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## Mineral Materials Sale in Benton County, WA

Spokane, Wash. - The BLM Spokane District Office intends to offer, for competitive bidding, the mining rights for developing sand and gravel and quarry rock in the Tri-Cities area, Benton County, Washington.

Bidding will be conducted at the BLM Spokane District Office at 1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane Valley at 1 p.m. on Monday March 7, 2011.

The Benton City Community Pit is located on a 72.5-acre Federal parcel located just southwest of Benton City. The material types include: fluvial (stream) sand and gravel, glacial Lake Missoula outburst flood sediments, and basalt quarry rock.

Total initial contract material production for this offering is set at 2,000,000 tons. Maximum contract life for this offering is set at five years or less as a result of increased production.

All documents related to this offering, including official bid procedures, are available for inspection at the BLM Spokane District Office. Additionally, the 2009 Environmental Assessment and Decision Record for this action are available for review online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans/index.php>

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