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Northwest Recreation Advisory Committee Formed

PORTLAND, OR – A new 11-member Recreation Advisory Committee to advise the USDA Forest Service and USDI Bureau of Land Management on recreation fees has been named and will hold its first meeting in April, officials announced today.

The Pacific Northwest Recreation Resource Advisory Committee will make recommendations on new recreation fee proposals or changes to fees on public lands managed by the Forest Service and BLM in Oregon and Washington.

“I look forward to working with this new advisory committee as we continue meeting the changing needs of those who recreate on national public lands in the Northwest,” Regional Forester Linda Goodman said.

The Advisory Committee will review proposals to either create new fees, eliminate fees or change existing fees as required by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004. The Committee’s recommendations will be made to the Secretary of Agriculture or Interior, depending on the site.

The Committee’s first meeting will be April 11 and 12 at the Doubletree Hotel, 1000 N.E. Multnomah St., Portland. All meetings are open with public comment encouraged. More details will be announced later.

The 11 advisory committee members were selected from 77 who applied. They serve as volunteers.

Members and the interests they represent are:

John Vogel, Hood River, OR –	Winter Motorized Recreation
Gustav Bekker, Wenatchee, WA –	Winter Non-Motorized Recreation
Carol Jensen, Longview, WA -	Summer Motorized Recreation
Elizabeth Lunney, Seattle, WA -	Summer Non-Motorized Recreation
Franklin Bird, Burns, OR -	Hunting and Fishing
Robert Hamlyn, Grants Pass, OR -	Motorized, Outfitter/Guide
Dennis Oliphant, Bend, OR -	Non-Motorized Outfitter/Guide
Joyce Pisanant, Seattle, WA -	Local Environmental
Todd Davidson, Salem, OR -	State Tourism
John Walker, Portland, OR -	Tribal
Charles Hurliman, Tillamook, OR	Local Government

For more information about recreation fees and the new recreation advisory committee, visit

<http://www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/rec-fee.shtml>.

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