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To: Forest Service Forest Supervisors, Columbia River Gorge Area Manager
Bureau of Land Management District Managers

Subject: Recreation Resource Advisory Committee Solicitation for Nominations

With passage of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act in December 2004, there is a requirement for the Forest Service (FS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to establish Recreation Resource Advisory Committees (Recreation RAC) or use existing BLM Resource Advisory Committees. The purpose of the committee is to provide recommendations on recreation fees for both the FS and BLM agency administered lands across the United States.

In the Pacific Northwest, the decision to form a new Recreation RAC that will cover Federal lands in Washington and Oregon was made by Assistant Secretary Lynn Scarlett and Undersecretary Mark Rey on March 30, 2006. Notification of this decision and solicitation for nominations to serve on Recreation RACs will be published in the Federal Register shortly.

The Recreation RAC will be composed of an eleven-member group representing a variety of interests. To reach the broadest possible candidate pool, we are asking Forest Supervisors, Field Managers, and District Managers to work jointly making contacts with recreation interest groups, county and local officials, and others. The Regional Office and State Office have compiled a contact list. We suggest developing a local key contact list in preparation for the Federal Register Notice publication and mailing of solicitation packets. A copy of the regional contacts is enclosed so our efforts are not duplicated.

We encourage you to incorporate a cover letter into the solicitation package you will receive. Included in this package are individual templates of letters to be used for special interest groups, and local and county officials. A description of the Recreation RAC roles and responsibilities, and a list of questions and answers will be included in these packages. Solicitation packets should only be sent once the Federal Register Notice is published.

Given the short thirty-day application timeline, we suggest that Forest Supervisors and District Managers have their key contact lists completed to expedite the outreach process once the Notice is published in the Federal Register. You will be notified as soon as this occurs. All applicants should mail the required materials (AD-755 and Evaluation Criteria) to the Regional Office, Attention: Shandra Terry, U.S. Forest Service, Public and Legislative Affairs, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208.

If you have further questions, please contact Shandra Terry at (503)808-2242 or Jocelyn Biro at 503-882-2766.

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