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BLM Releases Planning Criteria for Western Oregon: *Agency Announces Upcoming Listening Sessions*

PORTLAND, Ore. – Today, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) shared the Planning Criteria document for the Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon.

The Planning Criteria provides an in-depth look at guidance, policy, analytical methodology, and preliminary alternatives. This document is the public's look at how the BLM is proposing to analyze alternatives and move towards land management plans for western Oregon. The comment period for the Planning Criteria will run until March 31, 2014. The public is invited to send in comments on the web and through email, or they can be mailed in to the Oregon State Office.

As a part of the public comment period, the BLM is interested in hearing from the public about the Planning Criteria through interactive discussion in local listening sessions. The meetings are planned for the following dates and locations:

NOTE: All of the meetings will run from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, March 3, 2014

Portland Metro-area
PSU Native American Center
710 Jackson
Portland, OR

Wednesday, Mar. 5, 2014

BLM Eugene District Office
3106 Pierce Pkwy
Springfield, OR 97477

Thursday, Mar. 6, 2014

Croison Room Salem Convention Center
200 Commercial Street SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, Mar. 10, 2014

Floral Building
Douglas County Fairgrounds
2110 SW Frear Street
Roseburg, OR 97471

Tuesday, Mar. 11, 2014

Red Lion Hotel-Ballroom
1313 N. Bayshore Drive
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Wednesday, Mar. 12, 2014

BLM District Office
3040 Biddle Road
Medford, OR 97504

Thursday, Mar. 13, 2014

Shilo Inn
2500 Almond St
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Roseburg Meeting with Invited Elected Officials

Monday, Mar. 17, 2014

Cascade Hall-Douglas County Fairgrounds
2110 SW Frear Street
Roseburg, OR 97471

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A copy of the Planning Criteria document and online comment tools are available here:

www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/plandocs.php

Additional information about the upcoming public meetings is available here:

www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/meetings.php

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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 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. In Fiscal Year 2012, activities on public lands generated \$4.6 billion in revenue, much of which was shared with the States where the activities occurred. In addition, public lands contributed more than \$112 billion to the U.S. economy and helped support more than 500,000 jobs.

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