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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Grave Creek Landing Improvement
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Dear Interested Citizen:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has begun a review of the Grave Creek Landing on the Rogue Wild and Scenic River. The use of this landing has been increasing over the past few years. It often exceeds the landing's capacity for safe boat launching and retrieval, and for staging and loading for extended trips into the wild section. The purpose of our review is to identify options and potential improvements that would increase the safety and efficiency of the landing and launch area. We would like to hear your views and concerns about the landing, how it might be improved, and what priorities you feel should be considered as we proceed with our planning and analysis.

Some of the possible improvements that we have been considering include an expansion of the existing concrete parking pad to improve parking and vehicle and trailer maneuvering; installing guard rails along the access road; stabilization of the toe of the rock slide that feeds into the landing area; a small expansion of the launch ramp; and improving the trail crossing of Ajax Gulch at the start of the Rogue River Trail.

I want you to have the opportunity to influence our project plans, should you wish to do so. We would appreciate hearing of any major concerns or site specific features that you think we should consider as we plan this project. Early scoping comments are especially helpful to us. We would appreciate receiving them by August 15, 2001. Please send your written comments to me at the above address, or you may email them to **us** at **or110mb@or.blm.gov**.

If you have questions regarding this project, please contact John Bethea of my staff at (541) 618-2246. John is the project planning team leader.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will become a part of the project record and will be available for public review. If you would like us to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, please clearly state your wish. We will honor your request to the extent allowed by law. If you would like to receive a copy of the environmental assessment (EA) when it is completed, please let us know. It will also be posted on our website at www.or.blm.gov/Medford under planning documents.

Thank you for your interest in the BLM's management of the Rogue Wild and Scenic River.

Sincerely,

Abbie Jossie
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