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## **Eastern Washington Resource Council Seeks Nominees**

PORTLAND – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking applicants for six positions on the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC advises and recommends management strategies for federal lands located in whole or in part within the Spokane District of the BLM and/or the Colville and Okanogan National Forests. The nomination period ends **March 27, 2006**.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires RACs to be balanced and represent the various interests concerned with public land management. **Expired terms this year include: Dispersed recreation, Indian tribes, public-at-large, local elected official, and state resource employee. The RAC will also fill a vacancy for energy/minerals representative, which will expire in 2008.**

Washington residents may apply or be nominated by others, and current members may be renominated. **Nominations must include a completed background information nomination form, letter(s) of reference from the interest category to be represented, and any other information that demonstrates the nominee's qualifications.** Nominees will be evaluated based on their experience working with the interest area they choose to represent, and their knowledge of the Council's geographic area. Nominees must also have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

Council members are unpaid but are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses. RACs usually meet quarterly within their geographic area. Appointees serve a three year term. For a nomination form or additional information, please contact Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, ([pam\\_robbins@or.blm.gov](mailto:pam_robbins@or.blm.gov)), P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon, (503) 808-6306, or the BLM Spokane District Office, (509) 536-1200.

The BLM manages more land – 261 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. 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, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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