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Roseburg Resource Advisory Committee Receives Prestigious Award

Roseburg, Ore. – The Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management and the Roseburg Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be presented the BLM Director's Four C's Award for Communication, Cooperation, and Consultation all in the name of Conservation on May 13, 2003 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Roseburg RAC, formed as a result of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, annually recommends the allocation of two million dollars towards projects benefiting natural resources on or adjacent to federal lands. The fifteen member RAC met five times to learn about BLM activities and discuss projects. Under the guidance of Cary Osterhaus, Roseburg BLM District Manager and Designated Federal Official, the Roseburg RAC recommended 17 projects in round one for funding during the spring months of 2002 and continued to meet during the summer of 2002 to review and discuss potential projects for round two. All the monies were allocated to restore the ecosystem and/or improve the infrastructure on the Roseburg District and adjacent private lands.

Perhaps the most important element in this process is the amount of cooperation between RAC members that represent a wide variety of interests across Douglas County. Each decision the RAC members have made has been done through consensus.

“Any successful endeavor requires leadership and direction. The combination of Cary Osterhaus providing leadership, and the entire Roseburg BLM RAC providing the commitment necessary to become fully informed and engaged, has made this RAC effort a national model worthy of recognition,” says Doug Robertson, Douglas County Commissioner

The RAC will continue to meet and discuss yearly projects through 2007 with the first field trip starting May 19, 2003.