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## **BLM Still Seeks Public Advisors**

PORTLAND – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continues to accept nominations for 19 positions on their three Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) east of the Cascades in Oregon and Washington. Each 15-member RAC works closely with BLM and US Forest Service land managers east of the Cascade Range. The closing date for applications is extended to **May 15, 2008**.

Crucial planning efforts are underway or getting started for the Spokane District, the Baker Resource Area, and for travel routes across the region. The RACs need people who can work collaboratively to represent the viewpoints of commodity, conservation and/or community group interests for the Eastern Washington, John Day-Snake and Southeast Oregon RACs. **Vacancies and expired terms this year include representatives of: environmental groups, commercial timber, public-at-large, archaeological and/or historical interests, commercial recreation and/or off-highway vehicle (OHV) users, local Indian tribes, transportation and/or rights-of-way, energy and minerals, wild horse and burro, and dispersed recreation interests.**

Candidates will be evaluated based on their knowledge of the region and its resources, familiarity with the subject category, experience with collaborative decision-making, and endorsement letters from the interests the applicant would represent. Individuals may nominate themselves or others for these positions, whose terms will expire in September. Candidates must reside in the State where the council has jurisdiction.

For a nomination form or additional information, contact Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, ([pam\\_robbs@blm.gov](mailto:pam_robbs@blm.gov)), P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon 97208, (503) 808-6306, or your local BLM District Office. More RAC information is on the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/index.php>.

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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**RAC FACT SHEET**

Current recruitment and specific RAC information:

**Eastern Washington RAC**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Geographic area</b>
Energy and minerals	Federal lands and resources located in whole or in part within the Spokane District of the BLM and the Colville and Okanogan National Forests
Transportation and rights-of-way	
National or regional environmental organization	
Commercial Recreation/OHV	
Archaeological and historical interests	

**John Day-Snake RAC**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Geographic area</b>
Indian Tribes	Federal lands and resources in the northeastern portion of Oregon including Hells Canyon National Recreation Area lands in Idaho, and parts of the Snake River drainage in Southeast Washington
Public-at-Large	
Transportation/Rights-of-Way	
National or regional environmental organization	
Energy/Minerals	

**Southeast Oregon RAC**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Geographic area</b>
Commercial timber (term ends 2010)	Federal lands and resources in Southeast Oregon; located in whole or in part within the Vale, Burns, and Lakeview BLM Districts and the Fremont and Malheur National Forests
Archaeological/historic interests (term ends 2010)	
Dispersed Recreation	
Indian Tribes (term ends 2009)	
Wild Horse and Burro	
Commercial Recreation/OHV	
Transportation/Rights-of-Way	
Energy/Minerals	
State Natural Resource Employee (term ends 2009)	

Council members are unpaid but are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses. RACs usually meet quarterly within their geographic area. Appointees serve a three year term unless filling an unexpired term.

**Nominations must include a completed background information nomination form, letter(s) of reference from the specific interest category, and any other information that demonstrates the nominee’s qualifications.** Completed application packets should be sent to Pam Robbins, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208-2965.

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