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Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council Meeting Scheduled for August 13 and 14

Ontario, OR – The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. on August 13 and at 8:00 a.m. on August 14 at the Holiday Inn Express, 212 SE 10th Street, Ontario, Oregon.

Agenda items for the two-day session include: a tour of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Vale District to gain insight into current energy, recreation, sagebrush, sage-grouse and wilderness characteristic initiatives; discussion on the current status of the Fremont-Winema National Forests' Travel Management Plan, and the BLM's sage-grouse and sagebrush strategies; and updates on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects, the Oregon Explorer digital library, federal energy teams and projects, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's sage-grouse listing decision. Council members will also receive organizational updates from designated federal officials, give interest area briefings, present active subgroup reports and develop agenda items for the next meeting. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SEORAC may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting and may contribute during the public comment period at 8:15 a.m. on August 14. Those planning to verbally address the SEORAC during the public comment period are asked to provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. Individuals with information for review by SEORAC members at the August meeting should send documents to Scott Stoffel, Public Affairs Specialist, at 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630. All documents must be received by August 11. Please write "COPY TO SEORAC" on the envelope and enclosed page(s) of all submissions.

For more information about the SEORAC or upcoming meeting, please call Scott Stoffel at (541) 947-6237.

About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, 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. 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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