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## **BLM hosts social and economic public workshop for sage-grouse planning effort**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – As part of the BLM's National Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is holding an interactive social and economic public workshop Tuesday, June 26, from 4-7 p.m. at The Riverhouse Hotel and Convention Center in Bend, Ore. The workshop will provide an opportunity for interested individuals to offer information regarding the use of public lands resources, how public lands may influence their quality of life, and their social or economic values to the local area.

The BLM is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Oregon sub region, which will be used to amend Land Use Plans (LUPs) throughout the bird's range in Oregon to provide conservation of Greater Sage-grouse habitat. The workshop will guide interested partners on how to contribute social and economic information in the development of the EIS.

Based on ongoing threats to the greater sage-grouse and its habitat throughout the West, as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2015 court-ordered deadline for making a decision whether to list the species under the Endangered Species Act, the BLM and the U.S. Forest Service plan to incorporate consistent objectives and conservation measures into all relevant land use plans by Sept. 2014.

For individuals who cannot attend the workshop in person, the presentation and question and answer sessions will be available real-time on-line through WebEx. The presentations will occur at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. If you are new to using WebEx, we recommend you join the WebEx meeting up to 15 minutes prior to start time. The line will be muted until the meeting begins. To access Web Ex go to:

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For more information about the BLM and USFS's sage-grouse planning efforts, please visit the BLM's [National Sage-Grouse Planning Strategy](#) webpage.

**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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