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Sign up emergency equipment with BLM

VALE, Oregon – The Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management will sign-up emergency fire suppression equipment from April 17 through June 2. To be eligible, an operator's primary base of operation must be located within the Pacific Northwest Geographical Area which consists of Oregon and Washington.

Anyone interested in signing up their equipment for fire suppression should contact Shane Theall at the Vale BLM office for a pre-inspection information packet and to schedule an appointment to have their equipment inspected. Equipment that completes and passes the inspection process may be considered for hire during the 2006 summer fire season.

All operators of emergency fire suppression equipment will be required to attend an 8-hour course covering basic fire safety and fire shelter use. Any equipment that is signed up will not be considered for hire unless operators complete the 8-hour course. The first class is scheduled for April 22nd at the Vale BLM SRV training room, and will start at 8 a.m. A second class is scheduled for 9 a.m., May 6th, at the Jordan Valley BLM guard station. Class size is limited, so please call to reserve a space.

For more information, and to schedule inspections, call Shane Theall, Vale District BLM, 541-473-6322.

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