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Local Charities Enjoy Fundraising by Roseburg BLM Office

(Roseburg, OR) Another year's campaign is done, and another fantastic year of sharing for local and nationwide charities by the employees of the BLM's Roseburg District Office.

During the six week Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) that ran from October through November, 2011, Roseburg BLM employees raised \$30,305.75 for local, national and international non-profit organizations. These funds were gathered through creative employee-driven events such as a balloon bust with donated fabulous prizes, a flea market, breakfast burritos, bake sale, a Chili Cook-off and the grand finale of the CFC Auction.

The auction was the big fundraiser; it garnered \$23,225.00 of the total. Relying primarily on contributions from BLM employees and their families, this year's donations included fishing and rafting trips, handmade jewelry, gift certificates to local businesses and many homemade goods and handcrafted items.

Roseburg BLM District Manager, Jay Carlson said, "It says a lot about the generosity of the Roseburg District, that in a year of continuing economic difficulty for many, BLM employees step up to give back even more to the great community we live and work in, and BLM is proud to be a part of it."

Since 1977, the Roseburg District has raised \$508,675.14 through the CFC. Locally, the Greater Douglas County United Way administers the CFC campaign for Federal Offices located in Coos, Curry and Douglas County.

Throughout the country and internationally, more than 300 CFC campaigns help to raise millions of dollars for charity. Pledges made by Federal, civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

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The BLM manages more land – 245 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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