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Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council Meeting Scheduled for May 8 and 9

LAKEVIEW – The next Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on May 8 at the Christmas Valley Lodge Restaurant and Lounge located at 87285 Christmas Valley Highway, Christmas Valley, Oregon. Day two of the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. on May 9 at the Lakeview District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) located at 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon.

Agenda items for the two-day session will include a discussion on land allocation designations at the Sand Dunes East of Christmas Valley, Sagebrush Cooperative progress, Southeast Oregon Geographic Information System atlas status, Climate Change initiatives, and transportation planning strategies for lands administered by the Oregon and Washington BLM and Fremont-Winema National Forests. Council members will also receive updates from designated federal officials and constituent representatives, provide orientation to new members, review the Charter and Standard Operating Procedures, tour North Lake County, give subgroup reports, establish meeting priorities, 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 May 9. Those planning to verbally address the SEORAC during the public comment period are asked to provide a <u>written</u> statement of their comments or presentation.

Individuals with information for review by SEORAC members at the May meeting must forward all documents to Scott Stoffel at 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon 97630. All documents must be received by May 6. 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 subsurface 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.

