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BLM OFFERS STUDENTS OPPORTUNITIES IN LANDS AND REALTY PROGRAMS

HINES, Oregon – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District is pleased to announce their current search for a student co-op candidate to fill a position in the agency's Land and Realty Program. The Realty Specialist vacancy is offered through the Federal Government's Student Career Experience Program (SCEP), which targets talented students with skills critical to future workforce needs.

Holly Orr, Burns District Realty Specialist said, "The SCEP gives students a 'jump start' in their chosen career fields by providing valuable, paid work experience while they are still in school.' After completion of their academic and work requirements, students will be eligible for permanent employment.

Orr continued, "While the position is open to anyone interested, we really hope to hire a local student for this role."

Realty Specialists are involved in a number of responsibilities in public land management, such as land purchases and sales, property exchanges, and rights-of-way administration.

The position is open to students from high school through graduate or professional schools, including technical and vocational schools. You must be at least 16 years of age and enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree seeking student, with at least a half-time course load.

Starting pay for full-time work as a Realty Specialist for the BLM is approximately \$30,000 per year. Health and life insurance options and a flexible work schedule on a part-time or full-time basis are available.

For more information on the SCEP Realty Specialist position and how to apply, contact Holly Orr at (541) 573-4501. Completed application packets will be accepted during the following open house sessions:

Friday, February 27, 2009, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. TVCC/EOU Student Center, 1100 Oregon Avenue, Burns, Oregon

Saturday, February 28, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. BLM, Burns District Office 28910 Hwy 20 West Hines, Oregon

About the BLM:

The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

