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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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## **BLM Seeks Proposals for Secure Rural Schools Funding**

Salem, Ore.-- The public is invited to submit funding applications for natural resource projects in Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, and Yamhill Counties. These funds are distributed through the BLM Secure Rural Schools Title II Program.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act provides funds for a variety of activities that benefit Federal lands and resources in the benefiting county. Any individual, non-profit organization, organized group, and local government can submit an application. The funds are designed to make investments in public lands and create additional employment opportunities through projects that improve the maintenance of existing infrastructure, implement stewardship objectives that enhance forest ecosystems, and restore and improve land and water quality.

Individuals and groups interested in submitting projects to the BLM are encouraged to discuss their project proposals with the appropriate coordinator for the District in which the project would be primarily implemented:

- BLM Salem District Dave Howell, dohowell@blm.gov, (503) 375-5642
- BLM Eugene District Patricia Johnston, pjohnsto@blm.gov, (541) 683-6181

The application forms, criteria, and instructions are available on the Northwest Oregon RAC webpage at: http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/nworrac.php

All applications must be submitted either through email to BLM\_OR\_NWRAC\_Title\_II@blm.gov, or delivered to the following offices by the close of business on July 22, 2016:

**BLM Salem Office BLM Eugene District** 1717 Fabry Road SE 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite E Salem, OR 97306 Springfield, OR 97477

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. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.

