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Eastern Washington Resource Council Seeks Nominees

PORTLAND – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking applicants for positions on Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC advises and recommends management strategies for the BLM Spokane District and the Colville National Forest. Nominations for these key advisors will be accepted through **May 10, 2010**.

“I value the advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based Resource Advisory Committees, and I know that Interior Secretary Ken Salazar shares my view of their importance,” said BLM Director Bob Abbey. “The people who live, work, and recreate near or on BLM-managed lands deserve a formal voice on public land issues, and their input will enhance our agency’s ability to manage the public lands for multiple uses while conserving resources for future generations.”

The diverse membership of each RAC is aimed at achieving a balanced outlook that the BLM needs for its mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple uses. Interest areas on the RAC include three categories:

Category One – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

Category Two – Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.

Category Three – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others, and current members whose terms expire this year may be renominated. Candidates must reside in the State of Washington. For a nomination form or additional information, please contact Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon 97208, (pam_robbins@or.blm.gov), (503) 808-6306; the BLM Spokane District Office; or online at <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/index.php>.

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