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Eastern Washington Council Still Needs Advisors

PORTLAND – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has vacant positions on the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC advises and recommends management strategies for Federal lands administered by the BLM in the State of Washington and by the Colville National Forest. There are six open positions. Nominations will be accepted through **July 8, 2011.**

"I value the advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based Resource Advisory Committees, and I know that Interior Secretary Ken Salazar shares my view of their importance," said BLM Director Bob Abbey. "The people who live, work, and enjoy recreation on or near BLM-managed lands deserve a formal voice on public land issues, and their input will enhance our agency's ability to manage the public lands for multiple uses while conserving resources for future generations."

RAC recruitment includes these interest areas in the three categories:

Category I – Commercial timber, energy/minerals, and commercial recreation/off-highway vehicle users.

Category II – National or regional environmental organizations and archaeological/historical interests.

Category III – State, county, or local elected official.

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 training, education, and knowledge of the interest area they choose to represent, and their knowledge of the Council's geographic area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making.

Point of contact for nomination forms is: Pam Robbins, P.O. Box 2965, 333 SW First Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. Her email address is pam_robbins@blm.gov Completed application packets should be returned to Mrs. Robbins at the address above by July 8, 2011.

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about $1 billion, the bureau 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.

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