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## **BLM Builds Warming Shelter for Table Mountain Winter Play Area**

BLM announces the opening of the Table Mountain Winter Play Area and features a newly constructed warming shelter.

The BLM, with help from longtime public lands volunteer Gene Bowling and the Southern Oregon Construction Academy, built a warming shelter overlooking the sledding hill at the Table Mountain Winter Play Area. The warming shelter is completely enclosed and allows for views of the entire sledding hill. The shelter also features a wood stove, making this an ideal spot to watch sledding activities while staying warm and dry. The Table Mountain Winter Play Area also allows access to snowmobile and cross-country ski trails in the Hyatt Lake area.







Table Mountain's sledding hill is specifically designed for snow tubing and sledding, and offers a great spot for families to enjoy a day playing in the snow. The warming shelter will be open during the winter months beginning December 10, 2010. No wood is provided, so please bring your own. The wood stove is small and pieces approximately 4 to 6 inches wide and 8 to 12 inches long will fit in the wood stove.

## Directions to Table Mountain Winter Play Area

From Interstate 5, take exit 14 in **Ashland**. Turn on Route 66 toward Klamath Falls. Follow Route 66 for 17 miles until you reach the Green Springs Inn. Turn left onto the Hyatt Lake Road. Follow this road for four miles, until you reach the Hyatt Lake Recreation area, stay left and continue on for another two miles until you see the sign on the left directing you to the Winter Play area. Turn left and follow this road which dead-ends at the area.

From **Klamath Falls**, take Route 66/ State Route 140 toward Lakeview/ Medford. Continue on Route 66 West/ Greensprings Drive for approximately forty-one miles, until you reach the Green Springs Inn. Turn right onto the Hyatt Lake Road. Follow this road for four miles, until you reach the Hyatt Lake Recreation area, stay left and continue on for another two miles until you see the sign on the left directing you to the Winter Play area. Turn left and follow this road which dead-ends at the area.



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Additional information about the Table Mountain Winter Play Area is available online at: http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/site\_info.php?siteid=355.

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about \$1 billion, the bureau 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.

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