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## Representatives Needed for San Juan Islands Advisory Committee

**Spokane, Wash.** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting nominations to fill four positions on the San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee.

Nominations are being accepted for:

- one member representing recreation and tourism interests,
- one members representing wildlife and ecological interests,
- one members representing cultural and heritage interests, and
- one member representing education and interpretation interests.

Committee members will represent others within particular categories of interest, and work collaboratively to advise the BLM on the development of the San Juan Islands National Monument's resource management plan. Serving on the Committee gives members an opportunity to significantly contribute to the direction of public lands management planning on the San Juan Islands.

To nominate yourself or someone you know, submit a nomination form and at least one supporting letter of recommendation from the groups or interests to be represented to the BLM Spokane District Office, attn. San Juan Islands RAC, 1103 N Fancher Road, Spokane, WA 99212.

The application deadline is March 20, 2015.

Nomination forms can also be picked up at the Spokane District Office or the BLM's Lopez Island Office at 37 Washburn Place, Lopez Island, WA 98261, by calling 509-536-1200, or from the website at: [www.blm.gov/or/rac/sanjuanac.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/sanjuanac.php)

The BLM will review the applications and submit recommended nominees to the Secretary of the Interior, who has the responsibility for making the appointments. Appointed members must reside in the State of Washington. Resource advisory committees generally hold meetings four times a year. Although members serve without monetary compensation, travel and per diem expenses are reimbursed.

The National Monument encompasses approximately 1,000 acres of public land spread across a uniquely beautiful archipelago of over 450 islands, rocks, and pinnacles. The National Monument was established by Presidential Proclamation to protect BLM-administered lands with historic, cultural, natural, and scientific significance.

To learn more about the makeup of the Monument Advisory Committee and representatives for the various categories, see [www.blm.gov/or/rac/sanjuanac.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/sanjuanac.php)

For more information on the Committee or to discuss alternate ways you can be participant in the National Monument planning effort, contact Marcia deChadenèdes at 360-468-3051.

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