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October 31, 2006****Pam Robbins (503) 808-6306
Release No. 07-02****Kempthorne Announces New Appointments to BLM Resource Advisory Councils**

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne today announced the appointment of ten new members to Oregon's two Resource Advisory Councils, which advise the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service on public land issues.

"These new Resource Advisory Council members are to be commended for voluntarily committing their time and knowledge to the stewardship of our public lands," Kempthorne said. "Their advice and recommendations will be a substantial contribution to this collaborative effort."

The BLM's Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, help the agency carry out its stewardship of 261 million acres of public lands. The Bureau, which manages more land than any other Federal agency, has 24 RACs across the West, where most BLM-managed land is located.

"The work of the Resource Advisory Councils is a prime example of how these unique partnerships strengthen our management efforts and help promote cooperative conservation," Kempthorne noted. "Their innovation and creativity is the engine that drives citizen-based problem solving for land management issues."

State Director Elaine Brong said, "With a variety of experience and backgrounds, the RAC members offer wide ranging viewpoints to each of our councils. This diversity gives BLM the balanced outlook necessary to manage the public lands for multiple uses." The BLM, a Department of the Interior agency, is responsible for managing these various uses – such as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production – while conserving the land's natural, historical, and cultural resources.

Below are the newly appointed members of the John Day-Snake and Southeast Oregon RACs. The John Day-Snake RAC will meet in Pendleton on November 27, 2006, and the Southeast Oregon RAC will meet in Burns on November 16-17, 2006

John Day-Snake

Daniel Forsea Grazing Permittees
Phil Shephard Wildlife
David Riley Dispersed Recreation
John Tanaka Academician
Robert Parker State Resource Agency

Southeast Oregon

Lou Davies Grazing Permittees
Fred Cramer Energy & Minerals
William Renwick II Environment Groups
Roger Sheley Academician
Walt VanDyke State Resource Agency

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