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Openings Still Available on Advisory Councils

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is extending the deadline for nominations for 16 positions on its three Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) in Oregon and Washington. Nominations must be submitted by **June 4, 2012**.

RACs are citizen-based groups that make recommendations to the BLM regarding public land and resource management, including land-use planning, recreation, fire management, livestock grazing, and wild horse and burro herd management. The Bureau is looking for a diverse group of people representing the viewpoints of the varied users of public lands.

“Citizen-based recommendations from the RACs enhance our ability to manage these lands and achieve multiple-use goals,” said BLM Director Bob Abbey. “The people who live, work, and recreate near or on BLM-managed lands deserve a formal voice in the planning process and their input serves as a valuable tool in the decision-making process.”

The BLM will evaluate applicants based on their training, education, and knowledge of the council’s area of jurisdiction. Nominees must reside in the State where the RAC has jurisdiction, and complete a nomination form along with a letter of reference from the interest area they would like to represent. Nominees may submit additional information that speaks to their qualifications. All nominations will be given full consideration.

RAC members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to serve an initial three-year term or a shorter term if a position becomes vacant between terms. Members may be reappointed to serve additional three-year terms. The diverse membership of each RAC is aimed at achieving a balanced outlook that the BLM needs for its mission: to manage the public lands for multiple uses.

The 16 RAC positions open in Oregon and Washington are in the following categories:

Category One – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy/mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

Category Two – Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.

Category Three – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

For more information on [Resource Advisory Councils](#), please visit the [Bureau of Land Management Website](#).

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| RAC Name | Eastern Washington | John Day-Snake | Southeast Oregon |
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| Category One Vacancies | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Category Two Vacancies | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Category Three Vacancies | 4 | 1 | 2 |

Nominations should be sent by **June 4, 2012.**, to Pam Robbins, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 333 SW First Avenue, Portland, OR 97204 (503) 808-6306.

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. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. 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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