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BLM Schedules Meeting to Gather Public Feedback on Forest Management

North Bend, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is initiating a resource management plan (RMP) revision which will provide direction for the management of approximately 2.6 million acres of BLM-administered lands in western Oregon, including 320,000 acres in the south coast.

The public is invited to attend a public meeting on Wednesday, May 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Coos Bay Public Library (525 Anderson).

“We are looking for feedback on BLM’s management of the forests in the area,” said Mark Johnson, Coos Bay District Manager. “What are we doing that people would like to see us do more of on public lands? How would people like us to change our management? We’re open to new and innovative solutions.”

The agenda for the meeting will include an overview of BLM lands in the area and the plan revision process, and time for people to talk with BLM employees to ask questions and provide feedback.

More information about BLM’s resource management plans for western Oregon can be found at: www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon. BLM encourages those who are interested in providing feedback to submit comments before July 5, 2012. Comments can be submitted through the following channels:

Email: BLM_OR_RMPS_WesternOregon@blm.gov

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About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 245 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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