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John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council to Meet in John Day

Prineville, Ore. —The John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet on Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at the Malheur National Forest Headquarters at 431 Patterson Road in John Day, Oregon. They will conduct their business meeting from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Pacific Daylight Time).

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include: Subcommittee Reports – Noxious Weeds, Blue Mountain, Energy Overview, and other reports as available; a presentation about collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, John Day Basin Resource Management Plan – Alternatives for Grazing Decisions, a presentation about the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Wild Horse & Burro Program, and consider recommendations for the Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision and the North End Umatilla Sheep Plan. The RAC will receive updates from federal officials, and other topics that may reasonably come before them may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting as observers and may contribute during the public comment period at 1:00 p.m. on July 20, 2010. Depending on the number of people wishing to speak, comments may be limited in order to fulfill the meeting objectives. Those planning to verbally address the RAC during the public comment period are asked to provide a written statement of their comments or presentation at the time of the presentation.

Individuals with information to review by the RAC members at the July meeting must provide all documents to Ms. Christina Lilienthal at 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754. Documents must be received by noon on July 16. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Prineville District BLM as early as possible.

The Secretary of the Interior established the 15-member John Day-Snake RAC to provide representative citizen council and advice to the BLM and U.S. Forest Service concerning the planning and management of the public land and resources located in whole, or in part, within the Prineville and Vale Districts of the BLM, the Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

For more information on the RAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Christina Lilienthal at the Prineville District Office or call (541) 416-6889. Additional information about the RAC is online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/jdrac.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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