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BLM HOLDS PUBLIC MEETINGS ON PLANS FOR WESTERN OREGON FORESTS

Portland, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oregon is initiating a resource management plan (RMP) revision which will provide goals, objectives, and direction for the management of approximately 2.6 million acres of BLM-administered lands in western Oregon.

The BLM will be hosting public meetings throughout western Oregon to get feedback on the number of plan revisions that should be prepared, the geographic areas that the plan revisions should cover, the direction the plan revisions should take and the issues that they should address. The BLM is interested in a diversity of viewpoints and welcomes suggestions for new and innovative approaches to managing western Oregon forests.

Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

May 16	BLM Medford District Office 3040 Biddle Rd. Medford, Oregon	5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
May 17	BLM Grants Pass Interagency Office 2164 NE Spalding Ave. Grants Pass, Oregon	5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
May 23	Shilo Inn Clear Lake Room 2500 Almond St. Klamath Falls, Oregon	5:30 to 7:00 p.m.
May 24	BLM Salem District Office 1717 Fabry Rd. SE Salem, Oregon	4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
May 29	Springfield Public Library 225 5th Street Springfield, Oregon	3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
May 30	Coos Bay Public Library 525 Anderson Coos Bay, Oregon	5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
May 31	BLM Roseburg District Office 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd. Roseburg, Oregon	4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
June 5	Robert Duncan Plaza Building 333 SW First Ave -- 1 st Floor Lobby Portland, Oregon	6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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The revisions to the existing RMPs will determine how the BLM will manage BLM-administered lands in western Oregon to further the recovery of *threatened and endangered species*, to provide clean water, to restore fire adapted ecosystems, to produce a sustained yield of timber products, and provide for recreation opportunities. The BLM is preparing new RMPs in order to address: the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's recovery plan and proposed critical habitat designations for the Northern Spotted Owl; new scientific information related to forest health and resiliency; and the socio-economic needs of western Oregon communities.

The BLM would like to work with the public to identify areas where there is agreement on natural resource management approaches and work on potential solutions for those areas where there is disagreement. The BLM is open to a broad spectrum of ideas. Feedback from the public on the following questions will help identify the appropriate side-boards for this planning effort:

- *What is the appropriate scale and scope of the plan?*
- *What new or innovative ideas should the BLM consider in this planning process?*
- *How can the BLM provide habitat for fish and wildlife and contribute to the recovery Endangered Species Act listed species?*
- *How should the BLM manage forests to protect property and ensure our forests are fire resilient?*
- *How should BLM-administered lands be managed to contribute to clean water and safe drinking water?*
- *What types of recreation opportunities should there be more of or less of on BLM lands?*
- *How can BLM lands contribute to local economies and support local communities?*

Comments may be submitted until July 5, 2012, via the following methods:

website: www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon
email: BLM_OR_RMPs_WesternOregon@blm.gov
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About the BLM: 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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