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BLM Guides Exploration of Area Plant Life

Spokane, Wash. — The Spokane Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in partnership with the Northeast Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS), will host an illustrated talk and field trip events during April and May, 2010, to highlight some of the treasured landscapes managed by the BLM.

- **Sunday, April 18, 2010** - Join Diane Stutzman, BLM Botanist and Grant Cummings with the WNPS for an all day field trip to the BLM managed Juniper Dunes Wilderness Area, in Franklin County, 15 miles northeast of Pasco, Washington. The day-long trip will provide an opportunity to observe many sand loving plant species found in the Juniper Dunes area including the White-Stemmed evening-primrose, the spectacular Showy Dock, and many other flowers and grasses.
- **Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7 p.m.** - Come and join the WNPS for an illustrated talk by Diane Stutzman titled *Plants and Plant Communities of the Channeled Scablands*. The presentation will highlight the unique landscapes found in Eastern Washington and the plants that grow in this diverse region. The meeting will be held at the Manito Park meeting facility in Spokane, Washington.
- **Sunday, May 2, 2010** – Spend the day viewing spring wildflowers in the sagebrush, lithosol and wetland plant communities found in the Channeled Scablands of Eastern Washington. Diane Stutzman will lead field trip participants through the BLM managed Telford Parcel, located 12 miles West of Davenport, Washington.

These events are free for the public. If you are interested in attending one of these events, please contact Diane Stutzman for further information at (509) 536-1250. Information on the events can also be found on the WNPS website at <http://www.nechapterwnps.org/>

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About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – 253 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.

