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### **BLM OPEN HOUSES AND PUBLIC FIELD TRIP FEATURES STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS**

**Medford, OR, August 10, 2006** –The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will host two informational open houses and one field trip to highlight local Stewardship Contract Projects including the Rich and Rocky Stewardship Project and South Stew Stewardship Project. The meetings will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, August 16 and 10:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday, August 17 at the Grants Pass Interagency Office (BLM / Forest Service) at 2164 N.E. Spalding Avenue, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526.

Any one interested in these two local stewardship programs are invited to drop in anytime during the two scheduled one and a half-hour open house sessions. Stewardship contract projects emphasize on-the-ground results and early collaboration with communities to achieve healthy landscapes, thriving communities and dynamic economies. Contractors may retain forest products in exchange for the service they provide such as thinning trees and fuels treatment.

***Open House Event Wednesday, August 16 –  
Rich and Rocky Stewardship Project - from 10:30 a.m. to noon***

The 568-acre Rich & Rocky Stewardship Contract Project is located approximately 15 miles north of Grants Pass on the Galice Access Road (BLM Rd #35-8-2). The goal of this project is to create a more resilient, vigorous and natural forest stand and reduce fuel hazard through a variety of forest stand thinning treatments. Treatments include removing off site plantation Ponderosa Pine, pre-commercial thinning, fuel hazard reduction, pruning, and ripping spur roads. The value of the commercial timber will be used to offset a portion of the cost of other work to be performed under the contract.

***Open House Event and Field Trip Thursday, August 17 –  
South Stew Stewardship Project – Open House from 10:30 a.m. to noon.  
With Field Trip from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.***

A field trip, to view the South Stew contract area, will follow the Wednesday meeting and should end at 3:00 p.m. The meeting will provide potential contractors with an opportunity to ask questions and get information from BLM specialists.

The South Stew Stewardship Project will potentially treat 2,000 acres in size and is intended to accomplish multiple goals across a large landscape area over a seven year time frame. The treatments include hazardous fuels reduction, thinning, bio-mass extraction, trail construction, tree planting/maintenance and spur road construction and decommissioning.