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## Washington Advisors Needed for Resource Issues

The Bureau of Land Management's Oregon/Washington State Office is calling for public nominations to fill six openings on its Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC) this year. **Nominations are due by Thursday, April 30, 2009.** Further information about RAC openings nationwide can be found in the *Federal Register* of February 27, 2009.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to the RAC, which advises the BLM and Forest Service on public land issues. Nominees, who should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making, must be residents of the state of Washington. The BLM, which has 24 RACs across the West, will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC.

All nominations must be accompanied by: letters of reference from represented interests or organizations; a completed background information nomination form; and any other information that demonstrates the nominee's qualifications.

Terms expire this year for the following interest group representatives: State Natural Resource employee, Dispersed Recreation interests, Native American Tribes, Public-at-Large, and Local Elected Official. The RAC is also recruiting for a Transportation/Rights-of-Way representative to fill an unexpired two-year term. Information and forms are online at <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/index.php> Completed applications should be sent to the BLM office contact listed below:

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The BLM manages more land – 256 million surface 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, and cultural resources on the public lands.

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