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BLM Renews Call for Eastern Washington Advisory Group Members

Portland, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) did not receive enough applicants for open positions on the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC) during an earlier call for nominations. Five terms expire this September, and we also need nominees for the unexpired term of a vacant position. Terms that expire this year include representatives of: grazing permit or lease holders, local and regional environmental groups, the commercial timber industry, and academics in natural resource science. The vacant position represents transportation and/or rights-of-way. This extended recruitment closes July 29, 2010.

BLM Director Bob Abbey values the advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based groups, and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has also underscored their importance. Abbey noted, “The people who live, work, and enjoy recreational activities on or near BLM-managed lands deserve a formal voice on public land issues. Their input enhances our ability to manage public lands for multiple uses while conserving resources for future generations.”

Washington residents may apply or be nominated by others, and current members may be re-nominated. Nominations must include a completed background information nomination form, letter(s) of reference from the interest category to be represented, and any other information that demonstrates the nominee’s qualifications. Nominees will be evaluated based on their experience working with the interest area they choose to represent, and their knowledge of the Council’s geographic area. Nominees must also have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Those who applied during the previous call for nominations will be considered together with those received during this renewed recruitment. They do not need to submit additional materials unless contacted by the BLM. Candidates must reside in Washington State. Nomination forms and additional information are available at the BLM Spokane District Office, online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/index.php>.

Interested parties can also contact BLM Public Affairs Officer, Pam Robbins, at P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon, (503) 808-6306, or by email at: pam_robbins@blm.gov

The BLM manages more land – more than 245 million acres - than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 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 Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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