

Chapter 5. Consultation and Coordination

In the summer of 2003, 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 Eagle Lake Draft 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.

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 NEPA for government entities with special expertise, shared decision making, or relevant interest in a federal agency project. Table 5.1-1 lists the intergovernmental agency representatives who participated in the planning process, in addition to BLM ID 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 5.1-2 contains the Northeast California Resource Advisory Council membership list.

Table 5.1-1 Intergovernmental Agency Representatives Who Participated in Preparation of the Draft RMP/EIS

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		
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	Academics
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 RMPs/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
- National Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Department of Food and Agriculture Forest Service
- U.S. 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

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- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- 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

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 Eagle Lake PRMP/FEIS are listed below.

Name and Affiliation	Qualifications	Professional Experience and Expertise
Lance Bishop BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Civil Engineering Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Falls, Oregon	Cadastral survey, 28 years experience (BLM). Expertise in land surveying, mapping, and general management.
Owen Billingsley BLM Surprise Field Office	B.A. Geology Humboldt State University, Arcata, California	Geologist, 28 years experience (BLM, USGS, and USFS). Expertise in minerals management, geologic hazards, and general management.
Rhonda Sue Noggles Interdisciplinary Planner 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		
Garth Jeffers BLM Surprise Field Office	A.A. Natural Resources Shasta College B.S. Natural Resources (in progress) Oregon State University	Fire Management Officer, 14 years experience. Expertise in wildland fire management, fuels management, woodland management, recreation management, and project coordination.
Leisyka Parrott BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Natural Resources Humboldt State University, Arcata, California	Biological Science Technician, 5 years experience in fire and fuels management

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Name and Affiliation	Qualifications	Professional Experience and Expertise
Cultural Resources		
Penni Borghi BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Anthropology California State University, Chico M.A. Anthropology California State University, Chico	Archaeologist, 12 years experience. Expertise in prehistoric and historic archaeology and cultural resource management. Meets the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines for a professional archaeologist. Native American Consultation Coordinator.
Fire and Fuels		
Garth Jeffers BLM Surprise Field Office	A.A. Natural Resources Shasta College B.S. Natural Resources (in progress) Oregon State University	Fire Management Officer, 14 years experience. Expertise in wildland fire management, fuels management, woodland management, recreation management, and project coordination.
Leisyka Parrott BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Natural Resources Humboldt State University, Arcata, California	Biological Science Technician, 5 years experience in fire and fuels management
Paul Whitcome BLM Eagle Lake Field Office	B.S. Biology University of Nevada, Reno	Assistant Fire Management Officer, Northern California Region, 30 seasons/years fire management experience. Expertise in fire planning, prescribed fire, and suppression operations.
Soil and Water Resources		
Alan Uchida BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Agriculture/Range Science California State University, Chico	Rangeland Management Specialist, 11 years experience. Soil Conservationist/ Watershed-Riparian Specialist, 13 years experience. Noxious Weed Specialist, 7 years experience. Expertise in impact assessment and management of rangelands, riparian areas, soils, water quality, and noxious weeds.

Name and Affiliation	Qualifications	Professional Experience and Expertise
Terrestrial and Aquatic Wildlife		
Elias Flores, Jr. BLM Surprise Field Office	A.S. Forest/Park Technology Kings River Community College B.S. Wildlife Management, Minor in Forestry California State University, Humboldt B.S. Fisheries Management California State University, Humboldt	Wildlife Biologist, 6 years experience. Fisheries Biologist, 3 years experience. Expertise in wildlife and aquatic surveys, water quality and riparian assessments, and special- status species consultation.
Vegetation		
Tara de Valois BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Range Management California State University, Humboldt	Rangeland Management Specialist, 14 years experience. Expertise in Great Basin plant ecology; wildlife habitat management; riparian system management; environmental impact assessment; and livestock grazing system development, monitoring, and project implementation. Contributed to the vegetation, livestock grazing, and special-status plant reports.
Alan Uchida BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Agriculture/Range Science California State University, Chico	Rangeland Management Specialist, 11 years experience. Soil Conservationist/ Watershed-Riparian Specialist, 13 years experience. Noxious Weed Specialist, 7 years experience. Expertise in impact assessments and management of rangelands, riparian areas, soils, water quality, and noxious weeds.
Steve Surian BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Wildlife Management California State University, Humboldt	Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist, 25 years experience. Expertise in rangeland management, fire stabilization and rehabilitation, wild horse and burro programs; responsible for wild horse and burro section for Surprise Field Office.
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.

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Visual Resources, Recreation, and Special Management Areas		
Penni Borghi BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Anthropology California State University, Chico M.A. Anthropology California State University, Chico	Archaeologist, 12 years experience. Expertise in prehistoric and historic archaeology and cultural resource management. Meets the Secretary of the Interior's guidelines for a professional archaeologist. Native American Consultation Coordinator.
Wild Horses and Burros		
Steve Surian BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Wildlife Management California State University, Humboldt	Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist, 25 years experience. Expertise in rangeland management, fire stabilization and rehabilitation, wild horse and burro programs; responsible for wild horse and burro section for Surprise Field Office.
Energy and Minerals		
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		
Garth Jeffers BLM Surprise Field Office	A.A. Natural Resources Shasta College B.S. Natural Resources (in progress) Oregon State University	Fire Management Officer, 14 years experience. Expertise in wildland fire management, fuels management, woodland management, recreation management, and project coordination.
Leisyka Parrott BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Natural Resources Humboldt State University, Arcata, California	Biological Science Technician, 5 years experience in fire and fuels management
Grazing		
Steve Surian BLM Surprise Field Office	B.S. Wildlife Management California State University, Humboldt	Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist, 25 years experience. Expertise in rangeland management, fire stabilization and rehabilitation, wild horse and burro programs; responsible for wild horse and burro section for Surprise Field Office.

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Lands and Realty; Utilities, Transportation, and Telecommunications		
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.
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.
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.

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Social Conditions		
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.
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.
Technical Editing		
Ken McGinty GWG Human Resources	B.A. Communications University of Arizona	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
David Moore GWG Human Resources	B.S. Forest Management Utah State University	Resource Planner, 30 years experience in recreation and resource planning with BLM
Bruce Hulbert BLM Eagle Lake Field Office	B.S. Wildlife Biology University of Montana, Missoula, MT	Writer-Editor, 2 years experience with BLM
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
GIS Technology		
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.
Public Comment Responses		
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