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To: Region 6 Forest Service National Forest Supervisors; and Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management District Managers

Subject: Interagency Survey & Manage Program and Interagency Special Status/Sensitive Species Program: Vouchering Policy for Bryophytes, Lichens, Fungi, and Mollusks

The Survey & Manage (S&M) program implemented a requirement for vouchering all bryophytes, lichens, fungi, and mollusks in January 2002 (IB-OR-2002-083). In May 2005, a similar requirement for vouchering all bryophytes, lichens, fungi, and mollusks of special status and sensitive species was sent to all Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service Region 6 field units (IB-OR-2005-120). This Information Memorandum clarifies several aspects of vouchering that have changed since May 2005.

Our S&M, special status and sensitive bryophytes, lichens, fungi, and terrestrial and aquatic mollusks are regarded as “cryptic” species. A voucher is a “piece of evidence,” validating the presence of a species in a specific locality on a certain date. These taxa require expert identification to provide consistent and defensible verification. If a vouchered specimen is verified as an S&M, special status, or sensitive species, the specimen is then curated and submitted to one of the regional herbaria or museums to allow access to researchers for further work and to provide centralized, permanent, and safe storage.

Specific vouchering instructions applicable to both Interagency Special Status/Sensitive Species Program (ISSSSP) and S&M are found on the “Identification Services” section of the ISSSSP web page (www.fs.fed.us/r6/sfpnw/issssp/inventories/identification.shtml). Voucher specimen description forms for each taxa group are also located on the website. The State Office and Regional Office (SO/RO) are covering the cost for voucher specimen identification of target species (S&M, special status, and sensitive), including expert identification of incidental fungal vouchers.

Agency personnel must enter data regarding voucher collection into the corporate database. Mandatory data entry fields include: the unique species collection number; collection date; name of collector; name of expert who determined the identification; name of the repository where the voucher collection is housed; and any identification notes provided by the expert, such as lichen chemical tests or fungal spore measurements. Forest Service personnel must enter data into the

Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) Fauna for terrestrial mollusks, NRIS Water for aquatic mollusks, and NRIS Threatened, Endangered, & Sensitive Plants for lichens, bryophytes and fungi. Bureau of Land Management personnel must enter all voucher data, including aquatic mollusks, into GeoBOB.

Send specimen vouchers to the following interagency individuals:

Bryophytes, Lichens and Fungi	Terrestrial and Aquatic Mollusks
Darci Rivers-Pankratz Forest Service, Region 6, Natural Resources P.O. Box 3623 Portland, OR 97208-3623 Phone: 503.808.2688 FAX: 503.808.2469 e-mail: dpankratz@fs.fed.us	Nancy Duncan Bureau of Land Management Roseburg District Office 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd Roseburg, OR 97470 Phone: 541.464.3338 FAX: 541.440.4948 e-mail: Nancy_Duncan@blm.gov

Please submit voucher specimens monthly and email Darci Rivers-Pankratz and/or Nancy Duncan to expect their arrival. We ask the contractors doing expert identification to have identifications completed within 30 days, so turn-around time is quick. Vouchers should first be identified by field staff to the best of their ability prior to submitting specimens to help hold down the per specimen identification costs.

If you have questions concerning vouchering, please contact either of the individuals listed above or Kelli VanNorman, Inventory Coordinator, 503-808-6606 or kvannorman@or.blm.gov.

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 State Director, OR/WA
 USDI Bureau of Land Management

/s/ Linda Goodman
 LINDA GOODMAN
 Regional Forester, Region 6
 USDA Forest Service

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 Records Section

BLM Distribution

WO-230 (204 LS) (Peg Olwell)

CA-932 (Edward Lorentzen)

CA-330 (Paul Roush)

OR-931 (Steve Calish, Al Doelker, Rob Huff,
Barbara Hill, Joe Moreau, Adrienne Pilmanis,
Joan Seevers, Kelli VanNorman)

OR-933 (Janis VanWyhe, Marianne Turley)

OR BOTANY ALL

OR WILDLIFE ALL

OR ARIMS Data Stewards

cc:

Forest Service WO

Marc Bosch

Forest Service R6

Alan Christensen

Russell Holmes

Carol Hughes

Sarah Madsen

Darci Pankratz

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