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BLM Seeks Nominations for Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is soliciting nominations from the public for 15 positions on the Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on the management of 719,545 acres of public lands in the Salem and Eugene Districts.

The RAC consists of 15 members with an interest or expertise in public land management. The diverse membership of each RAC helps ensure that BLM land managers get the varying perspectives they need to achieve their mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple use.

Members of this new RAC will be appointed by the Secretary to represent the following three interest groups:

- Category One - Five members who represent energy and mineral development; the commercial timber industry; organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups; developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation; or Federal grazing or other land permits or represent nonindustrial private forest land owners.
- Category Two - Five members who represent nationally recognized environmental organizations; regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreational activities; archaeological and historical interests; or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations.
- Category Three - Five members who hold state elected office; hold county or local elected office; represent Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the Council is organized; are school officials or teachers with knowledge in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or represent the affected public-at-large and/or are employed by a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land or water.

“RACs have been successful in bringing together diverse interests to collaboratively advise the BLM on important land management issues,” said Jerry Perez, BLM Oregon/Washington State Director. “Although these groups are advisory in nature, their contributions are of great value to the BLM and have aided in the development of balanced decisions that serve the interests of all public land users.”

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Completed applications can be mailed to either the Salem District or Eugene District.

Salem District

attn. Northwest Oregon RAC
1717 Fabry Road, SE
Salem, Oregon 97306

Eugene District

attn. Northwest Oregon RAC
3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite E
Springfield, Oregon 97477

The deadline to apply is March 20, 2015. For more information, visit the Northwest Oregon RAC webpage at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/nworrac.php>.

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, 2013, the BLM generated \$4.7 billion in receipts from public lands.

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