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## BLM Seeks Nominations to Resource Advisory Councils

**Portland, Ore.** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Oregon and Washington is seeking public nominations for open positions on three of its Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), which advise the BLM on public land issues. The BLM will consider nominations until April 28, 2013.

The BLM's RACs, composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, help the Bureau carry out its stewardship of more than 245 million acres of public lands. The Bureau, which manages more land than any other Federal agency, has 29 RACs across the West, where most BLM-managed land is located. Each RAC consists of 10-15 members with an interest or expertise in public land management, including such individuals as conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreationists, state and local government officials, Tribal officials, and academics. The diverse membership of each RAC helps ensure that BLM land managers get the varying perspectives they need to achieve their mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple uses.

"I value the advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based Resource Advisory Councils," said BLM Principal Deputy Director Neil Kornze. "The people who use and enjoy BLM-managed lands deserve a formal voice on public land issues, and their input enhances our agency's ability to administer and conserve these lands for current and future generations of Americans."

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on an advisory council. Nominees, who must be residents of the state or states where the RAC has jurisdiction, will be judged on the basis of their training, education, and knowledge of the council's geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations; a completed RAC application; and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Each of the RACs has different positions open in the following categories:

- Category One – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and 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.

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BLM Oregon/Washington is looking to fill the following vacancies:

RAC	Category One Vacancies	Category Two Vacancies	Category Three Vacancies
Eastern Washington	2	1	
Southeast Oregon	2	1	1

Nominations for the Steens Mountain Advisory Council are being accepted for:

1) a person interested in fish and recreational fishing in the Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA); 2) a representative of a State environmental organization; 3) a recreation permit holder or representative of a commercial recreation operation in the CMPA; 4) a private landowner within the CMPA 5) a member and representative of the Burns Paiute Tribe; and 6) a representative of the State government to serve as a liaison to the advisory council.

Nominations must be received by April 28, 2013, and should be sent to the District RAC coordinator:

**Spokane District Office** (Eastern Washington RAC)

Bureau of Land Management

1103 N. Fancher Road

Spokane Valley, Washington 99212

Attention: Robert St. Clair, RAC Coordinator, email [rstclair@blm.gov](mailto:rstclair@blm.gov), phone (509) 536-1200

**Burns District Office** (Southeast Oregon RAC and Steens Mountain Advisory Council)

Bureau of Land Management

28910 Hwy 20 West

Hines, Oregon 97738

Attention: Tara Martinak, RAC Coordinator, email [tmartina@blm.gov](mailto:tmartina@blm.gov), phone (541) 573-4519

To learn more about BLM Oregon/Washington RACs and to access the nomination form, visit [www.blm.gov/or/rac](http://www.blm.gov/or/rac).

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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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