



THE COTTONWOOD RMP NEWSLETTER


Draft RMP/EIS Published

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cottonwood Field Office has published a Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for public review and comment. You may download the entire document or its separate sections from the Internet at www.cottonwoodrmp.com, or you can review copies of the document at the following locations:

- BLM Cottonwood Field Office—1 Butte Drive, Cottonwood;
- BLM Idaho State Office—1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise;
- City of Lewiston Library—428 Thain Road, Lewiston;
- Grangeville Centennial Library—215 W. North Street, Lewiston;
- Moscow Public Library—110 South Jefferson Street, Moscow;
- Prairie Community Library—508 King Street, Cottonwood; and
- Salmon River Library—126 North Main Street, Riggins.

Compact discs (CDs) of the Draft RMP/EIS are available on request. Send an e-mail to information@cottonwoodrmp.com or call (208) 962-3245. Please include your name and full mailing address with your request.

The Draft RMP presents four different management alternatives, including the No Action Alternative (the continuation of current management), that specify where and under what circumstances particular activities would be allowed on the 143,830 acres of public land administered by the BLM in the Cottonwood Field Office. Management measures apply only to BLM-managed land. The EIS is an assessment of the possible environmental and social effects of the alternatives.

The public is invited to review and comment on the Draft RMP/EIS for 90 days, from from August 25 to November 27, 2006. Written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS will be accepted until November 27, 2006. Comments will be most useful if they are specific, include suggested changes, mention page numbers where appropriate, and cite sources when applicable. Comment letters, facsimiles, and e-mails must include your complete name, address, and telephone number. 



Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Public Meetings

The BLM will hold three public meetings to discuss the Draft RMP/EIS. Each meeting will be held in an open house format and will feature displays, maps, and an interdisciplinary team of BLM resource specialists to provide information and answer questions. The emphasis of the open houses is to encourage the public to discuss the Draft RMP/EIS with knowledgeable BLM specialists, and to provide written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS. Dates and locations are listed below. All meetings will begin at 7:00 PM and will end at 9:00 PM.

Riggins, Tuesday, October 17, 2006

Salmon Rapids Lodge, 1010 S. Main Street

Grangeville, Wednesday, October 18, 2006

Super 8 Motel, 801 SW 1st Street

Lewiston, Thursday, October 19, 2006

Lewiston Community Center, 1424 Main Street

How to Submit Comments

The BLM encourages the public to review the Draft RMP/EIS and provide input on its content. Please submit comments on the Draft RMP/EIS, during the 90-day public review period, by November 27, 2006.

By US Mail:

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Cottonwood, ID 83522

By E-mail:

comments@cottonwoodrmp.com
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Types of comments that are most useful are written and substantive, that provide specific values, numbers, or criteria, and that explain your concerns and issues and changes that you think will improve the RMP. The more specific the comments, the better.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Notice of Intent published in the
Federal Register September 3, 2004

Public scoping period
September 3 to November 15, 2004

Public scoping summary meetings
November 1, 3, 4, 2004

Scoping summary report available January 2005

Formulate alternatives and prepare Draft EIS
February 2005 to May 2006

Draft EIS with Plan Alternatives available for
90-day public review and comment
August 25 to November 27, 2006

Prepare Final EIS and Proposed RMP
winter 2006/2007

30-day public review and protest period for
Final EIS and Proposed RMP spring 2007

Resolve protests spring/summer 2007

Record of Decision and approved RMP signed
summer 2007

Step completed.

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