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For immediate release:

SUBJECT: Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort, LLC awarded concessions of both Union Creek and Anthony Lake Campground Complexes.

North Powder, Oregon: Earlier this year, the United States Forest Service, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, issued a prospectus seeking applications for concession of two Recreation Complexes on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. The Union Creek and Anthony Lake Recreation Complexes both include campgrounds, cabins, and day use areas. The complexes are operated under a special use permit granted every five years. The Recreation Complexes are as follows:

Union Creek Recreation Complex (Phillips Lake area):

- Union Creek Campground
- Union Creek Day-Use Area and Boat Launch
- Southwest Shore Campground
- Miller Lane Campground
- McCully Fork Campground
- Antlers Guard Station Rental Cabin

Anthony Lakes Recreation Complex:

- Anthony Lakes Campground
- Anthony Lakes Day- Use Area and Boat Launch
- Mud Lake Campground
- Grande Ronde Campground
- Grande Ronde Lake Day-Use Area and Boat Launch
- Anthony Lakes Guard Station Rental Cabin
- Peavy Cabin Rental Cabin

As the prospectus stated, “the administration of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is looking for the right concessionaire to take advantage of this offering to maximize visitation use by providing exceptional recreation opportunities and services.” With its involvement in regional recreational opportunities, combined with the recent success of a once deteriorating ski area, Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort LLC (ALMR) has been awarded the five-year permit.

Formally a seasonal operation, ALMR will now provide year-round employment to key personnel, as well as adding up to ten new jobs to the area, with efforts to hire locally. ALMR takes pride in and is determined to continue investing in surrounding communities through hiring local personnel and spending locally. During winter operating months (December through March), Anthony Lakes invests over \$800k into local

communities through payroll and purchasing as many goods and services as possible locally. ALMR is excited to now bolster local economy throughout the seasons.

Creating more opportunities for area youth is a priority for ALMR. ALMR works closely with area schools in organizing youth winter ski programs and is excited to generate more youth programs year-round. This permit allows Anthony Lakes to move forward with plans to carryout outdoor summer youth programs, including interpretive walks, mountain bike courses, and potentially, summer camps.

ALMR is thrilled at this opportunity to deliver a more incisive and friendly recreational experience for locals and visitors alike. The support from State Senator, Ron Wyden, and his office, along with other local officials, including Baker County Commissioner, Bill Harvey, Baker County Sherriff, Travis Ash, and Baker 5J School District Superintendent, Mark Witty; all were instrumental in this process. ALMR is grateful of the support of its communities as it moves forward in continuing to provide year-round recreation opportunities and services.

"I'm very pleased Anthony Lakes' strong track record has earned the non-profit its deserved opportunity to manage the campground business," said Sen. Ron Wyden. "This decision will ripple into the entire community by providing opportunities for a year-round recreation workforce and services that add up to an even better experience for visitors to this special part of Oregon."

Peter Johnson, ALMR General Manager, stated, "Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort would like to extend a special thank you to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest for its diligence throughout this process and for the collaboration on this great opportunity that serves our communities in a healthy and robust way. ALMR looks forward to working with the WWNF in helping these permit areas reach their fullest potential."

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