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BLM Resource Advisory Committee to Meet

North Bend, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Coos Bay District citizen Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet May 27, 2010 at the BLM office in North Bend. At the meeting, the RAC will elect a new chairperson, orient new members to their positions, and provide an opportunity for dialogue between the RAC, BLM and the public.

The meeting is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and is open to the public. The public will have an opportunity to address the RAC at approximately 10 a.m.

This RAC operates under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, as reauthorized by the Emergency and Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (Act). The Act established a multi-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds derived from the harvest of timber on federally-managed lands. The Act provides a mechanism for local community collaboration with Federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on Federally-managed land. The RAC will meet later this summer to recommend maintenance and restoration projects to be funded.

Additional information on the Coos Bay RAC can be obtained at the Coos Bay RAC webpage at:

www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/rac

For more information on the RAC meeting or if you have any special needs during the meeting, please contact Mr. Glenn Harkleroad, Assistant Field Manager, at (541) 751-4361.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 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, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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