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## BLM Seeks Nominations for Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is soliciting nominations from the public for fifteen positions on the Southwest Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on the management of more than 1.3 million acres of public lands in the Roseburg, Medford and Lakeview Districts.

The RAC consists of 15 members with an interest or expertise in public land management. The diverse membership of each RAC helps ensure that BLM land managers get the varying perspectives they need to achieve their mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple uses.

Members of these three new RACs will be appointed by the Secretary to represent the following three interest groups:

- Category One - Five members who represent energy and mineral development; the commercial timber industry; organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups; developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation; or Federal grazing or other land permits or represent nonindustrial private forest land owners.
- Category Two - Five members who represent nationally recognized environmental organizations; regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreational activities; archaeological and historical interests; or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations.
- Category Three - Five members who hold state elected office; hold county or local elected office; represent Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the Council is organized; are school officials or teachers with knowledge in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or represent the affected public-at-large and/or are employed by a state agency responsible for the management of natural

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resources, land or water.

“RACs have been successful in bringing together diverse interests to collaboratively advise the BLM on important land management issues,” said Jerry Perez, BLM Oregon/Washington State Director. “Although these groups are advisory in nature, their contributions are of great value to the BLM and have aided in the development of balanced decisions that serve the interests of all public land users.”

“We are excited to be forming this new RAC that will help advise BLM in Southwest Oregon,” said Abbie Jossie, Roseburg District Manager. “I would like to encourage anyone interested in the management of our public lands to explore opportunities to serve on this new RAC.”

**The deadline to apply is March 20, 2015.**

For more information or to apply, visit <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/sworrac.php>.

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The BLM manages more land – more than 245 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.

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