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Oregon Advisors Needed for Resource Issues

The Bureau of Land Management's Oregon/Washington State Office is calling for public nominations to fill 11 openings on its John Day-Snake and Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) this year. Nominations are due by Monday, April 13, 2009. Further information about RAC openings nationwide can be found in the *Federal Register* of February 27, 2009.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to the RACs, which advise the BLM on public land issues. Nominees, who should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making, must be residents of the state(s) where the RAC of their choice has jurisdiction. The BLM, which has 24 RACs across the West, will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC.

All nominations must be accompanied by: letters of reference from represented interests or organizations; a completed background information nomination form; and any other information that demonstrates the nominee's qualifications.

Terms expire on both RACs this year for interest group representatives holding Grazing Permits, State Natural Resource employees, and Academicians. In addition, the John Day-Snake RAC is recruiting for a representative of Dispersed Recreation interests; Wildlife/Wild Horse advocate; and a Transportation/Rights-of-Way, Native American Tribe, or Public-at-Large representative to fill an unexpired two-year term. The other terms expiring on the Southeast Oregon RAC include the Archaeological/Historical interests and a representative on Environmental Organizations.

Information and forms are online at <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/index.php> Completed applications should be sent to the BLM office contact listed below:

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The BLM manages more land – 256 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 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, and cultural resources on the public lands.

