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## **BLM Seeks Input on Resource Values and Uses**

**VALE, OREGON**-The Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invites the public to comment on the purpose amendment to the Southeast Oregon Resource Management Plan (RMP).

The Southeast Oregon RMP addresses the management of approximately 4.6 million acres of public land in Malheur, Harney, and Grant counties. Amendment of this plan is being proposed to consider: (1) information from wilderness character inventory updates, (2) a reasonable range of travel management allocation/designation alternatives, and (3) a reasonable range of grazing management alternatives. In addition, the BLM will address the following issues during the plan amendment process: (1) climate change, (2) energy development as it pertains to Areas of Critical Environmental Concern and Sage-grouse priority habitat, (3) effects of grazing on the Owyhee Wild and Scenic River corridor, and (4) BLM sub-surface mineral resources in the State of Oregon surface ownership Stockade Block within the Vale District.

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to determine how the stated resource values and uses will be managed to best meet present and future public needs. Written public comments and suggestions will be reviewed by interdisciplinary team members during the development of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments must be received or postmarked by July 7, 2010, to be considered during this analysis. Comments can be submitted to:

### Mail

Vale District  
Southeast Oregon RMP Amendment  
100 Oregon Street  
Vale, OR 97918

### Email

[OR\\_Vale\\_Mail@blm.gov](mailto:OR_Vale_Mail@blm.gov)

Public Meetings will be held throughout Oregon to provide information on the RMP Amendment process and to receive comments. Resource specialists will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues raised. These meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

**May 24, 2010; 5:00-7:30 pm**  
Ameritel Motel Conference Room  
7499 West Overland Road  
Boise, Idaho 83709

**May 26, 2010; 5:00-7:30 pm**  
Four Rivers Cultural Center  
676 S.W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Ontario, Oregon 97914



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**May 25, 2010; 5:00-7:30 pm**

McDermitt Community Hall  
Pioneer Road  
McDermitt, Nevada 89421

**June 2, 2010; 5:30-8:30 pm**

Audubon Society of Portland  
5151 NW Cornell Road  
Portland, OR 97210

**May 27, 2010; 5:00-7:30 pm**

Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District Office  
U.S. Forest Service  
1230 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite A-262  
Bend, OR 97702

The meetings in Portland and Bend will be held jointly with the BLM's Lakeview District and include information on a concurrent plan amendment for the Lakeview RMP.

For more information about these public meetings or the RMP Amendment process, please call Eric Mayes, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at (541) 473-6376. For more information about the Vale District visit: [www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale)

**About the BLM:** The BLM manages more land – 253 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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