Members Sought for Coos Bay County Payment Committee

Coos Bay, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management’s Coos Bay District Office is seeking nominations for eight positions on its Resource Advisory Committee (RAC). Nominations are due on or before June 1, 2010.

Appointments to the RAC would begin immediately upon confirmation by the Secretary of the Interior after August 15, 2010. Specific positions available include:

- Four positions in Category 1. Nominees for this category must represent organized labor, developed recreation, off highway vehicle users, energy and mineral development, commercial timber industry, or grazing;
- Three positions in Category 2. Nominees for this category must represent an environmental organization, dispersed recreation, archaeological and historic interests, or a wild horse and burro organization;
- One position in Category 3. Nominees for this category must hold an elected office or represent American Indian Tribes, are school officials or teachers, or represent the public at large.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Committee. Nominees must reside within Coos, Curry, or Douglas Counties.

Nominations forms are available at the Coos Bay District Office or from the Coos Bay District RAC website at: http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/rac. Nominees must specify that they are applying for the Coos Bay District RAC and the category of interest they are best qualified to represent.

Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and knowledge in their specific fields of interest, their knowledge of the issues and resources of the Coos Bay District, and their experience in collaborative decision-making.

The RAC operates under the authority of the reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Act). Members review and recommend to the BLM maintenance and natural resource restoration projects that should be funded with Title II dollars allocated under the Act.
Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and serve without compensation except for reimbursement of travel expenditures incurred in course of their duties. Council member terms will expire on September 30, 2013.

For more information or to request a nomination form, contact Glenn Harkleroad at (541) 751-4361 or by e-mail at glenn_harkleroad@blm.gov.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about $1 billion, 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. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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