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Public Advisors Sought for East Cascade Resource Councils

PORTLAND – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking applicants for positions on Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) in central and eastern Oregon. These RACs advise and recommend management strategies for federal lands east of the Cascade Range administered by the BLM and the US Forest Service. The John Day-Snake RAC and the Southeast Oregon RAC each have six openings. The nomination period ends **March 27, 2006**.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires RACs to be balanced and represent the various interests concerned with public land management. **Vacancies and expired terms this year include: Dispersed recreation, national or regional environmental groups, commercial timber, energy and minerals, public-at-large, grazing permittee, academician, state resource employee, and wildlife/wild horse and burro.**

Individuals may nominate themselves or others, and current members whose terms expire in September may be renominated. Candidates must reside in the State where the council has jurisdiction. For a nomination form or additional information, please contact Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, (pam_robbins@or.blm.gov), P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon, (503) 808-6306, or your local BLM District Office.

The BLM manages more land – 261 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.

- - Fact sheet attached - -



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
Dispersed recreational activities	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
State resource agency employee	
Grazing permittee	
Academician	
Wildlife/Wild horse & burro	
Commercial timber *	

Southeast Oregon RAC

Position	Geographic area
Environmental organization	resources located in whole or in part within the Vale, Burns, and Lakeview Districts of the BLM and the Fremont, and Malheur National Forests
State resource agency employee	
Grazing permittee	
Academician	
Public-at-large	
Energy/minerals *	

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 experience working with the interest area they choose to represent, and their knowledge of the Council's geographic area. Nominees must also have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. Completed application packets should be sent to Pam Robbins, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208-2965.

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* Term expires in 2008

