



Popular Recreation Sites Get New and Improved Trails



Pink Trail on the Crooked River

The BLM manages more than 1.65 million acres of public lands in the Prineville District of central Oregon, including portions of the Crooked, Deschutes, White, and John Day Rivers – that collectively make up over 385 miles of Wild and Scenic River in the District. People come to the area to fish, hunt, boat, camp, mountain bike or just enjoy the spectacular landscape.

The BLM in Prineville will invest \$130,000 to improve visitor experiences on these lands through a series of trail improvements funded through ARRA. Projects include trail and trailhead construction at a number of locations in Jefferson, Crook, and Deschutes Counties. The work involves gravel surfacing of trailheads, purchase and installation of signs and interpretive kiosks, improving existing trails and constructing new trails. This work is being contracted through a competitive process using local companies in the area.

Several miles of new trails for non-motorized use are being constructed along the Deschutes and Crooked Rivers in Jefferson County. Mountain biking and hiking are among the most popular activities along these rivers, in addition to water-related activities such as fishing and boating. Thousands of people visit each year and a new and improved trail system will help manage visitation while protecting the river's resources. Youth crews started this work in fall 2009, and will return in fall 2010 to finish.

New trails and trailheads will also be built in the Cline Buttes Recreation Area, a 50-square mile area of public land located between the communities of Redmond, Bend, and Sisters in Deschutes County. Centrally located within the fastest growing urban area in the State of Oregon, the Cline Buttes Recreation Area is an increasingly attractive destination for local and regional visitors in search of recreational opportunities such as off-highway vehicle, mountain bike, and horseback riding; hiking; hunting; fishing and wildlife viewing.

Also in Deschutes County, the Horse Ridge Trailhead has received attention through the ARRA grant. Improved trailhead parking addresses safety issues, and new parking and picnic areas comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The BLM hopes to add an ADA trail (non-ARRA funded) to provide an accessible experience for those with disabilities that would be similar to what they might see in the nearby Badlands Wilderness.



Improved Horse Ridge Trailhead Parking

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