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To: DMs, DSDs, Staff and Branch Chiefs

From: Deputy State Director, Resources Planning, Use & Protection

Subject: Strategic Planning and Environmental Coordination DD: 03/03/2003
Training, Pilot Course 1600-12

It has been over two years since we've held a multi-purpose, statewide forum for land use planners and environmental coordinators. There are numerous topics which need to be addressed and emerging issues or legal precedents which should be considered. The subject training course was initially scheduled for December 3-5, 2002, and was deferred due to scheduling conflicts. This course offering adopts much of the previous offering's agenda, while adding a few topics that have arisen since December.

The course will begin at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, and will run through the early afternoon on Thursday, March 13, 2003. As you can see from the attached agenda, we have a wide variety of speakers, and we are relying on field expertise for several of the panels. The Bureau of Land Management of Oregon/Washington benefits from a wealth of planning and environmental coordination experience among its employees, and our goal is to provide a forum for sharing that experience among the participants in addition to hearing from a variety of experts in other fields.

We invite your Planning & Environmental Coordination specialists, along with managers and others interested in the agenda topics, to participate in the course, which will be held in Portland at the Robert Duncan Plaza, third floor, conference rooms 3H and J. After reviewing the agenda, please send a list of those in your office who anticipate attending the course. The list can be emailed to Jerry Magee, OR/WA Environmental Protection Specialist, in our Branch of Social Sciences.

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Questions can be directed to Jerry Magee at 503-808-6086, Eric Stone at 503-808-6087 and Leslie Frewing-Runyon at 503-808-6088.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this IB and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

Signed by

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1 - Strategic Planning and Environmental Coordination Short Course Agenda (2pp)

Distribution

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Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington
Strategic Planning and Environmental Coordination Short Course (1600-12)
March 11-13, 2003
Draft Agenda (as of 2/13/03)

March 11, 2003

Introduction: 1:00 - 1:30pm

- Introductions, review of agenda, logistics, etc. - Jerry Magee, OR/WA Environmental Protection Specialist
- Welcome - Deputy State Director for Resource Planning , Use & Protection

Legal Issues: 1:30 - 3:00pm (Regional Office of the Solicitor)

- Recent legal precedents
- Potential program-specific concerns
 - Endangered Species Act
 - Western Oregon forestry
 - Off Highway Vehicles
- Distinguishing *decisions* and their administrative remedies from *supporting analyses* (e.g., NEPA) - Jerry Magee and ROS
- Project codes for administrative and legal challenges - Lisa Blackburn, OSO Records Administrator/FOIA

Break: 15 minutes

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Fire Management Issues: 3:15 - 5:00pm

- RMP/FMP (Fire Management Plan) relationships - Louisa Evers, RO/SO Fire Ecologist
- Fuels treatment - Tim Rich, RO/SO Fuels Management Specialist
- Fire Rehabilitation - Scott Cooke, Wildlife Biologist, Prineville
- Fire Salvage - Louisa Evers and ROS
- Field staff discussion

March 12, 2003

Energy Resources and Utility Corridors: 8:00 - 9:30am

- Overview of Administration energy interests, guidance, priorities and special staff - Gayle Gordon, Special Assistant to the Director
- Western Utility Group update on priority utility corridors - Eric Stone, OSO Program Analyst
- Wind, solar, biomass procedures (e.g., RFD scenarios) and policy trends, potential statewide assessment - Nancy Ketrenos, Geologist;
- Adverse Energy Impact Statements - Nancy Ketrenos
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydro-electric projects - Eric Hoffman, Mining Engineer

Break

National Vegetation Management EIS: 9:45 - 10:45pm

- Overview and group strategizing of Step-Down options - Miles Brown, OR/WA Weeds Coordinator

Tools for Social and Economic Analysis: 10:45 – Noon

- Economic Profile System - Steve Cohn, BLM-WO, NLCS
- Socioeconomic research in support of federal land management and inputs to planning -George Stankey and Susan Charnley, PNW Research

Lunch

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State Director Comments: 1:00 - 1:15pm

New Initiatives, Directives and Guidance: 1:15 - 2:15pm

- Review of legislative initiatives and administrative directives - Michael Campbell, SO Public Affairs
- Alternative Dispute Resolution resources available to OR/WA - Tom Wawro, OR/WA ADR Coordinator
- Update on proposed Forest Service Planning Rule - Tom Hussey, FS, Regional Office Policy Planner

Break

New Procedures for Document Preparation, Review and Approval: 2:30 - 3:30pm

- Proposed OSO Planning Manual Supplement, guidance for land use and EIS-level activity plans - Eric Stone and Lisa Blackburn
- New or proposed Instruction Memoranda on protest procedures and commenter name/address confidentiality - Lisa Blackburn
- Procedures for briefings and clearances for *Federal Register* notices and concurrence prior to publication
 - State Director's Office - Anita Bilbao, Special Assistant to the State Director, and Brenda Lincoln, OSO Public Affairs
 - Washington Office - Eli Ilano, WO Planning, Assessment & Community Support Group

Clean Water Act Issues: 3:30 - 4:30pm

Addressing the Clean Water Act in Planning/NEPA Documents - Rosy Mazaika, OSO Water Policy/Budget Program Lead, and Trish Carroll, Forest Service Regional Water Quality and Riparian Program Lead

March 13, 2003

Contracted Plan Assistance: 8:00 - 9:00am

- Upper Deschutes RMP - Mollie Chaudet, Project Manager
- Western Washington energy minerals and resources - (TBA)
- Andrews/Steens RMP - Gary Foulkes, Project Manager
- Others as identified

Current and Long-term Planning Schedules and Associated Opportunities for Collaborative Assessments / Planning: 9:00 - 10:00am - Leslie

Frewing-Runyon, W. Oregon Planning Coordinator, and Eric Stone

- Review of current and proposed Bureau plans and amendments
- Scarce skill sharing and other opportunities to meet project needs within constraints

Group discussion on opportunities, factors to consider and joint funding of common products

Break

Regional Resource Assessments and Related Data: 10:15 - 11:15am

- Consolidated maps of major land use allocations, interim products, posting and potential uses - Duane Dippon, ARD/GIS Specialist; Nancy Ketrenos and Eric Stone
- Regional Resource Assessments, sample on energy minerals from W. Washington, Nancy Ketrenos and Duane Dippon

Collaborative Planning Overview and Lessons Learned: 11:15am - 12:15pm

- Overview of trends, ongoing projects, training and assistance options - (TBA)
- Upper Deschutes RMP - Mollie Chaudet
- Johns Peak OHV Management Plan - Kristi Mastrofini, Project Manager
- Andrews / Steens RMP - Gary Foulkes

Close out Discussions: 12:15 - 12:45pm

- Potential assignments, identification of supplemental training needs, scarce skills, etc. - Jerry Magee, Eric Stone and Leslie Frewing-Runyon