

\$1 MILLION DOLLAR PROCEEDS EXCEEDED ON BLM VEHICLES SALES VIA EBAY

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The first Bureau of Land Management (BLM) vehicle was reported to the Oregon Federal Property Agency in September 2000 for sale through eBay. On August 9, 2001, a Chevrolet pickup from Roswell, New Mexico sold for \$11,650, rolling the proceeds from sales over the \$1 million dollar mark! To add icing to the cake, all proceeds from the sale have been received by BLM and deposited into the Working Capital Fund. A total of 135 vehicles were reported and sold during this period. Sales have exceeded the Kelly Blue Book price in most cases; two vehicles that were totaled in accidents brought three times what we expected.

Reviews from buyers have been excellent. Here is some of the feedback from eBay:

- WHAT A GREAT JEEP!!!! MUCH, MUCH BETTER THAN EXPECTED!!! AAAAA+++++
- BETTER than advertised, OregonPrime and BLM - great to work with, great truck, A+
- Good transaction, very friendly to deal with & no surprises. Just as described.
- Great people to deal with! 3rd vehicle purchased from them over \$23,000 total.

Over the past year, we have worked closely with the Oregon Federal Property Agency to make the process of reporting exchange-sale property even smoother by evaluating the types of data files transmitted and working together to create one file to work with in lieu of converting from one application to another. The goal in fiscal year 2002 is to program the capability to report exchange-sale property directly to the Oregon Federal Property Agency from the Department of Interior (DOI) SAVES EHB (Screen Available & Exchange Sale Electronic Handbook) after departmental screening is completed.

The Department of the Interior has recently signed an agreement with the Oregon Federal Property Agency to extend this program department wide. The past year unequivocally shows the value and savings to both the government and the members of the public who purchase these vehicles. ♦

EXCESS GOVERNMENT TURKEYS FIND A HOME

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Fifty young turkeys, approximately 10 pounds each, were recently declared excess by the U.S. Forest Service/BLM office in Lakeview, Oregon. Thanks to the hard work and persistence of our Lakeview Property Manager, Olga Cassarez, these turkeys will be spared the "Thanksgiving Table" this year. They have been donated to the high school agriculture department for education (of the students, not the turkeys)!

The turkeys were purchased last spring to keep down the grasshopper population in the orchards near Lakeview, and now that the growing season has ended, these domesticated turkey's mission was complete. Since they are not "wild" turkeys, they had to be rounded up and, like any other excess personal property, disposed of. Luckily, it wasn't to a federal or state food bank! These lucky birds will be fed and cared for by high school agriculture students, at least for this year!

There is never a dull moment at BLM's Lakeview Field Office or the BLM Business Center Disposal Office! ♦

