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BLM Seeks Nominations to Resource Advisory Councils

Portland, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking public nominations for open positions on its Resource Advisory Councils (RAC) that advise the BLM on public land issues.

The BLM in Oregon and Washington is collecting nominations for the following RACs:

- John Day-Snake RAC (deadline March 27, 2014)
- Southeast Oregon RAC (deadline March 27, 2014)
- Eastern Washington RAC (deadline March 27, 2014)
- San Juan Islands RAC (deadline March 24, 2014)
- Steens Mountain RAC (deadline February 21, 2014)

The BLM's RACs, composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, help the Bureau carry out its stewardship of 245 million acres of public lands. "The advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based Resource Advisory Councils is a vital part of the BLM's collaborative approach to land management," said BLM Oregon/Washington State Director Jerry Perez. "Citizen input enhances our agency's ability to administer and conserve these lands for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations of Americans," continued Perez.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on a RAC. Nominees, who must be residents of the state where the RAC has jurisdiction, 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. For more information or to find an application, visit:

www.blm.gov/or/rac

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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 2013, the BLM generated \$4.7 billion in receipts from public lands.

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