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BLM Seeks Nominations for Geothermal Lease Sale

Portland, OR – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oregon/Washington State Office has announced that it will be accepting nominations of lands, in Oregon and Washington, for a competitive geothermal lease sale. The geothermal lease sale is tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2008.

In order to be considered for the June 2008 geothermal lease sale, the BLM must receive nominations by 4:30pm., Monday, March 3, 2008. Nominations received after March 3, 2008, will be processed for future sales.

The BLM is the agency responsible for managing geothermal leases on all Federal lands. Not all Federal lands are open to geothermal leasing. Public lands are available for leasing only after they have been evaluated through BLM's multiple-use planning process (National Environmental Policy Act and Federal Land Policy and Management Act). Stipulations may be placed on leases to protect other resources through mitigation or restrictions on surface use. Nominations are not automatically placed on a sale when received, and the BLM cannot guarantee that the nominated lands will always be included on a particular sale notice.

Each nomination must be submitted with a nonrefundable filing fee of \$100 per nomination plus \$0.10 per acre of lands nominated. If a land parcel consists of fractional acreage, please round the land acres up to the nearest whole acre. Nominations will need to be submitted to:

Bureau of Land Management – Oregon/Washington State Office
Attn: Ms. Donna Kauffman
P.O. Box 2965
Portland, OR 97208.

Additional information regarding geothermal issues can be found on the internet at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/energy/geothermal/index.php>

About BLM

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 subsurface 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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