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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs
From: Chief, Branch of Lands and Mineral Resources
Subject: OR/WA Land Records Public Access Now Restored

One of the most important services the BLM provides is as caretaker of the nation's land survey and mineral information records. These records originate with the founding of the nation. Congress created the General Land Office (GLO) in 1812 to handle the increasing land business from the rapid westward expansion. The GLO was given the responsibility for maintaining the land and mineral records. These and other land and mineral records are now maintained by the BLM, which is entrusted with keeping what today amounts to more than two billion records.

In OR/WA, the Land Records were scanned and/or automated starting about eight years ago. These records were first placed online about five years ago and quickly become a very popular resource for the public and other agencies. Unfortunately, due to all the network security issues during the past couple of years, they were unavailable to the public.

As of January 29, 2007, the public access has been restored to the OR/WA Land Records – including Master Title Plats, Historical Indices, Cadastral Surveys, Amended Protraction Diagrams, Mineral Surveys, etc. The site has now been rehosted to comply with the latest security protocols and is available once again to the public. Please check out the new site (<http://www.blm.gov/or/landrecords/index.php>) and refer any public inquiries that you may receive to spread the word that the records are once again available.

If you have questions concerning this IB, please contact Heather Gisch (503 808-6214) or Brent Blair (503 808-6177).

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

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