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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 12 positions on the newly-established San Juan Islands National Monument Advisory Committee.

Nominations are being accepted for:

- **two** members representing recreation and tourism interests,
- **two** members representing wildlife and ecological interests,
- **two** members representing cultural and heritage interests,
- **two** public-at-large members,
- **one** member representing tribal interests,
- **one** member representing local government,
- **one** member representing education and interpretation interests, and
- **one** member representing private landowners.

Committee members will represent others within particular categories of interest, and work collaboratively to advise 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 on the San Juan Islands.

On March 25, 2013, President Obama signed a Proclamation to designate the San Juan Islands National Monument. Situated in the northern reaches of Washington State's Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands are a uniquely beautiful archipelago of over 450 islands, rocks, and pinnacles. The new San Juan Islands National Monument encompasses approximately 1,000 acres of land spread across many of these rocks and islands and managed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management. Drawing visitors from around the world, this is a landscape of unmatched contrasts, where forests seem to spring from gray rock and distant, snow-capped peaks provide the backdrop for sandy beaches. The San Juan Islands National Monument is both a trove of scientific and historic treasures and a classroom for generations of Americans.

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 24, 2014**.

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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

The specific category the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the nomination form and letter(s) of reference. 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 two to four times a year. Although members serve without monetary compensation, travel and per diem expenses are reimbursed.

For more information on the Committee, contact Stephen Baker at (503) 808-6306.

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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