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U.S. Department of the Interior to Host San Juan Islands Community Listening Session

WENATCHEE, Wash. – As a follow-up to U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's April 2011 visit to Anacortes, Washington, the Bureau of Land Management, in partnership with the National Park Service, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will host a Community Listening Session in Friday Harbor on August 25.

The purpose of this Listening Session is to gather community input on how best to implement Secretary Salazar's vision for collaborative management and conservation in the San Juan Islands.

The U.S. Department of the Interior invites you to share your ideas on improving collaboration between the agencies and the community on visitation, recreation, and conservation opportunities in the San Juan Islands:

Initial Community Listening Session

Thursday, August 25, 2011
2:00-6:00pm

Mullis Community Center
589 Nash Street, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

The Listening Session will be organized as an open house with opportunities throughout the afternoon to participate in focus-group discussions. Agency representatives, including the regional executive leadership staff, will be in attendance to answer questions and to receive input from the community. ***Please note: The U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary will not be in attendance at this event.***

Additional listening sessions will be scheduled in fall 2011.

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About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about \$1 billion, the bureau 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.

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