

NEWS Release BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite E • Springfield, OR 97477 • <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene>

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT EU-11-01
For release: June 10, 2011

Contact: Richard Hardt
(541) 683-6690

BLM to Develop Management Plan for West Eugene Wetlands

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eugene District is seeking public input as it develops a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the BLM-administered lands in the West Eugene Wetlands.

The new RMP will provide overall management direction for the approximately 1,340 acres of BLM-administered public lands in the West Eugene Wetlands. The BLM-administered lands in the West Eugene Wetlands have been acquired by BLM over the past several decades and do not have an existing RMP. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be developed during the planning process.

In this first opportunity for public comment, known as scoping, the BLM is asking the public to help identify issues to be addressed in the RMP, as well as offer potential solutions. The BLM will use the information it receives during scoping as it prepares the Draft RMP and an associated Draft EIS. The BLM is seeking ideas about the uses of public lands, possible protection measures, and recommendations on special designations such as areas of critical environmental concern. The public comment will help guide the planning process.

Comments can be submitted by mail to: Richard Hardt, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Eugene District Office, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite E, Springfield, Oregon, 97477; by facsimile to (541) 683-6981; by electronic mail (email) to OR_Eugene_Mail@blm.gov; or in person at the Eugene District office. Written comments should be received by July 8, 2011, to ensure consideration.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time.

For further information or to have your name added to a mailing list, visit the Eugene District planning website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene/index.php> or send an e-mail to OR_Eugene_Mail@blm.gov, or contact Richard Hardt, at (541) 683-6690.

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about \$1 billion, the bureau 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.

###

Come join the Oregon/Washington BLM on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr for the latest on outdoor opportunities, videos of your public lands, spectacular photos, and a whole lot more!

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/oregonblm
FLICKR: www.flickr.com/photos/blmoregon



YOUTUBE: www.youtube.com/user/blmoregon
TWITTER: www.twitter.com/blmoregon

