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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs
From: State Director, Oregon/Washington
Subject: Extension of Wyden Amendment Authority

Program Areas: All program areas.

Purpose: Section 124 of Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997, Public Law (PL) 104-208 provided the framework by which “BLM may enter into watershed restoration and enhancement agreements in fiscal year 1997 and each fiscal year thereafter……”. This Instruction Memorandum (IM) extends the Wyden Amendment authority (16 U.S.C. 1011(a), as amended by Section 136 of PL 105-277), through FY 2004.

Background: The Wyden Amendment provides that “…appropriations…may be used by the Secretary…for the purpose of entering into Cooperative Agreements with the heads of other Federal agencies, tribal, State and local governments, private and nonprofit entities, and landowners for the protection, restoration, and enhancement of fish and wildlife habitat and other resources on public or private land, and the reduction of risk from natural disaster where public safety is threatened, that benefit these resources on public lands within the watershed.” This IM supercedes all previous program-specific IMs establishing guidance for utilizing the Wyden Amendment. The provisions of the Wyden Amendment apply to all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) programs.

Timeframe: This IM is effective upon issuance.

Budget Impact: There are no additional funds attached to the Wyden Amendment authority. The authorized official must ensure that any expenditure pursuant to the cooperative agreement must be in the public interest and there is an appropriate balance with other priority work with an overall focus on federal lands.


Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None

Coordination: BLM OR/WA, Branch of Social Sciences, OR-933.
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**Districts with Unions** are reminded to notify their unions of this Instruction Memorandum 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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