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## Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement (EERA) Solicitation for 2009 Fire Season

**VALE, OREGON**-The Vale District of the Bureau of Land Management will be signing-up emergency fire suppression equipment for EERA's from April 6 through May 29, 2009. If the solicitation packet is not received by May 29, 2009 it will not be considered. To be eligible for an EERA agreement you must have your primary base of operation located within the Pacific Northwest Geographical Area which consists of Oregon and Washington.

If you are interested in signing up new equipment for the 2009 fire season call Russell Wilstead at 541-473-6319 to request a solicitation packet. The Vale District will be awarding agreements for Dozers, Lowboys/transport, weed containment units and vehicles with drivers. The Vale District will consider signing up other types of equipment, so call for specifics if you have any questions. The process to sign up new equipment for local use can be time consuming, so call early for a solicitation packet. All new equipment will be pre-inspected before an agreement will be awarded.

All operators of emergency fire suppression equipment will be required to attend a 6 to 8 hour course covering basic fire safety and fire shelter use. A Vendor may choose to take S-130/190 or the refresher from a certified instructor and send a copy of the certificate with the required paperwork. Treasure Valley Community College will be instructing the S-130/190 course in April. For questions call 541-881-8822 ext. 281 or 407. This will satisfy the training requirement. A refresher class is scheduled for **8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday May 9**, at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario OR. This is the only refresher schedule for local EERAs; no other classes will be scheduled.

Vendors are required to provide Personal Protective Equipment and compatible fireline radios for all of their operators.

If you are considering signing up equipment under a Regional Contract; information can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/business/incident/solicitations.php#2009> or <http://www.fedbizops.com/>.

For more information, call Russell Wilstead at 541-473-6319, Sam Delong at 541-473-6312 or Vale BLM dispatch at 541-473-6295.

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