

Chapter 5. Consultation and Coordination

In the summer of 2003, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) initiated the revision of management plans for the Alturas, Eagle Lake, and Surprise Field Offices. The issues that were addressed in the planning process were identified through consultation and coordination with interested and affected groups and individuals. This chapter includes a brief description of the process used during the preparation of the Alturas Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) to keep people informed about and involved in the decision process.

5.1 Federal Register Notice

A Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register in 2003. The announcement contained a request for comments and issues to be addressed in the RMP and concerns over managing public lands.

5.2 Public Meetings and Field Trips

BLM hosted six public scoping meetings in August and September 2003 to identify issues central to the development of the three new RMPs for northeastern California. Approximately 205 persons attended these meetings; dates and locations of the meetings are in Table 1.1-3. Four meetings were held in the planning area (Alturas, Cedarville, Susanville, and Fall River Mills). Additional meetings were held in Redding, California and Reno, Nevada to ensure that the concerns of user groups residing outside the planning area were considered during the planning process. BLM also conducted a field tour of each field office in August 2003. Twenty members of the public attended these tours.

Another addition to the traditional planning process was conducting community workshops to discuss economics and social values. Three social and economic outreach workshops were held in the three field office areas in late fall 2003; these were attended by 42 community members. The workshops focused on presenting economic data and working with community members to arrive at a common understanding of the economic drivers of communities, local social values related to natural resources and places, community goals and vision, and the role of BLM in the community.

Additional public meetings were held in the Alturas, Eagle Lake, and Surprise Field Offices in mid-February 2005 to brief community members on the progress of the alternatives development process.

5.3 Plan Updates

BLM also provided periodic plan updates that were mailed to all members of the BLM RMP mailing list. News releases were broadcast on local television and radio stations and were published in local newspapers.

5.4 Collaborative Planning

The proximity of BLM lands to local communities increases use demands and the need for partnerships and coordination to provide for multiple needs and reduce conflicts. The collaborative process was designed to put government representatives and citizens together to resolve the significant planning issues. See Table 5.1-1 at end of section for a list of key collaboration meetings.

5.4.1. Intergovernmental Agency Representatives

BLM sent letters to numerous federal, state, and local agencies and tribal governments, inviting them to be official cooperating agencies in this planning effort. Cooperating agency status is a form of collaboration established in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for government entities with special expertise, shared decision making, or relevant interest in a federal agency project. Table 5.1-2 lists the intergovernmental agency representatives who participated in the planning process, in addition to BLM interdisciplinary team members identified in the “List of Preparers” at the end of this chapter.

5.4.2. Northeast California Resource Advisory Council

The Northeast California Resource Advisory Council is a committee formally chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide a broad representation of interests to advise federal land managers in the northeast California Region. Table 5.1-3 contains the Northeast California Resource Advisory Council membership list.

Table 5.1-1 Intergovernmental Agency Representatives Who Participated in Preparation of the Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

Agency/Organization and Contact	Position	Office and Location
BLM		
Paul Roush	BLM NorCal Wildlife Biologist	Arcata Field Office, Arcata, CA
Lassen County		
Jack Hanson	Chairman, Board of Supervisors	Lassen County, Susanville, CA
Robert Sorvaag	Director, Economic Development Council	Lassen County, Susanville, CA
Rick Simon	Planning Division	Lassen County, Susanville, CA
Modoc County		
Sean Curtis	Resource Analyst	Modoc County, Alturas, CA
Washoe County		
Bill Whitney	Planner	Washoe County, Reno, NV
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)		
Leonard Le Captain	Wildlife Biologist	USFWS, Klamath Falls, OR
Stewart Reid	Wildlife Biologist	USFWS, Klamath Falls, OR
Rick Hardy	Wildlife Biologist	USFWS, Klamath Falls, OR
Kevin Kritz	Wildlife Biologist	USFWS, Reno, NV
California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)		
Jim Nelson	Wildlife Biologist	CDFG, Redding, CA
Frank Hall	Wildlife Biologist	CDFG, Wendel, CA
Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW)		
Roy Leach	Western Regional Supervisor	NDOW, Reno, NV

Note: The individuals listed in this table are in addition to the BLM staff members noted in the List of Preparers.

Table 5.1-2 Northeast California Resource Advisory Council Membership Roster

Individual	Interest
Martin Balding	National/regional environmental interests
Frank Bayham	Historical/archaeological resources
Jack Razzeto	Forest products
John Erquiaga	Livestock grazing on federal land
Wesley Finley	Wild horses and burros
Tim Garrod	Public at large
Jim Chapman	Elected officials
Nancy Huffman	Public at large
Henricus Jansen	Academicians
Ken McGarva	Livestock grazing on federal land
Vacant	National/regional environmental interests
Todd Swickard	Livestock grazing on federal land
Vacant	Tribes
Skip Willmore	Forest products
Rosalee Bradley	Dispersed recreation

5.5 Agencies and Organizations Consulted

BLM maintains a mailing list of approximately 850 agencies, organizations, and individuals to inform them of the ongoing planning process for three field offices. The following lists contain the names of agencies and organizations to which the Alturas, Eagle Lake, and Surprise Draft RMP/EISs have been sent for review:

5.5.1 Federal Agencies

- U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- National Park Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service
- U.S. Geological Survey

5.5.2 State Agencies

- California Department of Conservation
- California Department of Fish and Game
- California Department of Food and Agriculture
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- California Department of Parks and Recreation

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- California Department of Water Resources
- California Department of Transportation
- California Energy Commission
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- California Resources Agency
- California State Historic Preservation Office
- California State Water Resources Control Board
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Nevada Department of Wildlife
- Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Nevada Department of Transportation
- Nevada State Historic Preservation Office

5.5.3 Counties

- Humboldt County (NV) Planning Department
- Lassen County (CA) Planning Department
- Modoc County (CA) Planning Department
- Nevada County (CA) Planning Department
- Plumas County (CA) Planning Department
- Shasta County (CA) Planning Department
- Sierra County (CA) Planning Department
- Siskiyou County (CA) Planning Department
- Washoe County (NV) Planning Department

5.5.4 Native America Tribes

- Redding Ranchería
- Shasta Nation
- Shasta Tribe, Inc.
- Modoc Tribe
- Klamath Tribes
- Susanville Indian Ranchería
- Cedarville Ranchería of Northern Paiute Indians
- Alturas Ranchería of Pit River Indians
- Fort Bidwell Community of Paiute Indians
- Pit River Tribe of California
- Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
- Fort McDermitt Paiute/Shoshone Tribe
- Greenville Ranchería of Maidu Indians
- Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Tribe
- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

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5.5.5 Elected Officials

California

Representative John T. Doolittle, Fourth Congressional District
U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer
U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein

Senator Dave Cox, First California District
Assembly Member Rick Keene, Third California District

Nevada

Representative James Gibbons, Second Congressional District
U.S. Senator John Ensign
U.S. Senator Harry Reid

State Senator Dean Rhodes

Assembly Member John Marvel, District 32
Assembly Member William Horne, District 34

5.6 List of Preparers

Individuals who participated in the preparation of the Alturas Proposed RMP/Final EIS are listed below.

Name and Affiliation	Qualifications	Professional Experience and Expertise
Tim Burke BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Range Management Utah State University	Alturas Field Office Manager, 25 years experience with BLM in four states, including work as Resources Staff Chief and State Range Conservationist.
Rhonda Sue Noggles Interdisciplinary Planner BLM Alturas, Eagle Lake, and Surprise Field Offices	B.S. Natural Resources/ Rangeland Management Humboldt State University, Arcata, California	22 years experience as Rangeland Specialist (Natural Resources Conservation Service); 2 years experience in RMP Planning (BLM).
Air Quality		
Jerry Wheeler BLM Alturas Field Office	Oregon State University	Fire Management Officer, 27 years experience expertise in fire suppression tactics and strategy; special emphasis on fuels management.
Cultural Resources		
Cheryl Foster-Curley BLM Alturas Field Office	B.A. Anthropology California State University, Humboldt M.A. Anthropology California State University, Sacramento	Archaeologist, 7 years experience. Expertise in Great Basin prehistoric archaeology, archaeological surveys, cultural resource protection, and NEPA compliance. Meets the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines for a professional archaeologist.
Fire and Fuels		
Jerry Wheeler BLM Alturas Field Office	Oregon State University	Fire Management Officer, 27 years experience expertise in fire suppression tactics and strategy; special emphasis on fuels management.
Paul Whitcome BLM Eagle Lake Field Office	B.S. Biology University of Nevada, Reno	Fire Management Officer, Northern California Region, 30 seasons/years fire management experience. Expertise in fire planning, prescribed fire, and suppression operations.

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Name and Affiliation	Qualifications	Professional Experience and Expertise
Soil and Water Resources		
Jami Ludwig BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Hydrology University of Nevada, Reno M.S. Environmental Engineering Sciences University of Florida	Hydrologist, 4 years experience. Expertise in water quality, soils, and hydrologic assessment; stream/riparian restoration; hydrologic and water quality modeling.
Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife		
Paul Schmidt BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Wildlife Science and Rangeland Resources Oregon State University	Wildlife Biologist, 12 years experience. Expertise in sage grouse and big game, fire management for wildlife, and OHV management.
Vegetation, Noxious Weeds, Special Status Plants		
Mike Dolan BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Range Management California State University, Humboldt	Botanist, 26 years experience. Expertise in Great Basin flora—inventory and taxonomy, noxious weeds, rangeland plant ecology, rangeland monitoring, fire effects monitoring, and post-fire emergency stabilization and rehabilitation.
Visual Resources, Recreation, and Special Management Areas		
Claude Singleton BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Wildlife Biology, Minor in Recreation California State University Humboldt	Recreation Planner, 29 years experience. Resource management, land use planning, VRM, recreation planning, cultural resource management, and riparian ecosystem management, and restoration.
Wild Horses and Burros		
Marti Butow BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Animal Science California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Graduate Work, Range Management California State University, Humboldt	Range Management Specialist, 10 years experience.
Energy and Minerals		
Tim Burke BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Range Management Utah State University	Alturas Field Office Manager, 25 years experience with BLM in four states, including work as Resources Staff Chief and State Range Conservationist.

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Ken Collum BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Geology California State University, Fresno	Geologist/Realty Specialist with BLM, 6 months experience. Project Manager/Geologist in the minerals industry, 18 years experience.
Forestry		
Peter Hall BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Forestry State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Forester, 4 years experience with BLM.
Grazing		
Marti Butow BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Animal Science California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Graduate Work, Range Management California State University, Humboldt	Range Management Specialist, 10 years experience.
Lands and Realty; Utilities, Transportation, and Telecommunications		
Tim Burke BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Range Management Utah State University	Alturas Field Office Manager, 25 years experience with BLM in four states, including work as Resources Staff Chief and State Range Conservationist.
Philip Rhinehart BLM Alturas Field Office	Bachelor of Arts Degree University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah	Realty Specialist, 20 years experience, BLM and US Forest Service
Economic Conditions		
Gregg Roy Jones & Stokes	B.S. Political Economy of Natural Resources University of California, Berkeley	Economist, 20 years experience. Expertise in natural resource and environmental economic studies, regulatory impact analyses, farmland conversion studies, water resource development and flood control studies, and NEPA compliance.
Environmental Justice		
Kristin Warren Jones & Stokes	B.A. Communications University of California, Davis	Community Affairs Specialist, 3 years experience. Specializes in public involvement, community relations, crisis management, and meeting facilitation.

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Indian Trust Resources		
Bonnie Chiu Jones & Stokes	B.A. Political Science–Public Service University of California, Davis	Planner, Environmental Justice Specialist, 2 years experience. Expertise in environmental justice issues in relation to environmental planning.
Social Conditions		
Tim Burke BLM Alturas Field Office	B.S. Range Management Utah State University	Alturas Field Office Manager, 25 years experience with BLM in four states, including work as Resources Staff Chief and State Range Conservationist.
Merle Anderson Jones & Stokes	B.A. Art, Minor in Planning and Rural Development California State University, Chico American Institute of Certified Planners	Community Development Planner, 23 years experience. Expertise in community planning and economic development in rural communities.
Technical Editing		
Christine Modovsky Labat Environmental, Inc.	B.S., Environmental Chemistry, University of Michigan M.S., Environmental Science, George Washington University	Environmental Scientist / Technical Writer: 18 years experience in NEPA, public involvement, and environmental impact assessment
Tamar Krantz Labat Environmental, Inc.	B.A., Biology and Environmental Studies, Oberlin College M.P.H., Environmental Health Sciences (Air Quality Emphasis), University of Michigan	Environmental Scientist / Technical Writer: 15 years experience in environmental compliance and environmental impact assessment
Susan Smillie Labat Environmental, Inc.	B.A., Biology, Smith College M.En., Environmental Science, Miami University	Environmental Scientist / Technical Writer: 25 years experience in NEPA, public involvement, and environmental impact assessment
Ken McGinty GWG Human Resources	B.A. History Duke University M.A. Geography Clark University	Writer-Editor, 30 years experience in technical editing with BLM
Marjie Brown GWG Human Resources	B.A. Communications Western State College of Colorado	Communications Specialist, 20 years experience technical writing, and public relations

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Jeff Fontana BLM Northern California Field Offices	B.A. Journalism University of Nevada Reno	Public Affairs Specialist, 15 years BLM; 10 years journalism experience
Teresa Simpson BLM Eagle Lake Field Office	A.A. Business (in progress) Lassen Community College	Typist, Editor, 2 years experience
Geographic Information System (GIS) Technology		
Lori White-Bagnaschi BLM Alturas Field Office	A.A. Civil Engineering Technology Shasta Community College B.S. Natural Resources California State University, Chico M.S. Information Systems Security (in progress) Colorado Technical University	IT/GIS Specialist, 14 years experience. Expertise in resource management, computer systems administration, and use of GIS to aid land use planning.
Dino Borghi BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Business Administration California State University, Chico	Geographic Information Specialist, 22 years experience. Expertise in resource management, fire management, and GIS.
Karen Holmstrom BLM Eagle Lake Field Office	B.S. Anthropology Humboldt State University, Arcata	Geographic Information Specialist, 12 years experience
Josh Gibbs BLM Eagle Lake Field Office	Lassen High School, Susanville	Lead Biological Technician, 6 years experience
Public Comment Responses		
Christine Modovsky Labat Environmental, Inc.	B.S., Environmental Chemistry, University of Michigan M.S., Environmental Science, George Washington University	Environmental Scientist / Technical Writer: 18 years experience in NEPA, public involvement, and environmental impact assessment
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