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Resource Advisory Council Meeting in Baker City

VALE, Ore. - The John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet May 17 in the conference room at the Geiser Grand Hotel located at 1996 Main Street, Baker City, Ore.

Topics to be discussed at the meetings include: A discussion on RAC involvement in Recreation Fees on the John Day River, information on the Blue Mountain Forest Plan and Travel Management, update on the Deschutes/Ochoco Grasslands Vegetation Plan, information on the John Day Basin Final Environmental Impact Statement, update/involvement by the RAC with the Greater Sage-Grouse, reports by the Federal managers on litigation, energy projects, and other issues affecting their districts; and other matters as may reasonably come before the Council.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting as observers and may contribute during the public comment period at 1 p.m. (PDT) on May 17. 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 RAC during the public comment period are asked to provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. Individuals with information for review by RAC members at the May meeting must forward all documents to Mark Wilkening at BLM Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Ore., 97918. All documents must be received by May 14. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance – such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation – should contact the BLM Vale District Office as early as possible.

The Secretary of the Interior established the 15-member RAC 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 Vale and Prineville Districts and the Umatilla, Ochoco, Malheur, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests.

For more information 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.

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. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. 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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