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BLM and FS Host Watershed Restoration Workshop

Medford, OR - On May 1st and 2nd, the Medford District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forests will host a watershed restoration workshop at the Medford Red Lion Inn. The theme of the workshop is *Improving Communication and Working Together Toward Restoring Southern Oregon Watersheds*. The primary goal of the workshop is to bring together agencies, individuals, and groups who are actively pursuing watershed restoration in the five sub-basin watersheds (Upper Rogue, Middle Rogue, Lower Rogue, Illinois, and Applegate) that make up the Rogue Basin.

Approximately 125 people have been invited to attend the workshop including BLM and Forest Service personnel, other federal and state agencies, and community representatives from watershed councils within the Rogue Basin. Workshop activities will include posters of watershed restoration projects, speakers discussing restoration projects and tools for enhancing watershed restoration, and an exchange of ideas and concepts for improving watershed conditions in the Rogue Basin.

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The two afternoon sessions on May 1st and 2nd are designed to bring together interested parties in the same sub-basin to share past and current restoration efforts, discuss various tools designed to help plan, fund and implement restoration projects, increase communication, and begin to develop a coordinated approach towards future actions and strategies for improving local watersheds.

For more information on the workshop, contact Bob Korfhage, BLM Workshop Coordinator, at (541) 618-2227 or Chris Park, FS Workshop Coordinator, at (541) 471-6761. View the workshop agenda at: www.or.blm.gov/medford.

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