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Applicants Sought for Recreation Resource Advisory Committee

PORTLAND – The U.S. Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are seeking nominations to fill three positions on a regional Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (Recreation RAC). The positions represent summer motorized users, summer motorized outfitters and guides, and a Native American representative. The Committee will provide the agencies with recommendations on recreation fees for federal lands in Oregon and Washington.

The Recreation RAC, established under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), helps the agencies deliver high-quality recreation services and facilities for the American public. Members represent various recreational user groups and government agencies.

REA, which became law in December 2004, allows federal land management agencies to continue investing in America's recreation future by charging modest fees at campgrounds, rental cabins, and other high-impact recreation areas on federal lands.

The Recreation RAC will continue to help the two agencies implement the provisions of REA in coordination with those who enjoy recreation activities on federal lands. Agency managers recognize that these Recreation RACs, as well as other public participation, notification, and communication efforts play a vital role in achieving public satisfaction.

All Recreation RAC meetings are open to the public, and an open public forum is part of each meeting.

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Committee members will be recommended to the Regional Forester for appointment based on the following evaluation criteria:

- What interest groups they represent and how they are qualified to represent that group
- Why they want to serve on the committee and what they can contribute
- Their past experience in working successfully as part of a collaborative group

People selected for positions will serve three-year terms. The positions are voluntary.

Additional information about recreation fees and REA is available at:

www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/about-rec-fees.shtml

Persons interested in serving on the Recreation RAC may review the application criteria and obtain a nomination packet at www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/rrac or by contacting Shandra Terry. Letters of recommendation are welcome, but not required.

Submit packet to *Shandra Terry, U.S. Forest Service, Public and Legislative Affairs, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208*. Nominations for these positions will be accepted through June 30, 2011.

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