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Roseburg BLM Resource Advisory Committee to Meet August 3 & 31

The Bureau of Land Management Roseburg District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be meeting twice in August at the BLM District Office at 777 Garden Valley Boulevard in Roseburg Oregon.

On August 3, the RAC will be hearing presentations from applicants for Title II funding under the Secure Rural Schools Act. On August 31, the RAC will determine their funding recommendations for the current round of projects.

Projects eligible for funding under this program must improve existing infrastructure, forest ecosystems, land health, or water quality. Any organization can apply for funding. However, projects must occur on Federal lands or on adjacent lands but have a benefit to Federal resources. For example, a project that removed an invasive species from private lands to prevent Federal lands from becoming infested would be eligible.

To date the Roseburg BLM RAC has helped BLM administer more than \$14 million worth of beneficial projects in Douglas County, providing long term habitat, infrastructure, economic and natural resource benefits to the County.

The RAC is composed of 15 members who represent varied areas of expertise and interests, including recreation, timber, environmental, tribes, elected and school officials and the public-at-large. The Roseburg District RAC has historically worked effectively and collaboratively to improve relationships between the local community and the federal agency.

The next round of project applications will be due in the spring of 2010 and should be submitted to the BLMs Roseburg District Office. Contact Jake Winn at 541.464.3275 for application forms and additional information.

The BLM manages more land – 256 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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