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BLM TO HOST GATEWAY COMMUNITIES INTERACTIVE BROADCAST

An interactive television broadcast focusing on keys to success in Gateway Communities will be held at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District Office on Thursday, July 8, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The broadcast will focus on a wide array of issues influencing Gateway Communities and their neighboring public lands, as well as tools for creating sustainable communities, while preserving community character.

Community leaders, concerned citizens, local business owners, and all others interested in identifying issues and tools for successful Gateway Community/public land partnerships are invited to attend. Space **is** limited, and seating will be available on a first come, first serve basis to registered participants. Those interested **must** register by contacting the Burns District BLM at (541) 573-4400 before Wednesday, July 7, 2004.

During the workshop, participants will have an opportunity to interact with Edward McMahon, broadcast presenter and a nationally-known speaker on Gateway Communities and sustainable development. Several topics will be discussed, including new growth, development, land protection, and transportation in Gateway Communities; using your community's natural, cultural, and economic assets to preserve community character and the environment; and how to promote good development and sustainable tourism. Participation is encouraged.

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For more information on the Gateway Communities: Keys to Success Workshop, please contact the Burns District Office at 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon, or call (541) 573-4400.

The Gateway Communities: Keys to Success Workshop has been developed by The Conservation Fund and is being offered through the Conservation Leadership Network in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service/National Conservation Training Center, with financial support from the National Park Service.