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Informational Meeting: Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement (EERA) Solicitation for 2010 Fire Season

Vale, Oregon-The Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management will host an informational meeting for vendors that are interested in signing up fire suppression equipment. Representatives will discuss the process for the National Solicitation and the local Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements (EERA). The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on January 5, 2010, and will be held at the Vale District office in the Fire Training Room.

The National Solicitations for Water Handling, Heavy Equipment with Water, and Crew Buses will be held again in 2010. This solicitation is for a three-year Rental Agreement term, and will not be available again until 2013. These resources will no longer be contracted using local preseason EERA's, so interested vendors are encouraged to attend this information session.

However, local preseason EERA's will be used to identify some equipment for the 2010 fire season. Those specific items are dozers, transports, vehicles with drivers and weed containment units. A representative from the Regional Office along with representatives from the Vale District will be there to assist new vendors with the National Solicitation process and to answer any questions about the future of National Solicitations and EERA's.

The Vale District Office is located at 100 Oregon Street, Vale OR 97918. If you have any questions, call Russell Wilstead at 541-473-6319. You may also leave a message with Vale Fire Dispatch at 541-473-6295.

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