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BLM Seeks Project Proposals for Secure Rural Schools Title II Funding

MEDFORD, OR –The public is invited to submit funding applications for natural resource projects designed to benefit public land and resources in Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath Counties.

The recently reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act provides funds for Title II projects that are on, or benefit, Federally managed lands. Individuals, non-profit organizations, organized groups, and local governments are all candidates to receive competitive funding with Title II projects. Applications must be received by September 4, 2015.

Title II funds are designed to make investments in public lands 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. These projects are also designed to improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for public lands and the agencies that manage these lands.

Individuals and groups interested in submitting projects to the BLM are encouraged to discuss their project proposals with the appropriate contact for the District and Resource Area in which the project would be primarily implemented:

- Jen Sanborn, (541) 618-2438, Ashland Resource Area, Medford District;
- Teresa Trulock, (541) 618-2274, Butte Falls Resource Area, Medford District;
- Allen Bollschweiler, (541) 471-6653, Grants Pass Resource Area, Medford District;
- Heather Bernier, (541) 885-4149, Klamath Resource Area, Lakeview District;
- Jake Winn, (541) 464-3275, Swiftwater and South River Resource Areas, Roseburg District.

The Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will review proposed Title II projects and recommend to the BLM which projects should be funded. The RAC consists of citizen members representing a wide range of interests. The RAC will likely meet in November 2015 and will be considering projects to be funded during fiscal year 2016.

The application forms, criteria, and instructions are available on the Southwest Oregon RAC webpage at www.blm.gov/or/rac/sworrac.php

All applications must be electronically submitted by September 4, 2015, to this email address: BLM_OR_SWOR_RAC@blm.gov

If you have questions or do not have internet access, please contact Genivieve Rasmussen at (541) 618-2348 for assistance.

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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.

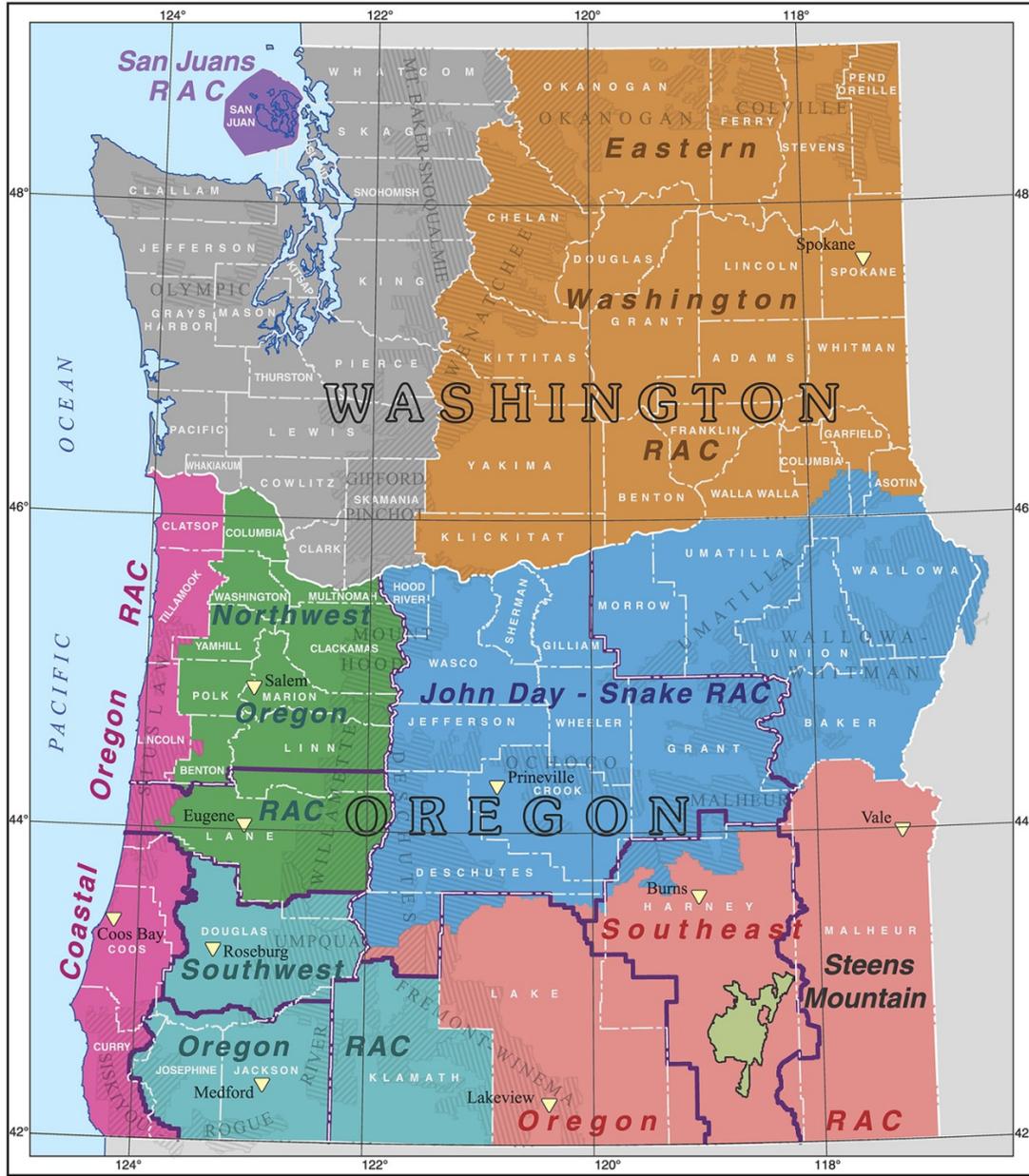


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