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BLM ANNOUNCES RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is holding a Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting on December 11, 2003, at the BLM Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada.

The meeting will begin with a field tour to the Fish Creek allotment to look at sage grouse habitat. The tour will depart the Battle Mountain Field Office at 8:00 a.m. and should return by noon. The public is welcome to participate in the field tour, but need to provide their own transportation. In the event of inclement weather or poor road conditions, there will be a Sage Grouse Habitat Briefing at the Battle Mountain Field Office in lieu of the tour.

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include a discussion of Vegetation Draft Guidelines; Mining Update; and an Elko Project Update (8100 projects, Weeds, and Rehabilitation).

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and discussion of issues related to management of BLM administered public lands. The three Resource Advisory Councils in Nevada accommodate this community participation directive. The Councils' membership represents interests in mining, environmental, wild horse and burro, Native American, livestock, state agencies, and elected officials.

The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands. Meetings are open to the public and public comment periods are included in each meeting. This forum provides an excellent opportunity for people to ask questions of the citizen-based advisory council or to make comments that may assist RACs in their planning efforts. The public comment period will begin at 1:30 p.m. on December 11th.

For more information about the RAC meeting, contact Mike Brown at the BLM Elko Field Office, (775) 753-0386.

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