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## **BLM EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT (EERA) SIGN-UP**

Vale, Oregon, February 15, 2008- Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management will sign-up emergency fire suppression equipment from March 31 through June 6, 2008.

To be eligible you must have your primary base of operation located within the Pacific Northwest Geographical Areas which consists of Oregon and Washington. Anyone interested in signing up their equipment for fire suppression should contact Russell Wilstead at the Vale BLM office for an EERA sign-up packet. Potential vendors will also need to register with The Central Contractor Registration (CCR) at [www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov) to be eligible. New equipment will need to schedule a pre-inspection before an EERA can be initiated and vendors with existing EERA's may be required to complete a pre-inspection. Equipment that passes the inspection process may be considered for hire during the 2008 fire season.

All vendors and operators of emergency fire suppression equipment under the EERA agreement will be required to attend an 8 hour course covering basic fire safety and fire shelter use. Any equipment that is signed up will not be considered for hire unless the operator completes the 8 hour course. Classes are scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Ontario Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario, OR and will be from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. A class is also scheduled for 8:30 am to 5:30 pm May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Vale BLM SRV training room. Class size is limited so call to reserve a seat in class. There will only be two scheduled classes so reserve seats early.

For more information and to request an EERA packet, call Russell Wilstead, at the Vale BLM District Office, 541-473-6319.

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