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Roseburg BLM to Host Open House on the Rabbit Mountain Environmental Assessment

Roseburg, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management, Roseburg District would like to invite interested members of the public to an open house to learn about the Rabbit Mountain Late Successional Reserve (LSR) Restoration Environmental Assessment (EA), July 9, 2014, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Roseburg District Office.

The Rabbit Mountain LSR, EA is part of the larger Douglas Complex, Southwest Oregon Fire Recovery effort. This EA addresses lands located within the boundary of the Roseburg District that burned during the Douglas Complex of wildfires in 2013.

“The goal of this open house is to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the current conditions on the ground and the potential actions that could be taken as part of the restoration efforts on these lands.” Chris Foster, Interdisciplinary Team Leader said. “One thing we want people to understand, is that the lands that burned on the Roseburg District are late-successional reserve and have primarily a habitat objective. This is in contrast to the lands that burned within the Medford District where timber harvest is the primary purpose.”

The actions proposed within the Rabbit Mountain EA will be driven by an analysis focused on safety and improving and enhancing habitat conditions over the short and long term.

Further information about the EA can be found on the BLM’s Planning page at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/plans/index.php>

To learn more about the Douglas Complex and the fires of 2013 in Southwest Oregon, please visit the Fire Recovery page at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/fire/recovery/index.php>

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