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Resource Advisory Council Meeting in Pendleton

VALE, Ore. - The John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council (JDSRAC) will meet Feb. 16 in the conference room at the Umatilla National Forest Supervisor office located at 2517 SW Hailey Avenue, Pendleton, Ore. 97801.

Topics to be discussed at the meetings include: An update on the John Day Final Resource Management Plan, an update on the BLM Baker Resource Management Plan, a decision by the JDSRAC on comments to the Baker Draft Resource Management Plan, an update by Oregon State Parks on Cottonwood Park, update on litigation, energy projects and other issues affecting the Federal Managers 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. (PST) on Feb. 16. 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 both Resource Advisory Committees (RACs) during the public comment periods are asked to provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. Individuals with information for review by both RAC's members at the November 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 Feb. 13. 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 JDSRAC 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 on the SEORAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Mark Wilkening, BLM Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Ore. 97918, or call (541) 473-6218 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (MST). Additional information about the BLM Vale District can be found by visiting the district website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/vale.

About the BLM: The BLM manages more land – more than 245 million 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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