

BLM Seeking Project Proposals for Title II Funding

EUGENE, OR — The Bureau of Land Management's Eugene District invites members of the public to submit applications for Title II funding for natural resource projects in Fiscal Year 2012. **Applications are due by Monday, August 15, 2011.** Application forms and instructions on how to fill out the forms are available at the Eugene BLM District Office website, at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene/rac/index.php>.

Title II of the reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act provides funds for projects on federal lands or those that benefit federal lands. Projects nominated by individuals, nonprofit organizations, organized groups and local governments are candidates to receive competitive funding. Projects must be designed to benefit BLM-managed land.

The Act defines the purposes of Title II funding:

1. To make additional investments in, and create additional employment opportunities through projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restore and improve land health and water quality. Such projects shall enjoy broad-based support and may include:

- *Road, trail, and infrastructure maintenance or obliteration*
- *Soil productivity improvement*
- *Improvements in forest ecosystem health*
- *Watershed restoration and maintenance*
- *Restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat*
- *Control of noxious and exotic weeds*
- *Re-establishment of native species*

2. To improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for Federal lands and the agencies that manage these lands.

A Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will review proposed Title II projects and recommend to BLM which projects should be funded that would benefit resources on BLM land. The RAC consists of citizen members representing a wide range of interests.

“RAC projects can improve forest health, benefit fish and wildlife habitat, create recreation opportunities and strengthen our economies. This is a great opportunity for interested citizens or groups to partner with the BLM and the RAC to improve and enhance our community,” Eugene District Manager Virginia Grilley said. If you have questions, please contact Patricia Johnston, Eugene District Title II Program Coordinator, at (541) 683-6181.



About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about \$1 billion, the bureau 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.

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