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BLM Offers Workshops to Learn about BLM's Draft Resource Plan

Salem, Ore. – Beginning on June 9, the Salem District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will offer several opportunities for the public to learn about BLM's Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for BLM lands in western Oregon.

The workshops will be held at the BLM Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Rd. SE, Salem:

- June 9:** Socio Economic Workshop, 4 – 7 PM
- June 16:** Forest Management and Wildlife Workshop, 4– 7 PM
- June 23:** Recreation Workshop, 4 – 7 PM
- June 30:** Elected Officials Workshop 4 – 7 PM

On **June 15, from 5 – 8 PM, there will be an Open House-style meeting** at the Portland State University American Student Community Center, located at 720 SW Jackson Street in Portland

The Draft RMP/EIS for western Oregon addresses a range of alternatives for the purposes of producing a sustained yield of timber, contributing to the recovery of threatened and endangered species, providing clean water, restoring fire adapted ecosystems, providing for recreation opportunities, and coordinating the management of lands surrounding the Coquille Forest with the Coquille Tribe.

The Draft RMP/EIS explains why the BLM is proposing a plan revision, presents a full spectrum of different management alternatives, and analyzes the environmental effects of the alternatives. Based on this analysis and the comments that the agency receives on the Draft RMP/EIS, the BLM will prepare a Proposed RMP/Final EIS with the assistance of cooperating agencies.

Members of the public have until July 23, 2015, to provide written comments through the internet, email or postal mail. To view the Draft RMP/EIS, submit comments, and see where other open houses and workshops are planned across western Oregon, please visit our website at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/meetings.php>.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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