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Lava Lands Visitor Center to Close for Season September 14th

BEND –Lava Lands Visitor Center will close for the season September 14th so that contractors can begin improvements to the water system at the site. The interpretive programs at Mt. Bachelor will end after the Labor Day weekend.

Recreation sites in Newberry National Volcanic Monument will change to a five-day schedule for the remainder of the 2008 season. After Labor Day the Lava River Cave and the information kiosk at Newberry National Volcanic Monument will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday until October 13th.

Day use sites in Newberry Crater, Benham Falls Day Use Site and Lava Cast Forest will be accessible until they are closed due to winter conditions later in the year. Camping in Newberry Crater will also be available until winter closures.

The remodeling of Lava Lands Visitor Center will continue through the autumn and winter of 2008. New exhibits will be fabricated and installed during this time. All of the improvements at Lava Lands Visitor Center will be completed shortly after the beginning of January 2009. The facility is expected to open for the season in May 2009. The visitor center will feature new exhibits to enhance visitor experience and enjoyment at this site.

For further information, call Lava Lands Visitor Center at (541) 383-4712.