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## **BLM to Host Open House**

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**Lakeview, OR** – The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Lakeview District will host an Open House on February 19 to celebrate the installation of Carol Benkosky as the new Lakeview District Manager.

The public is invited to attend the Open House from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Lakeview Interagency Office located at 1301 South G Street. BLM Oregon/Washington State Director Ed Shepard will be present to welcome Benkosky to her new position. Shepard, Benkosky and other BLM officials will be introduced to participants and available to discuss local issues. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as the Lakeview District Manager," said Benkosky. "I look forward to meeting community members and listening to their ideas about how we can work together to develop resource management solutions that benefit us all," continued Benkosky.

For more information about this event, please call Scott Stoffel at (541) 947-6237.

## 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.

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