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# BLM Seeks Input on Resource Values and Uses

**Portland, Ore.** – The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Lakeview District invites the public to comment on the proposed amendment of its Lakeview Resource Management Plan (RMP).

The Lakeview RMP addresses the management of approximately 3.2 million acres of public land in Lake and Harney counties.  Amendment of this RMP is being proposed to consider:

- information from wilderness character inventory updates,
- a reasonable range of off-highway vehicle allocation and designation alternatives, and
- a reasonable range of grazing management alternatives.

In addition, the BLM will address the following issues during the plan amendment process:

- designation and management of significant caves,
- development of a travel management plan,
- development of a recreation area management plan for the North Lake Special Recreation Management Area, and
- new utility corridor designations.

Written public comments and suggestions will be reviewed by interdisciplinary team members during the development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.  Comments must be received or postmarked by July 7, 2010, to be considered during this analysis.  Comments can be submitted to:

Mail                                                          Email
Lakeview Resource Area                          OR_Lakeview_Mail@blm.gov
1301 South G Street
Lakeview, OR 97630

Public Meetings will be held throughout Oregon to provide information on the RMP Amendment process and receive comments.  Informal presentations will be given at each meeting and resource specialists will be on-hand to answer questions and discuss issues raised.  These meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

**May 25, 2010; 5:00-7:30 p.m.**                 **May 28, 2010; 5:30-8:30 p.m.**
Lakeview Interagency Office                      Christmas Valley Community Hall
Lost Forest/Crane Mountain Conference Room      87345 Holly Lane
1301 South G Street                              Christmas Valley, OR
Lakeview, OR

**May 26, 2010; 5:00-7:30 p.m.**
BLM-Burns District Office
Conference Room
28910 Highway 20 West
Hines, OR

**June 2, 2010; 5:30-8:30 p.m.**
Audubon Society of Portland
5151 NW Cornell Road
Portland, OR

**May 27, 2010; 5:00-7:30 p.m.**
U.S. Forest Service
Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District Office
East/West Conference Room
1230 NE 3rd Street, Suite A-262
Bend, OR

The meetings in Portland and Bend will be held jointly with the BLM's Vale District and include information on a concurrent plan amendment for the Southeast Oregon RMP.

"This planning effort will establish a balanced approach for managing multiple uses on BLM-managed lands in Lake and Harney counties," said Carol Benkosky, Lakeview District Manager. "An approach that will utilize resource values in the combination that will best meet the needs of present and future generations," Benkosky continued.

For more information about these public meetings or the RMP Amendment process, please call Paul Whitman, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (541) 947-6110.

Additional information about the BLM's planning process is available online at:

**http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/index.php**

**About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface 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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