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BLM Seeks Nominations to Oregon Resource Advisory Councils

Vale, Ore. April 1, 2016 – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently announced that it is seeking public nominations for open positions on 34 Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), including two in Washington State, which advise the BLM on public land issues. As published in a notice in the Federal Register, the BLM will consider nominations until May 2, 2016.

The two RACs with responsibility for the Vale District BLM are the Southeast Oregon RAC (SEORAC) and the John Day – Snake River RAC (JDSRRAC). Information about both of these RACs are available online at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/index.php>.

“The BLM Resource Advisory Councils are an important forum for the community conversation that is a key component of public land management,” said BLM Director Neil Kornze. “With representatives with different land use perspectives, the RACs give community members an opportunity to dig into local issues and explore possible solutions.”

There are no vacancies on the SEORAC, but there are members with terms expiring at the end of 2016. Those members represent commodity, conservation and community concerns ranging from commercial timber, grazing, recreation, environmental issues to representing the general public. The John Day – Snake River RAC has one vacancy representing commodities, which was previously held by a member representing commercial timber. The JDSRRAC also has members with terms expiring toward the end of 2016 in the commodity and community interest areas.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on an advisory council. Nominees, who must be residents of Oregon, will be judged on the basis of their training, education, and knowledge of the council’s geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision making.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations, a completed RAC application, and any other information that speaks to the nominee’s qualifications. All nomination documents must be received by Monday, May 2 and may be sent to Larry Moore, BLM Vale District, 100 Oregon St, Vale, OR, 97918.

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. The BLM’s mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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