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MEMORANDUM

To: RAC Member

From: Designated Federal Official, Salem District of the Bureau of Land Management

Subject: Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting(s) for 2007

As you may be aware, Secure Rural Schools and Community Schools Self-Determination Act of 2000 was extended for one year by Congress and was approved by the President. According to Section 203 of the Act, "Not later than...and each September 30 thereafter for each succeeding fiscal year...each resource advisory committee (RAC) shall submit to the Secretary concerned a description of any projects that the resource advisory committee proposes the Secretary undertake using any project funds reserved by eligible counties.....". In order to meet the deadline to have project recommendations from the RAC, we have developed a schedule to help us accomplish this for 2007 (see Attachment 1).

We are scheduling a RAC proposal meeting on **August 16, 2007** to review and make recommendations on proposed projects. We have also identified August 21 as a backup date if we need it. We have purposely avoided September as Salem District staff are planning on holding a number of open houses surrounding the Western Oregon Plan revision effort during that month.

Please review the schedule and respond back to Scott Brayton either by e-mail to Scott_Brayton@blm.gov or phone 503-375-5638 if this date will not work for you. We will assume that the date is OK unless you contact us.

If you have further questions please contact me, Randy Gould the newly appointed Designated Federal Official for the Salem District, Randy_Gould@blm.gov, or phone (503)-375-5682. The process this year will be very tight due to the late nature of the congressional action. We really do appreciate your service on the RAC and I want to thank you for your help this year, as well as in years past. We sincerely appreciate it.

1 Attachment

1 – Proposed Salem District BLM RAC Schedule for 2007

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Early July	Counties elect how much to allocate to Title II Information about county Title II funding levels available to BLM
July 13	Full Project proposals due
July 16	BLM reviews projects for consistency with objectives of the Act. BLM provide written feedback to applicants when projects do not meet purposes of the act.
July 20	BLM assemble notebooks with all project proposals Distribute RAC proposals to counties and RAC members Projects ranked by BLM staff as requested by RAC.
August 10	Feedback requested from counties.
August 16	Proposed RAC meeting to evaluate, vote on projects and make recommendations.
August 21	Backup RAC meeting (if needed).
August 31	RAC funding recommendations sent to counties for their review
Aug 31 to Sept. 14	County review of RAC project funding recommendations
September 14	County comments on proposed projects due to BLM
September 21	District Manager decision on funding for projects