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## BLM Invites Public to “Meet and Greets” to Welcome New Monument Manager

*Spokane, WA.* – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is hosting two “meet and greet” meetings to introduce Marcia deChadenedes, the new Monument Manager for the San Juan Islands National Monument. The BLM will also be sharing information about the San Juan Islands Advisory Committee, which is now recruiting new members.

“I am excited to introduce Marcia to the San Juan Islands community,” said Daniel Picard, BLM Spokane District Manager. “Marcia brings a wealth of experience with her, which will be invaluable as we continue our conversations with the local community on the Monument’s progress.”

The meetings are planned for the following dates and locations:

### **Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

San Juan Preservation Trust  
468 Argyle Ave, Suite B  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

### **Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

San Juan Island Grange  
152 N 1st St  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

The first meeting is sponsored by the Islanders for the San Juan Islands National Monument. The second meeting will be held in conjunction with the Terrestrial Managers meeting. Both meetings will provide the public an opportunity to visit with the new Monument Manager.

Most recently, Marcia has been the National Conservation Lands Program Lead at BLM’s Colorado State Office, where she has had several years of experience working with National Monuments and National Conservation Lands. She also has an extensive background in museum management, national scenic trails, and cultural/heritage program management. She holds a Master’s Degree from the University of Oregon.

The BLM manages 980 acres of lands within the San Juan Archipelago which became our Nation’s newest National Monument through a Proclamation signed by President Obama on March 25, 2013. The National Monument includes BLM lands in San Juan, Whatcom and Skagit

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Counties. The San Juan Islands Advisory Committee, formed to help in the development of the Monument's resource management plan, is currently recruiting new members. The deadline to apply is March 24, 2014.

Visit [www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/sanjuans/](http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/sanjuans/) for more information on the San Juan Islands National Monument. Additional information on the San Juan Islands Advisory Committee can be found here: [www.blm.gov/or/rac/sanjuanac.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/sanjuanac.php)

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