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Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council Meeting Scheduled for August 7 and 8

ONTARIO – The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) will meet at 8:00 a.m. on August 7 and 8 at the Holiday Inn Ontario located at 1249 Tapadera Avenue, Ontario, Oregon.

Agenda items for the two-day session include updates on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Oregon energy corridor proposal, fire and fuels management program, Vegetation Treatments Environmental Impact Statement, wild horse and burro program, and Eastside Transportation Strategy. Presentations will be heard on the Sagebrush Cooperative post-fire science symposium, progress of the Steens Mountain Advisory Council science strategy and Oregon explorer project, and status of the Fremont-Winema National Forests' Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Invasive Plant Treatment. Council members will also receive updates from designated federal officials, provide constituent briefings, tour sites managed by the Vale District BLM, give subgroup reports and develop agenda items for the next meeting. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SEORAC may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting and may contribute during the public comment period at 11:30 a.m. on August 8. Those planning to verbally address the SEORAC during the public comment period are asked to provide a written statement of their comments or presentation.

Individuals with information for review by SEORAC members at the August meeting must forward all documents to Scott Stoffel at 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630. All documents must be received by August 5. Please write "COPY TO SEORAC" on the envelope and enclosed page(s) of all submissions.

For more information about the SEORAC or upcoming meeting, please call Scott Stoffel at (541) 947-6237.

About the BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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