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San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee to Meet

Spokane, Wash. – The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee (MAC) will meet on Thursday, January 22, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., at the San Juan Island Grange, 152 N 1st Street in Friday Harbor. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting will include:

- a “virtual fieldtrip” of the different resources on the Monument;
- a review of the March 23, 2013 Presidential Proclamation and the Monument’s Resource Management Plan’s (RMP) draft Purpose and Need Statement;
- a discussion of the current Analysis of the Management Situation;
- planning for public scoping forums; and
- finalization of the MAC’s vision statement.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to make comments to the MAC during a one-hour public comment period, from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Persons wishing to make comments should register in person with the BLM by 3 p.m. on January 22, 2015, at the meeting location. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, the length of comments may be limited. The public may send written comments to the monument manager at mdechade@blm.gov, or San Juan Islands National Monument, Attn. MAC, P.O. Box 3, 37 Washburn Ave., Lopez Island, Washington 98261.

The 12-member San Juan Islands MAC was chartered to provide information and advice regarding the development of the San Juan Islands National Monument’s RMP. Members represent an array of stakeholder interests in the land and resources from within the local area and statewide.

For more information about the MAC, visit www.blm.gov/or/rac/sanjuanac.php

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