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John Day / Snake Resource Advisory Council accepting nominations

Vale, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management recently announced that it is seeking public nominations for open positions on 36 Resource Advisory Councils (RACs). As published in a notice in the Federal Register, the BLM will consider nominations for 45 days ending Friday, May 26.

Among those groups seeking applicants is the John Day / Snake RAC, which is made up of 15 citizens representing a wide array of interests, including recreation, commercial timber, mining, transportation, education, environmental groups and the public at large.

Members meet three to four times a year at sites across the Prineville and Baker Field Office of the Vale BLM districts, familiarizing themselves with issues including wildfire recovery, sage grouse and wild horse management, public land use designations and many other topics. They also bring forward issues from their constituents. The diverse membership of each RAC helps ensure that BLM land managers receive the varying perspectives they need to achieve their mission of managing the public lands for multiple uses.

This RAC also provides advice for the Malheur, Ochoco, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman, and part of the Deschutes National Forests. Examples of issues recently worked through by the RAC include user fees for the John Day River system and travel management.

“The BLM Resource Advisory Councils are an important forum for the community conversation that is a key component of public land management,” said Oregon-Washington BLM State Director Jamie Connell. “By ensuring that RAC representation reflects a variety of perspectives, RAC members provide a valuable service to the Bureau by delving into issues and proposing solutions on a wide variety of land and resource uses issues.”

The John Day / Snake RAC will be filling up to nine positions spanning three categories:

Category One – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

Category Two – Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.

Category Three – Representatives of State, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian tribes within or

adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on an Advisory Council. Nominees, who must be residents of the state or states where the RAC has jurisdiction, will be reviewed on the basis of their training, education, and knowledge of the council's geographic area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision-making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations, a completed RAC application, and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

For more information on the RACs in Oregon & Washington, go to <https://on.doi.gov/2kkiM7Z>

To learn how to apply for a RAC appointment, go to <https://on.doi.gov/2opFACz>

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Completed applications should be mailed to:

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