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BLM seeks public input for McGowan Creek Road Corridor

Springfield, Ore. – The Eugene District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Upper Willamette Resource Area is initiating an evaluative process for future management of the McGowan Creek Road corridor. The paved McGowan Creek Road is located approximately 15 miles northeast from the Eugene-Springfield area. The corridor not only provides access to a scattered array of BLM administered lands, but also provides access to privately owned timber lands, homes and a shooting range.

The McGowan Creek Road corridor has long been valued for its access to viewpoints of the south Willamette Valley, as well as for the BLM Environmental Education site utilized by local schools. The corridor's close proximity to an urban area has attracted many people for a variety of outdoor activities. Feedback from the public would help the Eugene District BLM evaluate valued experiences and activities in this area. Input provided would be used to help distill potential management practices focusing on positive uses of public lands and discouraging illegal activities and inappropriate uses of land resources. Comments should be submitted by 6/30/2013.

The Eugene District Office has a web based form to provide input. It can be found at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene/plans/mcgowan/index.php>

Written input can also be submitted to the Eugene District BLM by mailing your input to:
Eugene District BLM
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The Eugene District BLM encourages you to get involved and help plan for the future as we evaluate the components involved in managing public lands accessed from the McGowan Creek Road.

About the BLM: 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. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. 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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