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BLM Renews Call for Advisory Group Members

Portland, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received an insufficient number of applicants for positions on Resource Advisory Councils (RAC) in central and eastern Oregon during their earlier call for nominations. RAC members meet to advise and recommend management strategies for BLM and US Forest Service federal lands east of the Cascade Range. The John Day-Snake and Southeast Oregon RACs each have five terms expiring in September. This extended request for members closes on July 29, 2010.

BLM Director Bob Abbey values the advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based groups, and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has also underscored their importance. Abbey noted, “The people who live, work, and enjoy recreational activities on or near BLM-managed lands deserve a formal voice on public land issues. Their input enhances our ability to manage public lands for multiple uses while conserving resources for future generations.”

Citizens who serve on the RACs come from a diverse array of backgrounds and interests to provide a balanced outlook that the BLM needs for its mission of managing the public lands for multiple uses. Interest areas on the RAC include three categories:

- **Category One** – Public land ranchers, and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.
- **Category Two** – Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.
- **Category Three** – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Those who applied during the previous call for nominations will be considered together with those received during this renewed recruitment. They do not need to submit additional materials unless contacted by the BLM. Candidates must reside in the State where the council has jurisdiction. Nomination forms and additional information are available at your local BLM District Office, or online at

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

Individuals can also contact BLM Public Affairs Officer, Pam Robbins, at P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon, (503) 808-6306, or by email at: pam_robbins@blm.gov.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The



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Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 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, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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RAC FACT SHEET

The RACs are an integral part of land management for federal agencies. Local RACs provide valuable advice on developing management plans and alternatives. Their expertise helps to refine project initiatives for issues as varied as grazing, forest health, land exchanges, and recreation management.

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. Current recruitment and specific RAC information follows:

John Day-Snake RAC

Position	Geographic area
Local elected official	Resources located in whole or in part within the Prineville, Vale, and Spokane Districts of the BLM; the Umatilla, Wallowa Whitman, Malheur, and Ochoco National Forests; and the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area
Historical and/or archaeological interests	
Tribal interests or Public-at-Large	
Commercial recreation and/or OHV	
Commercial timber	

Southeast Oregon RAC

Position	Geographic area
Local elected official	Resources located in whole or in part within the Vale, Burns, and Lakeview Districts of the BLM and the Fremont, and Malheur National Forests
Historical and/or archaeological interests	
Tribal interests or Public-at-Large	
Public-at-Large	
Commercial timber	

Nominations must include a completed background information nomination form, letter(s) of reference from the interest category to be represented, and any other information that demonstrates the nominee's qualifications. Nominees will be evaluated based on their training, education, and knowledge of the interest area they choose to represent, and their knowledge of the Council's geographic area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making. Completed application packets should be sent to Pam Robbins, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208-2965.

