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RAP CAMP IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Klamath Falls, Ore. – With summer right around the corner, it's time for students to sign up for the 19th annual Resources and People (RAP) Camp held the week of June 13, 2010 at Camp Esther Applegate at Lake of the Woods in southern Oregon.

Applications are now being accepted from students between the ages of 13 to 18 from rural and urban areas in California, Oregon, and Washington.

“Students attending the camp will have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and make new friends, while participating in hands-on natural resource activities,” said Shirley Kerns, RAP Camp coordinator. “Cowboy poetry at a local ranch, a field trip to Crater Lake, tour of a fish hatchery and astronomy talk and tribal storytelling while sitting around the campfire are all part of the week’s experience.”

RAP Camp is designed to educate students about natural resource management by providing them an opportunity to take part in natural resource hands-on sessions, outdoor recreation, educational field trips and fun activities like a talent show. The camp allows kids to learn more about resources like fire ecology, wildlife, forestry, fisheries, archeology, recreation, wetlands and botany. Resource specialists share information about a variety of careers and possible summer jobs. It also engages students in many outdoor activities like hiking, birding, swimming and canoeing.

RAP Camp applications are due April 27, 2010. Thanks to contributions from federal, state, county and private organizations the registration fee is only a \$150. Financial aid is available. Applications can be downloaded from the internet at: www.rapcamp.org

Additional information about BLM’s environmental education programs is available on the internet at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/education/index.php>

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