BLM adjusts Helper Rule on Special Forest Products

Roseburg, Ore. - The Roseburg District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will implement a decision discontinue allowing helpers on all non-rock and non-board feet permits purchased from the District beginning October 1, 2014. These will include, but are not limited to, the collection of things such as: cedar boughs, greenery (such as salal), and mushrooms.

All other permits that are measured in board feet or that are for rocks or Christmas Trees, will not be affected.

This change is being made in order to better track the volume of products harvested through the Special Forest Products system, as well as assist in monitoring permit compliance and sustainable yield. This change will take place October 1, 2014.

Further information on the Special Forest Products program and the range of resources available on public lands can be found at the following page:

http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/about.php

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The BLM manages more land – more than 245 million 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.