Advisors Still Needed for County Payment Committees

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Oregon State Office continues to seek nominations for vacant positions on the five Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) in the Districts of western Oregon. Nominations are due on or before **February 14, 2011**. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint new members who would begin evaluating and prioritizing projects submitted in spring 2011.

The positions represent commercial, conservation, and civic interest categories, including: organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups; developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; energy and mineral development interests; commercial or recreational fishing interests; commercial timber industry; Federal grazing permit or other land-permit holders or nonindustrial private forest land owners; nationally, regionally, or locally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreational activities; archeological and historical interests; nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations; state elected office-holders (or their designees); county or local elected office-holders; representatives of American Indian tribes within or adjacent to the Committee area; school officials or teachers; or representatives of the public-at-large.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on a Committee. Nominees must reside within one of the counties that are (in whole or in part) within the Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford, Roseburg, or Salem BLM District boundaries.

Nomination forms are available at each of the BLM Districts listed above or from the BLM Web site at: 2010_SRS_Nomination_Form.doc. Nominees must specify the District Office(s) they are applying to and the category of interest they are best qualified to represent on the RAC.

Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and knowledge in their specific fields of interest, their knowledge of the issues and resources of the BLM District they wish to serve in, and their experience in collaborative decision-making.

Council members serve without compensation except for reimbursement of travel expenditures incurred in the course of their duties. Council members will serve three-year terms.

For more information or to request a nomination form contact Pam Robbins, (503) 808-6306, or by e-mail at pam_robbins@blm.gov.

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about $1 billion, the bureau 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.