.

The purchase price for these new Oregon and Washington maps is \$5.00 per state.

In addition, the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service have pooled their resources and are jointly producing maps showcasing Oregon and Washington recreation areas and amenities. The new map series means that visitors now need fewer maps to have full coverage of lands and resources for both agencies.

The new Pacific Northwest Recreation Map Series (below) is one product of an innovative framework for cooperation between these agencies. This unique map series leverages skills and resources in the agencies to save production costs by reducing overlap and gaining economies of scale. Now, 27 recreation maps display the area covered on 35 previous map versions. In addition to cost savings, the new map series is divided into logical destination zones, such as the Columbia River Gorge, the South Oregon Coast, Mount St. Helens, and more.

The latest map in this series is the Willamette Cascades. A Steens Mountain area map will soon be available too. This new series of maps is being sold in both agency offices, with paper maps selling for \$7.00 each or \$8.00 for a moisture-resistant version.

Additional mapping information can be found at the BLM's Online Services site at:

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



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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.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST RECREATION MAP SERIES

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