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New Northwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council Meets October 21-22, 2015

Salem, Ore—The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) new Northwest (NW) Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet at the BLM Salem District Office at 1717 Fabry Road SE on October 21st. A field trip for RAC members will occur on October 22nd. The October 21st meeting, which is open to the public, will primarily be an orientation for the 15 new members of the RAC. A public comment period will be provided from 3:00 to 3:30 PM.

In future meetings, the Council will evaluate and vote on grant proposals for Title II funding as part of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (Act) of 2000, as amended via Public Law (PL) 110-343. They will recommend recreation fee changes under the 2005 Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), and they will provide advice on BLM issues in NW Oregon as they occur.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 establishes a payment schedule to local counties *in lieu* of funds derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands. The Act creates a mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands using O&C County funds under Title II of the Act.

The Council's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) submits projects to be considered for funding under Title II of the Act to the RAC. The Council members then review the federal projects and make recommendations to the Eugene and Salem BLM District Managers.

The geographical boundaries of the Northwest Oregon RAC include Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill Counties.

For more information about BLM's NW Oregon RAC visit:
<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 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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