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Coos Bay District Advisory Committee Meeting Scheduled Committee will review and recommend projects for funding

North Bend, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coos Bay District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet on Friday, August 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the BLM office in North Bend. During the meeting, the RAC will review project proposals and recommend for funding projects that benefit Federal lands or resources. Approximately \$429,000 is available for restoration and maintenance projects in Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties this year.

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.

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 RAC operates under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, as reauthorized by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. The Act provides a way for local community members to collaborate with Federal land managers in the selection of projects for funding that will benefit Federal lands.

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.

For further information on the RAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Glenn Harkleroad or Megan Harper at the Coos Bay District Office, (541) 756-0100. Additional information about the RACs is available online at:

www.blm.gov/or/rac/ctypavracinfo.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.

