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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OR-030-2013-06 **Contact: Mark Wilkening**
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-Reminder-
Vendors-Solicitations for equipment for the 2013 fire season

VALE, ORE. – In preparation for the 2013 fire season, the Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will host a presentation by LuAnn Grover, Contract Operation Specialist from the Region 6 U.S. Forest Service. The presentation will be Tuesday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. at the BLM Vale District office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale Oregon and will cover the Virtual Incident Procurement (VIPR) system used by the BLM to order equipment for emergencies.

LuAnn will answer any questions that vendor or potential vendors may have on any VIPR solicitation. The Vale District may have additional needs outside VIPR and may solicit for various local equipment and services not listed. Please take advantage of this excellent opportunity to talk with the USFS regional expert and Vale District contracting.

VIPR Equipment Solicitations in FY 2013

- Heavy Equipment with Water
  - Pumper Cat
  - Skidgine
  - Softtrack
- Refrigerated Trailers
- Water Handling
  - Engines
  - Water Tender (Support)
  - Water Tender (Tactical)
- Weed Washing Units

VIPR has the functionality to solicit, award, and mange preseason Incident Blanket Purchase Agreements that were implemented nationwide in January of 2009. In future years, VIPR will automate other preseason incident procurements, such as aviation contracts, crew contracts, and mobile shower and food services. LuAnn will also share the rotation of expiring and upcoming contracts that will be solicited in future years.

For more information about the Vale District, you can contact the Vale District at (541) 473-3144 or visit the 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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