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## **Public Advisors Sought for East Cascade Resource Councils**

PORTLAND – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking applicants for seventeen positions on Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) in Washington and Oregon. These RACs advise and recommend management strategies for federal lands east of the Cascade Range administered by the BLM and the US Forest Service. Five terms are expiring on the Eastern Washington RAC and on the Southeast Oregon RAC; the John Day-Snake RAC is seeking seven applicants. The nomination period ends **April 18, 2005**.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires RACs to be balanced and represent the various interests concerned with public land management. **Vacancies and expired terms this year include: commercial recreation and/or Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV), dispersed recreation, national or regional environmental groups, Indian tribes, commercial timber, archaeological and historical interests, energy and minerals, transportation and rights-of-way, public-at-large, state resource employee, and wild horse and burro.**

Individuals may nominate themselves or others, and current members whose terms will expire in September may be renominated. Candidates must reside in the State where the council has jurisdiction. For a nomination form or additional information, please contact Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, (pam\_robbins@or.blm.gov), P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon, (503) 808-6306, or your local BLM District Office. More RAC information is on the internet at <http://www.or.blm.gov/orRAC/index.htm>

BLM, an Agency of the U.S. Department of the Interior, manages more land, 262 million surface acres, than any other Federal Agency. Of this, about 164 million acres are permitted for livestock grazing. Most of the country's BLM-managed Public Land is located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Agency, which has a budget of \$1.8 billion and a workforce of 10,000 employees, also administers 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate throughout the Nation. BLM's "multiple-use" mission is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. BLM accomplishes this by managing for such resources as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, and energy and mineral development that helps meet the Nation's energy needs, and by conserving natural, historic, cultural and other resources on the Public Lands.

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# RAC FACT SHEET

The RACs are an integral part of land management for federal agencies. Local RACs provide valuable advice on developing management plans and alternatives. Their expertise helps to refine project initiatives for issues as varied as grazing, forest health, land exchanges, and recreation management.

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. Current recruitment and specific RAC information follows:

## Eastern Washington RAC

Position	Geographic area
Archaeological and historic interests	resources located in whole or in part within the Spokane District of the BLM and the Colville and Okanogan National Forests
Energy or mineral development	
National or regional environmental organization	
Transportation or rights-of-way	
Commercial recreation or OHV	

## John Day-Snake RAC

Position	Geographic area
Commercial timber	federal lands in the northeastern portion of Oregon including Hells Canyon National Recreation Area lands in Idaho, and the Snake River drainages in Southeast Washington
Energy or mineral development	
Transportation or rights-of-way	
Public-at-Large	
National or regional environmental organization	
Indian tribes (term expires 2007)	
State Resource Employee (term expires 2006)	

## Southeast Oregon RAC

Position	Geographic area
Wild Horse & Burro	most federal lands in Southeast Oregon
Transportation or rights-of-way	
Commercial/developed recreation or OHV	
Dispersed recreation	
Energy or mineral development	

**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. Completed application packets should be sent to Pam Robbins, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208-2965.