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BLM Joins National Recreation Reservation System in 2004

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oregon/Washington State Director Elaine Brong today announced the addition of three BLM Recreation Sites to the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS), a federal interagency system for outdoor recreation facilities and activities.

Oregon visitors will soon be able to reserve their favorite federal recreation reservation at one convenient location. On January 12, 2004, the BLM's Loon Lake, Wildwood and Fishermen's Bend Recreation Sites will be added to the National Recreation Reservation System. The system currently provides recreation services for the US Army Corps of Engineers and the USDA Forest Service. In addition, the National Parks Service will be adding twelve national parks and the Bureau of Reclamation will also be adding one site to the National Recreation Reservation system.

Reservations can be made online at www.ReserveUSA.com or over the phone 1-877-444-6777 (toll free). For more information about Loon Lake Recreation Site, contact the BLM Coos Bay District Office at 541-756-0100 or visit www.or.blm.gov/coosbay . For more information about Fishermen's Bend and Wildwood Recreation Sites, contact the BLM Salem District Office at 503-375-5646 or visit www.or.blm.gov/salem .

The integration is part of the "electronic government" initiative to simplify how citizens, for example, make camping and tour reservations when planning to visit federal recreation areas. An integral part of the President's Management Agenda, the E-Gov initiatives make it easier for citizens and businesses to interact with the government, save taxpayer dollars, and streamline citizen-to-government transactions. For more information on each of the President's E-Government initiatives, please visit www.egov.gov.