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Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council to Meet in Lakeview Oregon

VALE, OREGON-The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) will meet April 28 and 29, 2011, in the Lakeview Interagency Office conference room located at 1301 S. "G" Street in Lakeview, Oregon. The business meeting on April 28 will start at 1 p.m. (PDT) and end at 4:30 p.m. On April 29 the meeting will start at 8 a.m. (PDT) and end at 12:15 p.m.

Agenda items for the meeting will include: An update by the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Sage Grouse Plan, the Effects of Wildlands Designation by the Department of the Interior, Oregon Natural Desert Association request to organize a collaborative effort for wilderness, a status update on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Vegetation EIS Step-down to the districts, election of officers and sub-committee body of work for Fiscal Year 2011/2012. The SEORAC will receive organizational, litigation and energy updates from Federal officials, subcommittee reports, and any other matters that may reasonably come before the Council may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting as observers and may contribute during the public comment period at 10:15 a.m. (PDT) on April 29. Depending on the number of people wishing to comment, the duration of remarks may be limited in order to fulfill meeting objectives. Those planning to verbally address the SEORAC during the public comment period are asked to provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. Individuals with information for review by the SEORAC members at the January meeting must forward all documents to Mark Wilkening at BLM Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon, 97918. All documents must be received by April 21. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance – such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations – should contact the BLM Vale District Office as early as possible.

The Secretary of the Interior established the 15-member SEORAC to provide representative citizen council and advice to the BLM and Forest Service concerning the planning and management of the public land and national forest resources located in whole or in part within the BLM Lakeview, Vale, and Burns Districts and the Fremont-Winema and Malheur National Forests.

For more information on the SEORAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Mark Wilkening, BLM Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, or call (541) 473-6218 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (MDT). Additional information about the BLM Vale District can be found by visiting the district website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale.

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