

# Prineville District Bureau of Land Management

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## UPPER DESCHUTES RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

NEWSLETTER

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### Publication and mailing of the Final EIS and Proposed Management Plan

The Upper Deschutes Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Proposed Resource Management Plan (PRMP) have been approved for printing from the Washington Office and are expected to be in the mail in January 2005, rather than October 2004 as we previously expected.

If you received a copy of this update in your mailbox (or email), it means we will mail you a copy of the FEIS/PRMP as soon as it is available (or you may just be notified of the document's availability at local libraries and on the project web-site, if that is what you requested). If you did not receive this newsletter personally, please call us if you'd like to be added to the mailing list and request a copy of the plan. The proposed management plan is available as a summary document, a full three-volume document, a compact disk, or a combination of the above.

The FEIS and Proposed Resource Management Plan will be available for a 30-day final review and protest period



in January. More information about review and protest procedures will be included with the documents. A Record of Decision and Final Resource Management Plan will be issued following the resolution of any protests.

### *In the meantime...*

The BLM staff is exploring implementation options, and ways to involve all those interested in seeing the plan become reality. To do this, the team is working to develop an Implementation Plan and a Public Outreach Strategy.



In the Implementation Plan, we are looking at ways to set priorities and to work more efficiently at implementing the long-range goals of the plan. The BLM planning team is exploring basic principles that may guide how the plan is implemented, including:

**Opportunities and threats** - Do proposed projects take advantage of windows of opportunity or respond to critical conflicts/threats?

**Effectiveness** - Does a proposed project work towards the desired long-term goals of the plan and provide a base for future work?

**Efficiency** - Does a proposed project reflect BLM's State or Washington Office priorities and funding? Does a proposed project provide opportunities for partnerships? Does it treat causes rather than symptoms?

**Integration** - Does a proposed project meet multiple resource goals and provide benefits over a large area?

**Image** - Does a proposed project address expectations of the public and increase public involvement and responsibility?



The Public Outreach Strategy will consider how to communicate the plan vision and increase community ownership of the specific decisions made to implement the plan. Some of the critical elements being considered include developing partnerships, education and interpretation efforts, and volunteer programs.

The plan has been shaped by the energy and expertise many of you have shared. We look forward to your continued support in achieving on-the-ground results from the plan. For additional information on the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan, please contact us at:

### *Questions and Contacts*

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