

The five positions to be filled include:

- One renewable resources representative (cattle/grazing interests)
- One environmental protection representative
- One public-at-large representative
- Two elected official representatives (local/county government)

The California Desert District Advisory Council is comprised of 15 private individuals who represent different interests and advise BLM officials on policies and programs concerning the management of 11.5 million acres of public land in southern California. The Council meets in formal session three to four times each year in various locations throughout the California Desert District. Council members serve without compensation except for reimbursement of travel expenditures incurred in the course of their duties. Members serve three-year terms and may be nominated for reappointment for an additional three-year term.

Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of BLM administered lands. The Secretary also selects council nominees consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires nominees appointed to the council be balanced in terms of points of view and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands.

The Council also is balanced geographically, and BLM will try to find qualified representatives from areas throughout the California Desert District. The District covers portions of eight counties, and includes 10.4 million acres of public land in the California Desert Conservation Area and 300,000 acres of scattered parcels in San Diego, western Riverside, western San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties (known as the South Coast).

Any group or individual may nominate a qualified person, based upon their education, training, and knowledge of BLM, the California Desert, and the issues involving BLM-administered public lands throughout southern California. Qualified individuals also may nominate themselves.

Nominations must include the name of the nominee; work and home addresses and telephone numbers; a biographical sketch that includes the nominee's work and public service record; any applicable outside interests

or other information that demonstrates the nominee's qualifications for the position; and the specific category of interest in which the nominee is best qualified to offer advice and council. Nominees may contact the BLM California Desert District External Affairs staff at (909) 697-5220 or write to the address below and request a copy of the nomination form.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests, organizations, or elected officials supporting the nomination. Individuals nominating themselves must provide at least one letter of recommendation. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, generally in late January or early February.

Nominations should be sent to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doran Sanchez, BLM California Desert District External Affairs (909) 697-5220.

Dated: February 19, 2003.

Linda Hansen,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Resource Advisory Committees; Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of a call for nominations for alternate positions to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Committees (Committees) provided for in Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393 (the Act).

SUMMARY: This purpose of this notice is to solicit nominations for vacant alternate positions to the BLM's Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford and Roseburg Resource Advisory Committees. In accordance with the Committee Charters, the role of an alternate is to fill vacancies that occur when a primary member leaves the Committee. Public nominations will be considered for 30 days after the publication date of this notice.

The BLM Resource Advisory Committee vacancies are as follows:

Coos Bay Resource Advisory Committee

Category One—2 alternates
Category Three—2 alternates

Eugene Resource Advisory Committee

Category One—1 alternate
Category Two—1 alternate

Medford Resource Advisory Committee

Category One—1 alternate

Roseburg Resource Advisory Committee

Category One—1 alternate
Category Two—1 alternate
Category Three—1 alternate

DATES: Nomination applications for alternate positions to the BLM Resource Advisory Committees can be obtained from the Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford, Salem and Roseburg District Office, or on the web at www.or.blm.gov/planning/advisory. All applications must be received by the appropriate BLM District office listed below no later than 30 days after publication of this notice. All nominations must include letters of reference from represented interests of organizations and a completed application that includes background information, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

BLM Resource Advisory Committee Contacts

Coos Bay Resource Advisory Committee
Sue Richardson, District Manager,
1300 Airport Lane, North Bend,
Oregon 97459, (541) 756-0100

Eugene Resource Advisory Committee
Wayne Elliot, Resource Management
Advisor, 2890 Chad Drive, Eugene,
Oregon 97408-7336, (541) 683-6600

Medford Resource Advisory Committee
Mary Smelcer, Acting District
Manager, 3040 Biddle Road,
Medford, Oregon 97504, (541) 618-2200

Roseburg District Resource Advisory
Committee
Cary Osterhaus, District Manager, 777
NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg,
Oregon 97470, (541) 440-4913

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Maya Fuller, Oregon/Washington
Bureau of Land Management, Oregon
State Office, PO Box 2965, Portland,
Oregon 97208, (503) 808-6437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 establishes a five-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds formerly derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands. Pursuant to the Act, BLM established five

Communities for western Oregon BLM districts that contain O&C grant lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands. Committees' consists of 15 local citizens, plus 6 alternates, representing a wide array of interests.

The Act creates a mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands using funds under Title II of the Act. Committee members review proposed projects and transmit their recommendations on these projects to the agency.

Committee membership must be balanced in terms of the categories of interest represented. Members serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem when on Committee business, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703. Prospective members and alternates are advised that serving on a Resource Advisory Committee calls for a substantial commitment of time and energy.

Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Committees. Individuals may also nominate themselves or others. Nominees must reside within one of the counties that are (in whole or part) within the BLM District boundaries of the Committee(s) on which membership is sought. A person may apply for and serve on more than one Committee. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, and experience relating to land use issues and knowledge of the geographical area of the Committee. Nominees must also demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

You may make nominations for the following categories of interest:

Category One—representatives of organized labor; developed outdoor recreation; off-highway vehicle use; energy and/or mining development; timber industry; or holders of federal grazing permits.

Category Two—representatives of nationally, regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreation, archaeological and historic interests; or wild horse and burro groups.

Category Three—State, county or local elected officials; representatives of Native American Tribes; school officials or teachers, or the public-at-large.

The BLM Resource Advisory Committees are based on western Oregon BLM District boundaries. Specifically, the BLM Committees are as follows:

Salem District Resource Advisory Committee advises officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Salem District boundary which includes Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington, and Yamhill Counties.

Eugene District Resource Advisory Committee advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Eugene District boundary. The area covers Benton, Douglas, Lane, and Linn Counties.

Roseburg District Resource Advisory Committee advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Roseburg District boundary which includes Douglas, Lane, and Jackson Counties.

Medford District Resource Advisory Committee advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Medford District and Klamath Falls Resource Area in the Lakeview District. The area covers Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, and Josephine Counties, and small portions of west Klamath County.

Coos Bay District Resource Advisory Committee advises federal officials on projects associated with federal lands within the Coos Bay District which includes Coos, Curry, Douglas, and Lane Counties.

Dated: February 19, 2003.

Cathy Harris,

Public Affairs Chief, Oregon/Washington Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-100-5882-AF; HAG03-0074]

Notice of Public Meeting, Roseburg Resource Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notices for the Roseburg District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Committee under section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393).

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meeting notice is hereby given for the Roseburg District BLM Resource Advisory Committee pursuant to section 205 of the Secure Rural School and Community Self Determination Act of

2000, Public Law 106-393 (the Act). Topics to be discussed by the Roseburg District BLM Resource Advisory Committee include operating procedures, processes used for decision making, facilitation needs, future meeting dates, and a field trip to discuss density management practices.

DATES: The Roseburg Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the BLM Roseburg District Office, 777 NW. Garden Valley Boulevard, Roseburg, Oregon 97470, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 31, 2003, and 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. for the field trip May 19, 2003.

Committees have been formed for western Oregon BLM district that contain Oregon & California (O&C) Grant Lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road lands. The Act establishes a six-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands, which have dropped dramatically over the past 10 years.

The Act creates a mechanism for local community collaboration in the selection of federal land management projects that will be funded under Title II of the Act. The Roseburg District BLM Resource Advisory Committee consists of 15 local citizens (plus 6 alternates) representing a wide array of interests.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the Roseburg District BLM Resource Advisory Committee may be obtained from E. Lynn Burkett, Public Affairs Officer, Roseburg District Office, 777 NW. Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97470 or elynn_burkett@blm.gov, or on the web at <http://www.or.blm.gov>.

Dated: February 4, 2003.

Mark A. Buckbee,

Roseburg District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1310-XG]

Notice of Temporary Closure of Eastern States; Office/Remodeling

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary closure.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States State Office is in the process of a remodeling and refurbishing project. The Public Room, Dockets, Accounts, Bindery, the Vaults and Central Records will not be