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## Informational Meeting for those Interested in Signing up Fire Suppression Equipment for the 2009 Fire Season

**VALE, OREGON**-The Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management will be hosting an informational meeting for individuals who are interested in signing up Fire Suppression Equipment for the 2009 fire season. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on February 18, 2009 and will be held at the Vale District office in the large conference room. The Vale BLM office is located at 100 Oregon Street in Vale OR.

The Regional office has developed specifications for eight categories that will be solicited “non-competitively”. The categories to be solicited for the 2009 season are; ambulances, drivers with vehicles, chippers, module trailers, chainsaw/small engine repair services, pack strings, motor coach buses and shuttle buses. The Regional Office will set the rates for these categories or they will be a negotiated rate. Heavy equipment along with all other fire suppression equipment, not listed above, will sign up under a local Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement (EERA). Regional Contracts for engines and water tender are not available till the 2010 season and no new local EERA’s will be awarded for these apparatus’.

There will be a Regional Representative, the Vale District Contracting officers and the Fire Management Staff attending the meeting to answer any questions about the new process and how it will influence the 2009 fire season. It is in the best interest for all vendors and potential vendors to attend this informational meeting. **Please contact Russell Wilstead, EERA Coordinator, at 541-473-6319 if you will be attending or if you have any questions.** Additional information about the Vale District can be found by visiting the district website at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale).

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