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Citizens Have More Time to Apply For Advisory Panel Positions

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will continue to accept applications for the Resource Advisory Councils (RAC's) in eastern Oregon and Washington until May 16, 2003. Council members of the Eastern Washington RAC (EWA), John Day-Snake RAC (JDS) and the Southeast Oregon RAC (SEOR) provide input and work collaboratively to make recommendations to BLM and the U.S. Forest Service as managers develop plans or projects within the RAC boundaries.

These 15-member panels represent the array of interests affected by Federal land-management policies. A third of the members represent commercial interests, a third represent conservation interests, and a third are neutral. The current recruitment seeks people who can represent:

- Grazing permittees (for JDS and SEOR)
- Commercial recreation and/or off-highway vehicle (OHV) groups (for JDS)
- National or regional environmental organizations (for EWA and SEOR)
- Wild horse and burro (for JDS)
- Dispersed recreation (for EWA and JDS)
- Indian tribes (for EWA)
- Local elected official (for EWA and SEOR)
- State employee in natural resource field (all RAC's)
- Public-at-large (for EWA and SEOR)
- Academician in natural resources (for JDS and SEOR)

A person can be nominated for more than one RAC if the person qualifies, but can only serve on one at a time. Applicants must be a resident of the State where the RAC is located and be endorsed by someone in the interest area they want to represent. Council members are reimbursed for their travel costs, but receive no salary. Some travel involves onsite review of project proposals or emerging management issues, but field reviews are not usually strenuous in nature.

For a [nomination form](#) or additional information, please contact Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, (pam_robbins@or.blm.gov), P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208 (503)808-6306, or your local BLM District Office. More RAC information is on the internet at <http://www.or.blm.gov/spokane/RAC/racindex.htm>, <http://www.or.blm.gov/seor-rac>, and <http://www.or.blm.gov/johndaysnake-rac>.

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