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Public Open House Meetings Scheduled for Baker Resource Management Plan

BAKER CITY – June 11, 2008, The Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today set the schedule for a series of public “open house” meetings on the Baker Resource Management Plan (RMP). The District is in the process of preparing a new RMP for the BLM-managed lands in the Baker Field Office Management Area. The current Baker RMP was completed 19 years ago, revising the RMP will help guide the management of natural resources, activities and uses on the public lands in the area for the next 15 to 20 years. The planning area includes approximately 426,000 acres of BLM-managed land within the Baker Resource Management Area.

The BLM is currently developing an “Analysis of the Management Situation” (AMS), the first step in the process. The AMS summarizes existing resource conditions and trends in the planning area. This analysis provides a reference for developing and evaluating management alternatives. During this initial scoping process, the public can help the BLM identify important issues occurring within the planning area. The RMP will analyze alternative scenarios addressing the key issues.

For more information about the “open house” events, please call Allison Kuehl, Team Lead for the Baker RMP, at the Baker Field Office 541-523-1931 or Mark Wilkening, Public Affairs Officer, Vale BLM District Office, 541-473-6218. You can also visit our District website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale for information.

Open House Schedule

Ontario

June 25 - 4-7 p.m.

Four Rivers Cultural Center
Collins Gallery Room
676 SW 5th Ave.

Milton-Freewater

July 7 - 12-3 p.m.

Community Building
109 NE 5th

Pendleton

July 7 - 4:30-7 p.m.

Convention Center
1601 Westgate

Hermiston

July 8 - 4-7 p.m.

Hermiston Conference
Center
415 S. Hwy 395

Enterprise

July 10 - 4-7 p.m.

Community Connection
702 NW 1st St.

La Grande

July 14 - 4-7 p.m.

Library
2006 4th Street

Asotin

July 23 - 4-6 p.m.

Lions Club
118 2nd Street

Baker

July 24 - 4-7 p.m.

Troy

July 29 - 4-6 p.m.

School
66247 Redmond Grade Ln

