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Vale BLM announces new Field Managers

VALE, Oregon – Dave Henderson, District Manager for the Bureau of Land Management's Vale District, announced the selection of Field Managers for both the Jordan and Malheur Resource Areas today.

Pat Ryan will lead the Malheur Resource Area, and Carolyn Freeborn will be the field manager for the Jordan Resource Area. Both managers will report in early May.

Freeborn has 15 years of public land management experience. She holds a bachelor's degree in Range Management from Humboldt State University. She has worked as a Rangeland Management Specialist in Pocatello, as well as the Andrews Resource Area of BLM's Burns District. Freeborn has played an integral part in the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area since its designation in 2000. From initial development of the Draft Resource Management Plan, through design of monitoring strategies, to serving nearly two years as the project manager for the area, Freeborn has been involved in the day-to-day challenges and rewards of managing this remarkable area. Most recently she has been serving as the District Ranger for the Emigrant Creek Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest.

Ryan has 16 years of BLM experience and holds a bachelor's degree in Rangeland Management from the University of Idaho. His experience includes extensive assignments in the Boise area, Lower Snake River District, including District Rangeland Management Specialist providing range program leadership and quality control for field offices within the district, and two years as the Associate Owyhee Field Office Manager. He is currently serving as the Myrtlewood Field Office Manager in the Coos Bay District.

The Malheur and Jordan Resource Areas are both managed out of the Vale District Office at 100 Oregon Street in Vale. The two resource areas encompass 4.6 million acres, mostly in Malheur County.

Tom Dabbs, the former Malheur Resource Area Field Manager, accepted a budget position in Washington, D.C., last July. Jerry Taylor, the former Jordan Resource Area Field Manager, accepted an Associate District Manager position in Boise in September 2004 and is now District Manager. Specialists and managers within the Vale District were assigned to temporarily fill these positions pending final selection.

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