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To: District Managers: Coos Bay, Eugene, Prineville, Roseburg, Salem, Spokane, Vale
From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection
Subject: Participation in Recovery Planning for Pacific Salmon Species Listed Under the Endangered Species Act

A commitment has been made for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) participation in the process currently underway by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to develop recovery plans for Pacific salmon species listed under the Endangered Species Act. The 6840 section of the BLM Manual states that: 1) Objectives from approved recovery plans will be incorporated in land use plans and subsequent activity and interdisciplinary plans; 2) the BLM activities affecting the populations and habitat of listed species will be designed to be consistent with recovery needs and objectives; and 3) the BLM shall, as appropriate, participate on recovery teams and recovery plan preparation. The BLM manual at 6840.06.A.3.b. states that the BLM shall: "Review technical and agency drafts of recovery plans for species affected by BLM management to ensure that proposed actions assigned to BLM are technically and administratively feasible and consistent with BLM's mission and authority."

It is in our best interest to participate in a process that will result in objectives that will guide future BLM plans and actions. I recognize that the workload of your District staff is high and budgets are tight. However, this is an opportunity and responsibility that is important to our mission. To assist with BLM staff participation, NMFS has provided funding through a reimbursable account. Details are provided in the attachment, including a cost code to use for staff time charged to the NMFS reimbursable account. Additional funds in subactivity 1120 were distributed in the Annual Work Plan to supplement the NMFS funding.

Joe Moreau, Fisheries Program Lead in OR-931, will continue in his role as the lead BLM contact for NMFS recovery planning efforts. He will filter information and participation requests from NMFS, respond to those that can be addressed by accessing databases, Geographic Information System layers, and other sources at the State Office, and identify issues where local

knowledge from District staff is needed. If you have questions, please contact Joe at 503-808-6418 or by e-mail.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin 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
Cathy L. Harris (Acting)

Authenticated by
Mary O'Leary
Management Assistant

1 Attachment

1 - [BLM Participation in NMFS Pacific Salmon Recovery Process](#) (2p)

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