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Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council to Meet September 24 to 25

Spokane, WA - The Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday and Friday, September 24 to 25, 2009. The meeting will be held at The Nature Conservancy Whisper Lake facility, approximately 25 miles southwest of Coulee City, Washington.

On September 24, the meeting will run from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and will include discussion on special status species, grazing management, and resource management planning.

On September 25, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 12:00 noon, there will be a field tour to several BLM locations of interest with continuing discussion on grazing management, and special status species. If members of the public are interested in participating, please call the BLM Spokane District Office at (509) 536-1200.

The Eastern Washington RAC is comprised of 15 members from a variety of backgrounds who are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Eastern Washington RAC reviews overall planning and proposed activities on federal land in eastern Washington and provides advice to the BLM and U.S. Forest Service.

Additional information about the RAC is available online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/ewrac.php>

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The BLM manages more land – 256 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

