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Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council Meeting Scheduled for May 7 and 8

Lakeview, OR – The next Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on May 7 at the Christmas Valley Lodge Restaurant and Lounge located at 87285 Christmas Valley Highway, Christmas Valley, Oregon. On May 8, the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Lakeview District Office located at 1301 South G Street, Lakeview, Oregon.

Agenda items for the two-day session include: vegetation treatment methods used by the BLM’s Lakeview District at two sites in north Lake County; the Fremont-Winema National Forests’ Travel Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Invasive Plant Treatment; BLM and Forest Service sagebrush habitat treatment monitoring efforts, strategies for combating Medusahead, and American Recovery and Investment Act projects; local sage-grouse conservation efforts; resource management plan settlement negotiations for the BLM’s Vale District and Lakeview District; the EaglePicher diatomite mine expansion; the status of the Oregon Explorer grant; and proposed amendments to The Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971. Council members will also receive organizational updates from designated federal officials, give interest area updates, present active subgroup reports, consider participating on Oregon’s Sage-Grouse Team, discuss formation of a Wild Horse and Burro subgroup, 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 1:00 p.m. on May 8. Those planning to verbally address the SEORAC during the public comment period are asked to provide a written 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 – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 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, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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