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## **BLM to hold public meeting in Vale**

**Vale, Oregon** – The public is invited to attend a meeting March 10 at 1 p.m. (MST) at the Bureau of Land Management's Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, to discuss preliminary Rangeland Health Determinations for more than 600,000 acres of public land in southeastern Oregon.

The areas to be discussed include all or parts of the Trout Creek, Barren Valley, and Rattlesnake Geographic Management Areas located primarily in southwest Malheur County, with some presence in Southeast Harney County. Specific grazing allotments to be discussed within those GMAs include: 15 Mile Community, Whitehorse Butte, McCormick, Zimmerman, Albisu-Alcorta, and Barren Valley.

BLM staff will present the findings of their field work assessments. Members of the public are invited to review the BLM monitoring and qualitative assessment findings and provide any additional information that may be relevant to these grazing allotments. After reviewing the findings, the public is encouraged to suggest possible solutions to identified resource management problems. These suggestions will help the BLM develop an environmental assessment with a preferred alternative to resolve the resource management issues. Public comment will additionally be sought during the EA process.

For further information on this meeting, or the assessment of these allotments, please contact Mike Hartwell, acting Jordan Resource Area Manager, at 541-473-3144.

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