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Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council

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BLM Announces Appointments to the Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC)

Salem, Ore -- The Bureau of Land Management announces the appointment of members to its citizen-based Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC), which advises the agency on public land issues. The RACs are composed of members with diverse interests and backgrounds.

"Our Resource Advisory Councils exemplify the BLM's collaborative approach to public land management," said BLM Director Neil Kornze. "I want to welcome our newly appointed RAC members and thank them for their commitment to public service."

The RACs, composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, help the BLM carry out its nation-wide stewardship of 245 million acres – the largest land portfolio of any federal agency. The BLM has established 28 RACs across the West, where most BLM-managed land is located.

The Northwest Oregon RAC consists of 15 members who represent stakeholder interests in public land management, such as conservationists, outdoor recreationists, forest industry officials, tribal leaders, state and local government officers, academics, and others. The appointments are staggered with time limitations that range up to three years.

The BLM, an agency of the Interior Department, is responsible for managing these various uses – such as outdoor recreation and forest management – while conserving the land's natural, historical, and cultural resources.

The newly appointed members of the Northwest Oregon RAC are:

- Mike W. Ripley, International Mountain Bicycling Association Team Dirt (commercial recreation)
- Peter Giordano, Blue Sky River Outfitters (commercial recreation)
- David Schmidt, Small Forest Owner (commercial timber interests)
- Jeremiah Price, Jeep Club (commercial recreation)
- Andy Geissler, American Forest Resources Council (commercial timber interests)
- James A. Dundon, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (national environmental organization)
- John Atkins, Jr., President, Molalla River Alliance (local environmental organization)
- Pam Berrian, Oregon Telecommunications and Cable Licensing Program Manager (dispersed recreation)



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- Glen Crinklaw, Columbia County Parks (dispersed recreation)
- Lon Otterby, Native Plant Society (national environmental organization)
- Craig Pope, Polk County Commissioner (elected official)
- William Tucker, Linn County Commissioner (elected official)
- Annabelle Jaramillo, Benton County Commissioner (elected official)
- Jo Niehaus, Lane County Regulatory Air Protection Agency (local environmental organization)
- Jerry Bailey, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (Indian tribes)

"The BLM appreciates the willingness of these individuals to volunteer their time for this important public service post," said John Huston, Field Manager for the Cascades Resource Area and Designated Federal Official for the Northwest Oregon RAC.

For more information about the Northwest Oregon RAC, visit <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/nworrac.php>

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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