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Get to Know your Wild Mushrooms! Free Class on November 3, 2012

Salem, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Salem District is hosting a free workshop on how to identify wild mushrooms. The class will take place on Saturday, November 3, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the BLM's Salem District Office.

The BLM's Botanist, Ron Exeter, will provide an introduction to the many different mushrooms growing in the Willamette Valley, how to identify various types of mushrooms, techniques for collecting them and BLM policies on harvesting mushrooms on public lands. Participants will learn to distinguish various groups of fungi as well as learn how to recognize commonly harvested edible mushrooms in the Pacific Northwest.

Members of the Willamette Valley Mushroom Society will contribute to the event by organizing a display of locally collected fungi. Participants are encouraged to bring specimens to add to the display. Please RSVP by contacting Ron Exeter by e-mail at rexeter@blm.gov, or by phone at (503) 315-5963.

BLM Salem District Office 1717 Fabry Road, Southeast Salem, Oregon

Additional information about the BLM Salem District is available online at:

http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/index.php

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The BLM manages more land - 245 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, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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