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Supplemental Information Regarding Sage Grouse Public Meetings

ONTARIO--Sage Grouse public meetings, conducted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), (locations, dates, and times included in the press release issued by Rep. Cliff Bentz's (R-Ontario) office on January 2nd) are being held this week in various locations across Eastern Oregon. (http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bentz/Documents/pr_010214.pdf)

Rep. Bentz hopes that everyone—including retail business owners, employees of Eastern Oregon businesses, and any other Eastern Oregon residents interested in multiple use of federal lands—will attend these public meetings.

In response to those who have asked what they should do at these public meetings, Rep. Bentz suggests: “a person attending one of these meetings can submit written comments at the meeting detailing the negative impact removal of these lands from the economy will have upon cities, towns, and communities across Eastern Oregon.”

“Thousands of cattle are grazed on these lands. These lands provide hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreational activities which will be in some measure restricted under the BLM's proposal. The negative impact of the proposed restrictions will hurt all of Eastern Oregon. Those might lose business because of these new restrictions should appear at these meetings, note their concerns in writing, and submit them at the meeting to the BLM.”

If you cannot attend the meetings, the draft Environmental Impact Statement is open for public comment through February 20, 2014. Comments can be sent via email at: blm_or_gsg_planning_comments@blm.gov, or mailed to:

BLM—Greater Sage-Grouse EIS
1220 SW 3rd Ave.
Portland, OR 97204

The full Oregon Sub-Regional Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment/EIS can be found at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/energy/opportunity/sagebrush.php>.

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