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Interested in the Care and Use of Historic Skyliner Lodge?

Bend—In mid-2010 the historic Skyliner Lodge will be vacated by its current permit holder, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. At that time, the lodge could be made available for use by a new permittee. The Forest Service will select a future permit holder for the lodge through a prospectus process at a later date, but is interested now in hearing proposals that organizations may have for this unique facility. The Forest Service seeks a future permittee that has the financial resources to manage the lodge and provide the greatest public benefit from the site.

Skyliner Lodge is a log structure owned by the Forest Service at the west end of Skyliner Road, approximately ten miles from the city limits of Bend. The lodge was constructed between 1936 and 1937 as the home of the Skyliners Club and was used as the center for winter sports like downhill skiing. In 1958, the skiing activity was moved to Bachelor Butte, and the lodge has since been used by several different groups. Because of its history and character, the lodge was nominated and placed on the National Register of Historic Structures. The main floor of the lodge is divided into a kitchen (no appliances), two small rooms with two bathrooms, and a main room, approximately twenty by thirty-four feet. Upstairs are two open areas, one with very limited floor space. There is a basement under a section of the lodge. One of the two large stone fireplaces is functional, and the lodge has a forced air furnace for heating.

If your organization is interested in utilizing this facility, please contact Rick Wessler, Special Uses Coordinator at the Bend Fort Rock Ranger District, with your ideas. Rick would appreciate responses by May 29, 2009. A prospectus will be written, based on the best ideas received, and issued later this year for responses. If you have questions about the lodge, please contact Rick at (541) 383-4792 or rwessler@fs.fed.us.