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### **Dear Reader:**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is welcoming public comments and ideas on the best ways to manage the forests and prairies at Lacks Creek, an important part of the Redwood Creek watershed about 30 miles northeast of Arcata (see attached location map). The BLM will provide an overview of the area, present initial ideas, answer questions, and request suggestions for management at a public meeting set for Wednesday, May 16, at 6 p.m. at the BLM Arcata Field Office, 1695 Heindon Road., Arcata, CA. Those unable to attend can send comments by email to [rwick@ca.blm.gov](mailto:rwick@ca.blm.gov), or mail them to the BLM Arcata Field Office. Comments will be accepted through June 9, 2007.

The BLM manages 8,600 acres of public land within the Lacks Creek watershed, including 4,500 acres of recently acquired private timberlands. The acquisitions were funded through private donations from Save-the-Redwoods League and the Resources Legacy Foundation Fund, as well as federal Land and Water Conservation Funds.

Broad goals for management of the area are contained in the 1995 Arcata Resource Management Plan (RMP). These goals focus on protection and restoration of the area's significant watershed values and wildlife habitat. The present planning effort will provide a more detailed set of actions that will include provisions for protecting wildlife and their habitat while providing opportunities for public uses such as hiking, horseback riding and mountain biking. Arcata staff will be discussing restoration of unused roads as a way to reduce stream sedimentation and conversion of some of these roads into recreation access trails. Specialists also will look at methods to improve forest health and to reduce wildfire threat, while providing byproducts such as firewood.

If you have any questions about Lacks Creek or the planning effort, please contact the BLM at (707)825-2300.

Sincerely,

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