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Medford District Advisory Committee Meets on August 10

Medford, OR – A 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 August 10, 2011. The RAC will review and concur on Fiscal Year 2012 Title II projects designed to benefit the lands and programs of the Medford District in Curry, Josephine, Douglas, Klamath, and Jackson counties.

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

- 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*
- To improve cooperative relationships among the people that use and care for Federal lands and the agencies that manage these lands.*

The 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 8:30 AM. The public comment period is between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM. Comments are limited to three minutes per person. For more information about the RAC meeting or if you have any special needs during the meeting, please contact Jim Whittington at jim_whittington@blm.gov or by phone at (541) 618-2220.

The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about \$1 billion, the bureau 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.

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