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### **Resource Advisory Council to Meet in Ontario, Oregon**

The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) will hold a public meeting and field tour in Ontario, Oregon, on February 24 and 25, 2003. The SEORAC will meet at the Holiday Inn, 1249 Tapadera Avenue, Ontario, OR 97738, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24, 2003. A tour of the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretative Center in Baker City on Tuesday, February 25, 2003, beginning at 8:00 A.M. Mountain Time, and is expected to last until approximately 3:00 P.M. Contact the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office listed below for exact time as the tour date approaches.

The meeting topics to be discussed by the Council will include updates from the Sage Grouse Subcommittee, Steens Mountain and the Andrews RMP, overview of the National RAC meeting scheduled for April, Lakeview area Fire Salvage/Rehabilitation, North Lake Recreation Plan Subcommittee, Birch Creek Management Plan Subcommittee, Malheur County Wildland Fire Board Subcommittee, and the Range Health Assessment Subcommittee. The entire meeting is open to the public and provides time for open comment from 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Monday, February 24, 2003. Information to be distributed to the Council members is available, if requested in written format 10 days prior to the start of the Council meeting. The tour is also open to the public, however, members of the public wishing to participate will need to furnish their own transportation, and join the SEORAC tour group at the Holiday Inn Lobby Area prior to departure on February 25, 2003.

The Secretary of the Interior established the 15-member SEORAC in 1995 to provide advice to BLM and Forest Service (FS) line managers in southeast Oregon.

Recommendations are made concerning public land managed in all or portions of the Burns, Lakeview, and Vale Districts of the BLM and the Deschutes, Fremont, Malheur, and Ochoco National Forests. This is located primarily in Harney, Malheur, and Lake Counties and includes small areas of Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, and Baker Counties.

Members currently serving on the Council are Ken Bentz (Grazing Representative – Drewsey); Mark Ferns (Energy and Minerals Representative – Baker City); James Campbell (Commercial Timber Representative – Burns); Dick Leever (Transportation and Rights-of-Way Representative – Klamath Falls); Tom Harris (Commercial Recreation Representative –

Keno); Jill Workman (National/Regional Environmental Representative – Portland); Bob Kindschy (National/Regional Environmental Representative – Vale); Lee Belknap (Archaeological and Historical Representative – Mitchell); Mike Golden (Dispersed Recreation Representative – Redmond); Jane O’Keeffe (Elected Official Representative – Adel); Walt Van Dyke (State Employee Representative – Ontario); Cecil Dick (Tribal Representative – Burns); Chad Boyd (Academician Representative – Hines); and Marilyn Miller (Public -at-Large Representative – Bend); John Bishop (Wild Horse and Burro Representative) The Designated Federal Official is Dave Henderson, Vale District Office.

For more information on the SEORAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Peggy Diegan, BLM, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, or call (541) 473-6244, weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., MST. Internet users can also check the following website: < <http://www.or.blm.gov/SEOR-RAC> >.

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