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To: District Managers: Burns, Lakeview, Prineville, Spokane, Vale, Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford, Roseburg, Salem

From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection

Subject: Cruiser/Appraiser Training

The Oregon State Office (OSO) has approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) Biennial Cruiser/Appraiser training to be held at the Shilo Inn in Newport, Oregon, at 1:00 pm January 26, 2009, through 12:00 pm on January 29, 2009. This course will be listed in DOI Learn as "BLM-2009-0126-Newport, OR."

This year's training targets a wide audience, including Cruisers/Appraisers, district/field managers, and field specialists. The training emphasizes enhancing and facilitating program coordination, direction, implementation, skills, and quality. Advance notification of this training was provided in the FY 2009 6310 and 1030 Planning Target Allocation directives. All cruiser/appraiser personnel and district forestry leads should attend. Participation by at least one management representative from each district is encouraged. The State Director plans to attend.

The first day (afternoon only – 1:00 pm kickoff) will be used to update managers and other participants on the current status, issues, and future direction of the OR/WA forestry program, the Cruiser/Appraiser/Scaling program, the field user group, and the status of cruise/appraisal software. There will be time allocated for questions and discussions with the OR/WA State Office forestry staff.

On the second day, guest speakers will cover a range of topics including the "History of the Oregon and California Act of 1937" and "An Industry Perspective of the Bureau of Land Management Timber Sales and Log Values." We will also have Bureau of Land Management (BLM) speakers on biomass sales, the status of the new draft Timber Cruising Handbook, the reasons the BLM changed from cubic to board foot measure for selling timber, and what a Check Scaler's involvement is on scale sales. Managers and forestry leads are encouraged to attend both day 1 and day 2.

The third day will apply primarily to Public Domain and O&C Cruisers/Appraisers. There will be a rollout presentation of the BLM's new electronic cruise data collection program named "BLM CRUISER" and a hands-on demonstration. Cloy Bittinger, OSO Data Program Management Specialist, will lead the presentation working through cruise setup, data input, and processing of the cruise data. The use of the new cruise program will be mandatory for all OR/WA districts by FY 2010. District-by-district training and program installation are planned from April through August 2009.

The fourth day will include a Paint Committee update, a presentation by Forest2Market, and a Coos Bay LiDAR project presentation from Alan Ward. Additionally, Cruisers/Appraisers will address issues of the Cruiser/Appraiser Program, discuss and define action items for follow-up, etc... This day will conclude by 12:00 pm. Attached is a draft agenda for the entire training program.

All attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. The BLM has reserved a block of 75 rooms at the government rate of \$86.00 at the Shilo Inn in Newport, Oregon (reference: the "BLM Workshop"). Call 1-800-222-2244 or 541-265-7701 for reservations.

Should you have further questions regarding the Cruiser/Appraiser Program, contact Ken Roan, State Cruiser, at 541-464-3395.

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 with assistance in this matter.

Signed by
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1 Attachment

1 – [OR/WA BLM Cruiser/Appraiser Training Draft Agenda](#) (4 pp)

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