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WILDFIRE SUPPLIERS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 5

HINES, Oregon – A workshop for all vendors interested in potentially supplying needs and services to firefighters during the 2010 wildfire season has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 5 at 10:00 at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office in Hines.

Katie McConnell, Burns Interagency Communication Center (BICC) Manager said, "Fire season is approaching quickly and we need to have vendors prepared early on. In the event of multiple fires or a large-scale incident where numerous firefighters are working, preplanning and knowledge about the various support needs will make it easier for our suppliers to respond."

The workshop is designed to familiarize potential vendors with the requirements, specifications, pay provisions, and other finance and business-related topics unique during wildland fire incidents. Changes in meal specifications and other issues about fire sack lunches, sit down meals, food items, supplies, lodging, and equipment will also be discussed.

Support staff from procurement, finance, dispatch, and fire management workgroups representing BLM, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and the U.S. Forest Service will be on hand to present information and explain procedures dealing specifically with fire season. There will also be time set aside to discuss issues and concerns not covered in the workshop.

McConnell added, "Some of the services typically needed are sack lunches, motel rooms, heavy equipment, portable rest rooms, ice, potable water, and occasionally, catering. If you can provide any of these, and would like to learn more and potentially have some extra business this summer, the workshop is a good place to start."

For more information, or to sign up for the workshop, call the BICC at (541) 573-4545.