

Public Invited to BLM Meeting on March 18

Medford, OR, February 28, 2008 – The BLM Grants Pass Resource Area invites the public to attend a **project public meeting on March 18**, to discuss the **Cheney-Slate Landscape Management Plan Proposed Alternatives**. The meeting will be held from 6-8 pm at the Hidden Valley High School, located at 651 Murphy Creek Road.

A formal Proposed Alternatives presentation will be given by Abbie Jossie, Grants Pass Area Field Manager, beginning at 6:15 pm. After the presentation, participants will be encouraged to speak with various resource specialists to obtain more specific information concerning the Proposed Alternatives.

The proposed Cheney-Slate Landscape Management Plan (LMP) area encompasses 26,970 acres of BLM land located near the communities of Murphy, Wonder, and Wilderville. It is also located within the Lower Applegate Watershed, the Applegate Adaptive Management Area (AMA), and the existing Applegate Adaptive Management Reserve Area (AMRA). The LMP may also address the spread of noxious weeds, recreation opportunities and off-highway vehicle management, improvement of wildlife habitat, landscape diversity, water quality, reduction of illegal dumping on public lands, and enhancement of the local economy through a variety of management activities.

For more information about the meeting or the project, please contact Tony Kerwin-Project Planner at 541-471-6564.

About 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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