

Medford District Resource Advisory Committee to Meet on April 14, 15, and 16

Medford, OR – April 8, 2009 – The Bureau of Land Management’s citizen’s Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will provide advice and recommendations on BLM and public-sponsored project proposals at the upcoming RAC meeting to be held on April 14, 15, and 16. The RAC will review and concur on Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010 Title II projects designed to benefit the lands and programs of BLM in Curry, Josephine, Douglas, Klamath, and Jackson counties.

This RAC operates under the recently reauthorized Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The Act defines the purposes of Title II funds as follows:

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*
 - *Reestablishment 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.*

The RAC meeting will be held at the Medford Interagency Office, Oregon Conference Rooms at 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon and is open to the public. The meeting starts at 9:00 A.M. each day. On April 14, members of the public who sponsored a project will be able to give the RAC a short presentation between 11:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. The general public comment period is on the same day between 4:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., with comments limited to 3 minutes per person.



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For more information about the Medford District RAC meeting or if you have any special needs during the meeting, please contact Jim Whittington at e-mail – jim_whittington@blm.gov or by phone at (541) 858-2220.

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.

