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APPLICATION PERIOD EXTENDED

PORTLAND – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will continue to accept nominations for 18 positions on its three East-Cascade Resource Advisory Councils (RAC's). The extended closing date for applications is **May 7, 2004**.

The RAC's need people who can work collaboratively to represent the viewpoints of commodity, conservation and/or community group interests for the Eastern Washington, John Day-Snake and Southeast Oregon RAC's. **Vacancies and expiring terms include: commercial recreation and/or Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV), commercial timber, grazing permit holders, dispersed recreation, national or regional environmental groups, wild horse and burro, conservation and/or wildlife interests, historic and cultural interests, local elected officials, Indian tribes, and academician.**

The RAC's are an integral part of land management for Federal Agencies. Local RAC's 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.

Candidate ratings are based on knowledge of the region, familiarity with the subject category, experience with collaborative decisionmaking, and recommendation letters. 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, contact Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, (Pam_Robbins@or.blm.gov), P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon 97208, (503) 808-6306, or your local BLM District Office. More RAC information is on the internet at <http://www.or.blm.gov/RAC>.

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.

RAC FACT SHEET

Current recruitment and specific RAC information:

Eastern Washington RAC

Position	Geographic area
Grazing-permit holder	Resources located in whole or in part within the Spokane District of BLM and the Colville and Okanogan National Forests
Commercial timber	
National or regional environmental organization	
Conservation or wildlife interests	
Academics involved in natural sciences	

John Day-Snake RAC

Position	Geographic area
Commercial recreation or OHV	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
Grazing-permit holder (term expires 2006)	
Wild Horse & Burro (term expires 2006)	
Archaeological and historic interests	
National or regional environmental organization	
Indian tribes	
Local elected official	

Southeast Oregon RAC

Position	Geographic area
Commercial timber	Most Federal lands in Southeast Oregon
Archaeological and historic interests	
Conservation or wildlife interests	
Dispersed recreation (term expires 2005)	
Indian tribes	
Local elected official	

Council members are unpaid, but are reimbursed for travel and *per diem* expenses. RAC's usually meet quarterly within their geographic area. Appointees serve a three-year term unless filling an unexpired term.

Nominations must include a completed background information nomination form, letter(s) of reference from the specific interest category, and any other information that demonstrates the nominee's qualifications. Completed application packets should be sent to Pam Robbins, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208-2965.