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Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council Recruiting New Members

Spokane, Wash. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public nominations for the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC) that advises the BLM on public land issues. The BLM will accept nominations through July 21, 2014.

Nominations are being accepted for:

- **Five** members representing holders of Federal grazing permits, commercial energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, or commercial recreation.
- **Three** members representing nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreational activities, archaeological or historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups.

The Eastern Washington RAC helps the Bureau carry out its stewardship of public lands in the State of Washington. “The advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based resource advisory councils is a vital part of the BLM’s collaborative approach to land management,” said BLM Oregon/Washington State Director Jerry Perez. “Citizen input enhances our agency’s ability to administer and conserve these lands for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations of Americans.”

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on the Eastern Washington RAC. Nominees, who must be residents of the State of Washington, will be evaluated on the basis of their training, education, and knowledge of the Council’s geographic area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations, a completed and signed RAC application, and any other information that speaks to the nominee’s qualifications.

Additional information about the Eastern Washington RAC and nomination forms are available at the Spokane District Office at 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane Valley, WA 99212, by calling (509) 536-1200, or from the website at: www.blm.gov/or/rac/ewrac.php

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2013, the BLM generated \$4.7 billion in receipts from public lands.

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