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BLM SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCILS

Nevada residents interested in the management and conservation of public lands have the opportunity to become directly involved in advising the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Nevada by serving on one of its three Resource Advisory Councils. Nominations will be accepted through March 27, 2006.

“I am very impressed with the hard work and dedication of current and past RAC members,” said Ron Wenker, BLM Nevada State Director. “We value the advice of our RAC members, and I urge all who are interested to apply for the openings available this year.”

The three RACs in Nevada are the Mojave-Southern Great Basin, which serves Esmeralda, Nye, Lincoln and Clark counties; the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin, which serves Washoe, Humboldt, Pershing, Churchill, Storey, Douglas, Lyon, Mineral and Carson City counties in Nevada; and the Northeastern Great Basin, which serves Elko, White Pine, Lander and Eureka counties.

Nominations are forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior who appoints members to serve three-year terms.

The positions open for appointment on the Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC are one representative of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, one

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representative of archaeological and historical organizations, one representative associated with commercial recreation activities, one representative from a nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro organization, and one representative from Indian tribes within or adjacent to the Council's jurisdiction. Completed nominations for the Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC positions should be forwarded to Hillerie Patton, BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301. Phone number is 702-515-5046. This RAC holds meetings in Las Vegas, and in Lincoln and Nye counties.

The positions for appointment on the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC are for one representative who holds a Federal grazing permit or leases and represents permittees or lessees within the area for which the Council is organized, one representative from organizations associated with transportation or rights-of-way, one representative from archaeological and historical organizations, one representative of dispersed recreational activities users and one representative from the public-at-large. Completed nominations for the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC positions should be forwarded to Mark Struble, BLM Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. The phone number is 775-885-6107. This RAC holds meetings in the Carson City and Winnemucca areas.

The positions for appointment on the Northeastern Great Basin RAC are for two representatives or organizations associated with energy and mineral development, one representative from archaeological and historical organizations, one representative from a nationally or regionally recognized environmental organization (wildlife) and one representative from Indian tribes within or adjacent to the Council's jurisdiction. Completed nominations for

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these positions should be forwarded to Mike Brown, BLM Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho St, Elko, NV 89801. The phone number is 775-753-0386. This RAC meets in northern Nevada.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominations should be made on the appropriate background information nomination form, which is available at any BLM office, or on the internet at www.nv.blm.gov. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. All nominations must include letters of reference from the represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. Nominees must be a resident of Nevada.

The councils meet several times a year, usually quarterly, and provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM field managers and the state director, on management of the public lands within the council's geographic area. It has been the practice in Nevada to hold one joint meeting of all three Nevada RACs every October.

For questions about the RACs or the application process, or to request a nomination form, contact field offices listed above, or the Nevada State Office at 775-861-6586.