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Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council Meets Next Week

Vale, Ore. March 30, 2016 – The Southeast Resource Advisory Council (RAC) is meeting next week, April 4 and 5, in Ontario, OR. This is the first quarterly meeting of 2016 for the Southeast Oregon RAC.

The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) provides advice and recommendations on all aspects of public land management to the BLM's Burns and Vale District Offices, and the Lakeview Resource Area, as well as the Fremont-Winema, Malheur, and Ochoco National Forests. Recent topics have included management options for off-highway recreation, sage-grouse habitat, and noxious-weed control.

Agenda topics for this meeting include Sage-grouse habitat, lands with wilderness characteristics (LWC) inventory, wildfire prevention and others. A full list of topics to be discussed can be found at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/files/seorrac-agenda-apr2016.pdf>.

A comment period for members of the public to address the RAC will be available the morning of April 5 from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. The public comment period will last for 30 minutes and is open to any member of the public. Comments cannot exceed five minutes, unless otherwise approved by the RAC chairperson.

Additional information about the Southeast Oregon RAC is available online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/seorrac.php>.

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