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**BLM CANCELS SEPTEMBER 20 OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE**

The Oregon/Washington State Director has elected to delay offering parcels in Washington State. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is reviewing issues related to compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and other BLM policies. Therefore, the September 20, 2007, oil and gas lease auction is cancelled.

If you have any questions, please phone Donna Kauffman at (503) 808-6162.

**About BLM**

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The BLM, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. 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 BLM accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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