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<u>Deschutes National Forest Recreation Site Facility Master Plan</u> Public Open House November 13th

BEND—The recreation staff of the Deschutes National Forest has completed the proposed 5-year Recreation Site Facility Master Plan (RS-FMP) for the 212 developed recreation sites on the Forest, and would like to share it with the public Monday evening, November 13th from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. The open house will be at the Deschutes National Forest Headquarters conference room, 1001 S.W. Emkay Drive, Bend. This local process reflects a national effort, as every national forest will complete the process by 2007.

The Deschutes National Forest is the hub of incredible opportunities in diverse settings within close proximity to one another, facilitating four season day-use recreation opportunities. This describes the recreation niche of the Deschutes National Forest, also characterized as "Fun in the Sun!"

The Recreation Site Facility Master Plan represents thorough evaluation of every developed recreation site, considering alignment with the niche, financial efficiency and environmental and community stability. The fundamental premise of RS-FMP is to create an inventory which is sustainable and flexible enough to adapt to changes in demand, available resources and opportunities. As the population of central Oregon grows, our intent is to manage recreation sites to provide the best value for the public within our available resources.

"I do hope the public can join us on November 13th to learn more about the plan and engage in dialogue about smart management of recreation sites for the future," says Forest Supervisor Leslie Weldon.

The plan summary and data table of the 212 sites is also available on the Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/centraloregon.