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# THE COTTONWOOD RMP NEWSLETTER

## Proposed RMP/Final EIS Published

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cottonwood Field Office has published a Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) for public review. You may download the entire document or its separate sections from the Internet at [www.cottonwoodrmp.com](http://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  
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- ◆ Moscow Public Library  
110 South Jefferson Street, Moscow
- ◆ Prairie Community Library  
508 King Street, Cottonwood
- ◆ Salmon River Library  
126 North Main Street, Riggins

A limited number of compact discs (CDs) of the PRMP/FEIS are available on request: E-mail [information@cottonwoodrmp.com](mailto:information@cottonwoodrmp.com), or call (208) 962-3784. Please include your name and full mailing address with your request.

On August 8th, the Notice of Availability for the Proposed RMP/Final EIS will be published in the *Federal Register*. This will initiate a 30-day public protest period, which ends on September 8, 2008. During this period, any organization or person who has participated in the Cottonwood RMP process, and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected, may protest approval of the PRMP to the Director of BLM. The "Dear Reader" letter found at the front of the PRMP/FEIS contains detailed instructions for filing a protest. 

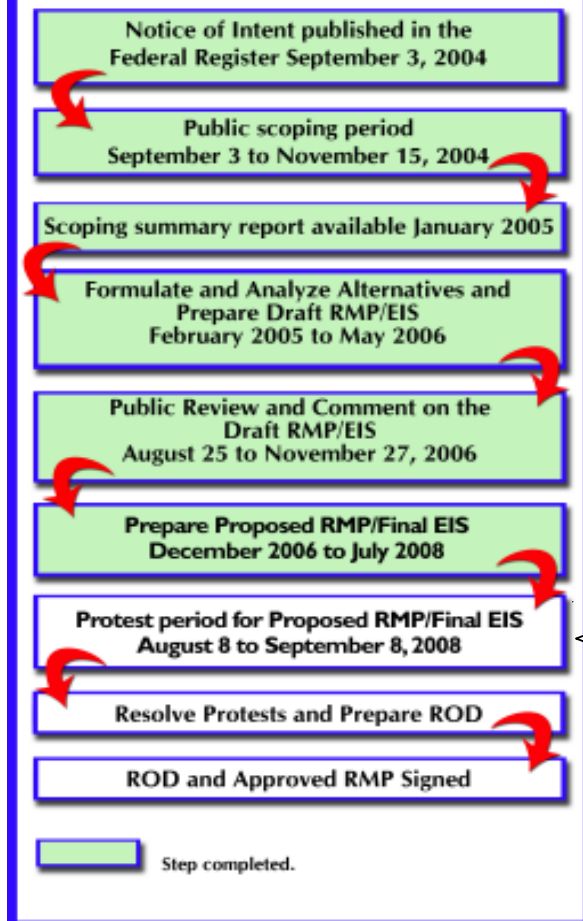
## What's in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS?

The PRMP/FEIS contains four alternatives that specify where and under what circumstances particular activities would be allowed on the 132,526<sup>1</sup> acres of public land administered by the BLM in the Cottonwood Field Office. Management measures apply only to BLM-managed land. The PRMP/FEIS also outlines the environmental effects of these alternatives. Alternative B, a slightly revised version of the Preferred Alternative in the Draft RMP/EIS, is the Proposed Action (Proposed RMP). The PRMP/FEIS includes changes to the Draft RMP/EIS as a result of comments the BLM received, consultation with the Nez Perce Tribe, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, and US Fish and Wildlife Service, and other new information. Chapter 1 of the PRMP/FEIS

provides more detail on these changes. Only one map from the Draft RMP/EIS was revised. A new land status map depicts the Planning Area Surface Management as a result of recent land transfers under the Snake River Water Rights Act of 2004. This is the only map included in the printed version of the Proposed RMP/FEIS. For all other maps, refer to Volume IV of the Draft RMP/EIS. All maps are on the Web site ([www.cottonwoodrmp.com](http://www.cottonwoodrmp.com)). Printed copies of Volume IV of the Draft RMP/EIS are available upon request at the Cottonwood Field Office. 

<sup>1</sup>This acreage figure reflects the recent transfer of approximately 11,304 acres of public land to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to be held in trust for the benefit of the Nez Perce Tribe. The transfer was made in accordance with the Snake River Water Rights Act of 2004 (Settlement Act). Acreage figures or references used throughout the RMP/EIS have not been updated to reflect this recent land transfer; an acreage figure of 143,830 acres has been carried through the RMP/EIS.

## PROJECT TIMELINE



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