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Coos Bay District Resource Advisory Committee to Meet

North Bend, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coos Bay District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Tuesday, July 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the BLM office in North Bend. The RAC will review applications for projects that benefit Federal lands or resources and make recommendations on projects to be funded.

The Coos Bay RAC is one of five committees established in western Oregon BLM districts that contain Oregon and California Grant Lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road lands. The RACs were formed to comply with the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act. This Act provided a payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds generated by timber harvest on Federal lands. The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act was reauthorized as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 signed into law in October 2008 (Public Law 110-343). The reauthorized Act provides declining payments to 18 westside Oregon Counties from Fiscal Year 2008 through 2011.

Committee members review project proposals and recommend their highest priorities for funding to the Secretary of Interior. The Committee represents a variety of interests, and members work collaboratively for the long term benefit of public lands and economic stability in local communities.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting and address the RAC during the public comment period at approximately 11:00 a.m.

For further information on the RAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Glenn Harkleroad at the Coos Bay District Office at (541) 751-4361. Additional information about the RACs is available online at:

www.blm.gov/or/rac/ctypayracinfo.php

About BLM

The BLM manages more land – more than 245 million 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.

