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Resource Advisory Council Group to Meet at BLM in Spokane November 3, 2006

Spokane, WA - The Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet Friday, November 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Spokane District Office, 1103 North Fancher, Spokane Valley, Washington, 99212. The meeting is open to the public, and public comment is invited at 3:00 p.m. Topics of discussion will include Federal Energy Regulatory Commission re-licensing of dams, energy development, and rights-of-way corridors.

The Eastern Washington RAC is comprised of 15 members from a variety of backgrounds who are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The Eastern Washington RAC reviews overall planning and proposed activities on public land in eastern Washington and provides advice to the BLM and USDA Forest Service. For additional information about the Eastern Washington RAC or the upcoming meeting, contact the Spokane BLM District Office, telephone (509) 536-1200.

The BLM manages more land – 262 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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