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BLM Hazardous Fuels Public Meeting

SPOKANE, WA –The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a BLM-proposed fuels reduction project.

The meeting will be held at the Barstow Fire Training Center, 25266 Hwy. 395 N., Kettle Falls, Washington, 99141.

The BLM is proposing a reduction of hazardous fuels within the Wildland Urban Interface, on BLM managed lands approximately three to seven miles north east of Orient, in Stevens County, Washington. The Wildland Urban Interface is defined as "...the line, area, or zone where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels". This interface includes all areas where developed lands, such as homes, businesses or agricultural lands, meet undeveloped lands, such as naturally appearing ecosystems like grasslands, woodlands or forests.

The public meeting is being held to provide information about the proposed fuel reduction project and to allow for public comment on the actions and preliminary issues.

A scoping notice containing information about the project is available on the internet at: www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans, or upon request from the Spokane District Office at (509) 536-1200.

BLM is seeking comments on the proposal until November 2, 2009. Comments may be submitted during the public meeting, or by email to: OR_Spokane_Mail@blm.gov, with "Pierre Lake Fuels Project" in the subject line. Comments can also be mailed directly to the BLM Spokane District Office at 1103 North Fancher Road, Spokane Valley, Washington 99212-1275.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – **may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.**

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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

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