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## **John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council Meeting Scheduled September 23-24**

**VALE, OREGON**-The John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council (JDSRAC) will meet at 10:00 a.m. on September 23 at the Wallowa-Whitman Mountain Visitor Center located at State Highway 82, Enterprise, Oregon to depart on a field trip to look at issues related to the management at Zumwalt Prairie and the utilization of biomass at the Post and Pole Factory.

On September 24th starting at 8:00 a.m. the JDSRAC will conduct their business meeting at the Wallowa-Whitman Conference Room. Agenda items for the meeting will include the West-End Off-Highway Vehicle Project, a Climate Change Letter, Alternative Development for the Baker RMP, North End Umatilla N.F. Grazing Allotment, and the Wallowa-Whitman Forest Plan Revision. The Council will receive organizational updates from federal officials, subcommittee reports and any other matters that may reasonably come before the JDSRAC may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting as observers, and may contribute during the public comment period at 1:00 p.m. on September 24. Depending on the number of people presenting information to the RAC, comments may be limited in order to fulfill the meeting objectives. Those planning to verbally address the JDSRAC during the public comment period are asked to provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. Individuals with information for review by the JDSRAC members at the September meeting must forward all documents to Mark Wilkening at 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon, 97918. All documents must be received by September 21st. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Vale District BLM as early as possible.

The Secretary of the Interior established the 15-member JDSRAC to provide representative citizen counsel and advice to the BLM and Forest Service concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or in part within the Prineville, Vale and Spokane Districts of the BLM and the Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, Malheur, and Ochoco National Forests.

For more information on the JDSRAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Mark Wilkening, BLM Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, or call (541) 473-6218 weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (MDT).

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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