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## Restoration, Maintenance Projects Receive Funding

NORTH BEND, Ore. – Over \$3.3 million in restoration and maintenance projects received funding this week after the Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management District Manager Mark Johnson approved project recommendations made by the Coos Bay Resource Advisory Committee (RAC).

The RAC, as provided in the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, recommended for funding projects including road maintenance, fish passage improvements, stream habitat improvements, fire fighting heliport repair, and noxious weed control. All of the projects will benefit federal lands. Funding was available from Coos (\$1.8 million), Curry (\$413,567), and Douglas (\$1.1 million) counties.

The Coos Bay RAC is made up of 15 members representing timber industry, tribes, recreation, environmental organizations, county government and the general public. They work together to review and recommend projects to the BLM for funding under Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act. The Act established a payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds derived from the harvest of timber on federally managed land.

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### About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 256 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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