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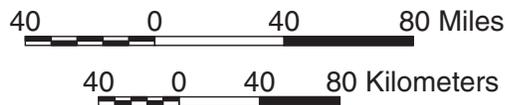
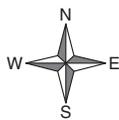
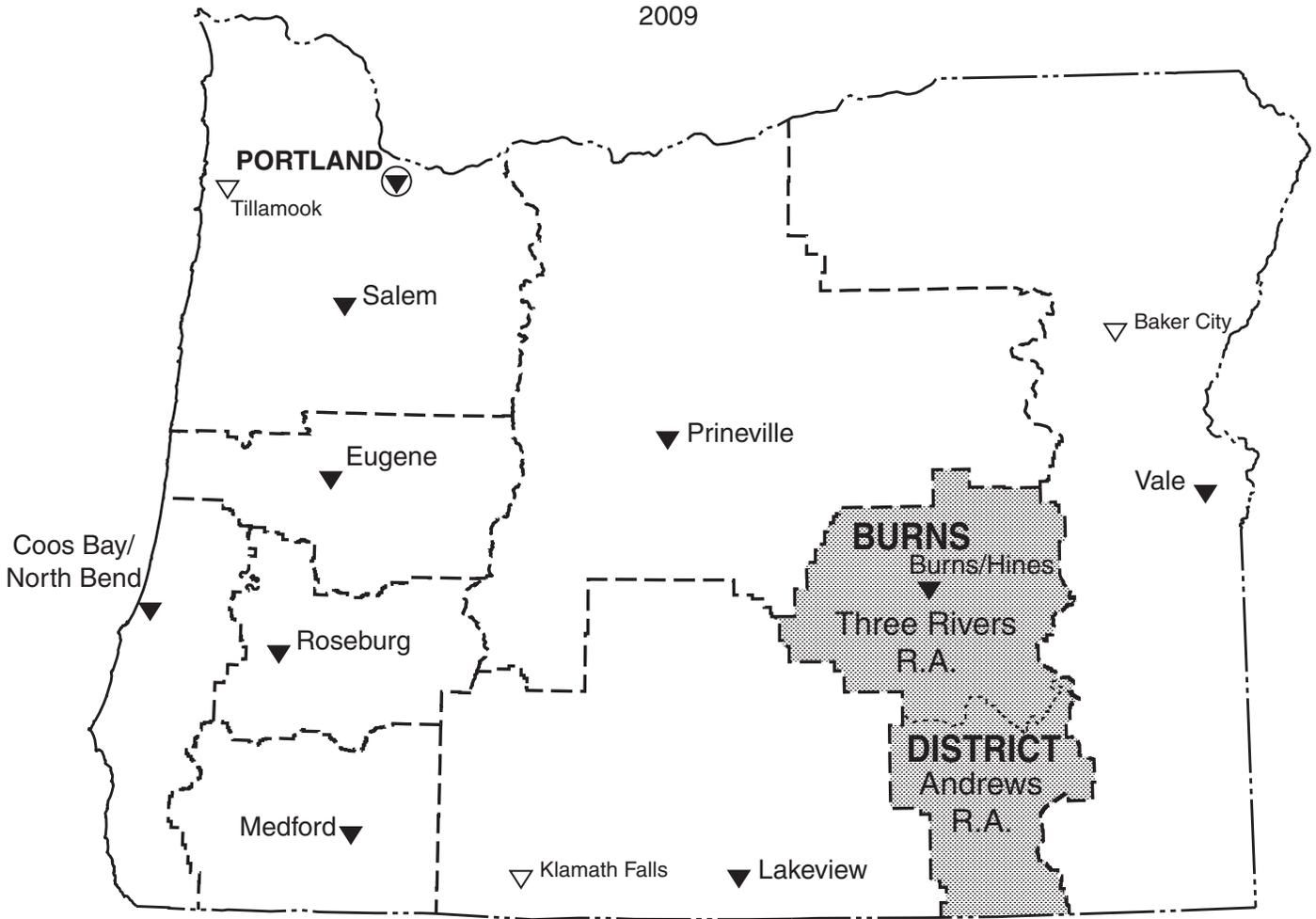


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FIGURE 1 - GENERAL LOCATION MAP
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-  BLM District Boundary
-  BLM Resource Area Boundary



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Introduction

This Planning Update is part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) continuing commitment to keep you informed of the management of public lands in southeastern Oregon. Planning Updates, like this one, are published periodically, usually on an annual basis for all BLM Districts in Oregon and Washington. It is our hope this update will help you understand land management decisions and current proposals occurring within the BLM's Burns District including Three Rivers and Andrews/Steens Resource Areas (RA). This document is not intended to be a comprehensive description of all activities, but rather a summary of land use plan implementation activities completed in Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 and activities planned for FY09.

The Burns District manages over three million acres of public lands located primarily in Harney County (southeastern Oregon) and is divided into two RAs: Andrews/Steens RA and Three Rivers RA. The two RAs are further divided into lands contained within the boundary of Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) and those outside the boundary; in Andrews RA, the latter is referred to as the Andrews Management Unit (AMU). The two RAs differ in the major types of management activities that occur due to differences in types of natural resource values present.

Previous Planning Update documents are available in hardcopy or electronically on the Burns District's Plans and Projects Web page at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns>.

What You Can Find In This Document

Updates like this one are usually published annually. While the format is flexible, major sections similar to those described below will be included in each edition.

Summary of Work: This section identifies the FY accomplishments and work proposed for the following year. Usually only exceptional work or issues are discussed. Additional information is available to individuals upon request.

Rangeland Program Summary: This section outlines progress being made in implementing rangeland management objectives identified in the RA's land use plans and identifies recent actions in allotments.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Register: Listed in this section are those NEPA documents completed last FY and documents initiated this FY.

Appendices:

- An Acronym/Abbreviation Guide: A list of acronyms and abbreviations used throughout the document.
- Resource Management Plan (RMP) Maintenance Sheets: Minor changes, refinements, or clarifications in the RMP including incorporating new data are called plan maintenance actions. Plan maintenance actions do not expand the scope of resource uses or restrictions or change terms, conditions, or decisions of the approved RMPs. Maintenance actions are not considered plan amendments or revisions and do not require formal public involvement and interagency coordination. However, these types of actions are reported in planning updates.
- Categorical Exclusion (CX) Guide: Provides a definition and use of CXs specific to the Forestry Program.

Summary of Work Accomplishments

This document is not intended to be a comprehensive description of all activities, but rather a summary of land use plan implementation activities, both accomplished and planned. For additional information, please contact the Burns District Office.

This summary includes FY08 accomplishments and planned work for FY09 for the following:

- Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management
- Noxious Weeds
- Special Areas
- Cultural Resource Program
- Recreation
- Woodlands and Forest Management
- Minerals
- Land Tenure Adjustments, Access and Rights-of-Way (ROW)
- Hazardous Materials
- Wildfire and Fuels Management
- Law Enforcement
- Wild Horse and Burro (WHB) Program
- Volunteers and Outreach

Resource Management Plans - Actions, Directions, and Accomplishments

The following table (Table S-1) provides a summary of resource management actions, directions, and accomplishments for the AMU and CMPA RMPs. A table is not represented for the Three Rivers RMP. This RMP was completed in 1992 and will be evaluated in FY11 to determine if decisions and the NEPA analysis are still valid.

Land use plans are evaluated periodically to determine if decisions remain relevant to current issues, if decisions are effective in achieving (or making progress toward achieving) desired outcomes, if any decisions need to be revised, if any decisions need to be dropped from further consideration, and if any areas require new decisions. In making these determinations, the evaluation should consider if mitigation measures are satisfactory, if there are significant changes in the related plans of other entities, and if there are new data of significance to this plan.

Plan evaluations are completed prior to any plan revisions or major plan amendments. Special or unscheduled evaluations may also be required to review unexpected management actions or significant changes in the related plans of American Indian tribes, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments, or to evaluate legislation or litigation that has potential to trigger an RMP amendment or revision. Evaluations may identify resource needs and means for correcting deficiencies and addressing issues through plan maintenance, amendments, or new starts. They should also identify where new and emerging resource issues and other values have surfaced. Evaluations may also identify new and innovative practices that improve effectiveness and efficiency so other offices may benefit.

TABLE S-1: STEENS MOUNTAIN COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION AREA AND ANDREWS MANAGEMENT UNIT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS PLANNING AREAS, SUMMARY OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS, DIRECTIONS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity Units	FY 2008 Accomplishments or Program Status	Cumulative Practices, since RMP Approval*
Realty, ROWs, Transportation Systems			
Land sales	Actions/acres	0	0
Land acquisitions by purchase, donation, withdrawal revocation, etc.	Actions/acres	0 (AMU) 1/20 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 2/25 acres (CMPA)
Land exchanges	Actions/acres acquired/ acres disposed	0	0
Recreation and Public Purpose actions	Number leases or patents/ acres	0	0
Utility ROWs authorized	Actions/miles	1 action/36.35-mile (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	2/36.68 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
Road ROWs acquired for public/agency use	Actions/miles	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	2 actions/1.69 miles (AMU) 1 action/14.43 miles (CMPA)
Road ROWs granted	Actions/mile	1 action/.001 miles (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	5 actions/9.76 miles (AMU) 0 (CMPA)

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RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity Units	FY 2008 Accomplishments or Program Status	Cumulative Practices, since RMP Approval*
Roads constructed or authorized	Actions/miles/ acres	0 0	1/0.94 (AMU) 0
Roads decommissioned/obliterated	Actions/miles/ acres	0 0	0 0
Roads closed/gated	Actions/miles	0 (AMU) 1.3 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 8.6 miles closed (CMPA)
Wind energy feasibility studies/ROWs	Actions/acres	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	1 action/17,514 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
Withdrawals completed	Actions/units	0	0
Withdrawals revoked	Actions/units	0	0
Minerals and Energy Resources			
Oil and Gas leases/storage agreements	Actions/units	0	0
Geothermal leases	Actions/units	0	0
Other mineral leases (specify type)	Actions/units	0	0
Locatable minerals	Mining plans approved/units	0	0
Locatable minerals	Patents issued/acres	0	0
Salable mineral materials	Sites opened/closed, acres	0	0
Salable material sites available, sites/acres	Sites/acres	12 sites/500 acres (AMU) 5 sites/465 acres (CMPA)	12 sites/500 acres (AMU) 5 sites/465 acres (CMPA)
Designated recreational rock-hounded or panning, sites/acres	Sites/acres	0	0
Abandoned Mine Lands (AML)	Sites remediate	0	0 (AMU) 3 (CMPA)
Recreation and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use Areas			
Developed camping	Sites/spaces available, sites/units	0 (AMU) 4 sites/92 spaces (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 4 sites/92 spaces (CMPA)
Developed day use	Sites available	0	0
Maintained off-highway-vehicle staging areas	Sites available	0	0
Maintained off-highway-vehicle trails or routes	Units/miles	0	0
Maintained hiking trails/equestrian trails or routes	Units/miles	0 (AMU) 5 miles (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 7 miles (CMPA)
Maintained back-country discovery or scenic routes	Units/miles	0 (AMU) 56 miles (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 56 miles (CMPA)
Interpretive sites or trails	Units/miles	0 (AMU) 5 miles (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 5 miles (CMPA)
Cultural and Paleontological Resources			
Cultural resource inventories completed	Sites/acres	1 site/27 acres (AMU) 2 sites/154 acres (CMPA)	2 sites/29 acres (AMU) 2 sites/454 acres (CMPA)
Paleontological resource inventories completed	Sites/acres	1 site/20 acres (AMU)	1 site/20 acres (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
Cultural/historic sites on Historic Register, sites managed	Sites managed	1 (CMPA)	3 (AMU) 3 (CMPA)

RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity Units	FY 2008 Accomplishments or Program Status	Cumulative Practices, since RMP Approval*
Cultural/historic sites nominated to Historic Register	Sites or Districts nominated	0	0
Cultural/historic sites restored, recovered or stabilized	Sites	3 (AMU) 2 (CMPA)	8 (AMU) 8 (CMPA)
Hazardous Materials and Sites			
Hazardous material sites identified, under treatment or remediation completed	Units	0	0
Rangeland and Woodland Resources			
Livestock grazing permits or leases	Total/renewed units/Animal Unit Months (AUM)	4/6,689 AUMs (AMU) 2/4,568 (CMPA)	12/12,492 AUMs (AMU) 6/9,132 AUMs (CMPA)
Livestock AUMs banked or relinquished	Units/acres	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
Livestock fences constructed	Units/miles	3.5 miles (AMU) 2.5 miles (CMPA)	5.5 miles (AMU) 19.5 miles (CMPA)
Livestock fences removed	Units/miles	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)**
Water developments maintained (wells, springs, pipelines, etc.)	Units	9 (AMU) 1 (CMPA)	15 (AMU) 17 (CMPA)
Wild horses and burros removed and adopted***	Number of head	Kiger HMA - 0 Riddle HMA - 0 South Steens HMA- 0 Coyote Lake/Alvord-Tule HMA - 0 Heath Creek/Sheepshead HMA -0	204 removed/95 adopted
WHB herd composite populations(s)** AML = Appropriate Management Level L = Low H = High EP = Estimated Population	Authorized management level/estimated current population	Kiger AML - 51 (L)/82 (H)/51 (EP) Riddle AML - 33 (L)/56 (H)/33 (EP) South Steens AML 159 (L)/304 (H)/395 (EP) Coyote Lake/Alvord-Tule AML – 196 (L)/390 (H)/523 (EP) Heath Creek/Sheepshead AML – 161 (L)/302 (H)/588 (EP)	Not applicable
Prescribed burning - forage management****	Actions/acres	0	0
Noxious weeds chemical control	Sites/acres	98 acres (AMU) 1,426 acres (CMPA)	240.75 acres (AMU) 2,802.14 acres (CMPA)
Noxious weeds, estimated biological control	Sites/acres	10 acres (AMU) 20 acres (CMPA)	25 acres (AMU) 50 acres (CMPA)
Noxious weeds, by other control methods	Sites/acres	0	0
Invasive species control by mechanical (option to specify species in text section)	Sites/acres	0	0
Invasive species control by prescribed fire (option to specify species in text section)	Sites/acres	0 acres (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) ~1,500 acres (CMPA)

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RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity Units	FY 2008 Accomplishments or Program Status	Cumulative Practices, since RMP Approval*
Brush field/hardwood conversion	Sites/acres	0	0
Woodland species restoration (option to specify species in text section)	Sites/acres	0	0
Forest Management and Forest Health			
Regeneration harvest or fire salvage	Acres	0	0
Commercial thinning/density management/uneven age harvest	Acres	0	0
Timber sale volume offered for sale	MM board feet/MM cubic feet	0	0
Timber sale quantity harvested	MM board feet/MM cubic feet	0	0
Special forest products sales, sales and quantities (e.g., boughs, fenceposts, corral poles, fuel wood)	Actions/units by type	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 1 (CMPA)
Site preparation - prescribed fire (includes ecosystem enhancement projects)	Sites/acres	0 (AMU) 2 sites/6,000 acres (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 18 sites/~9,400 acres (CMPA)
Site preparation - other (specify)	Sites/acres	0	0
Prescribed burning - hazard reduction	Sites/acres	0 (AMU) 0/0 acres (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 3 sites/5,000 acres (CMPA)
Natural fire for ecosystem enhancement	Sites/acres	0 (AMU) 1/~300 acres (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 1/~300 acres (CMPA)
Vegetation control - mechanical/hand	Sites/acres	0	0
Planting - regular stock, acres	Acres	0	0
Fertilization, acres	Acres	0	0
Special Management Areas			
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)/ Research Natural Areas (RNA)	Areas monitored	4 (AMU) 4 (CMPA)	7 (AMU) 6 (CMPA)
Significant Caves	Sites inventoried/ evaluated/ monitored	Not Present	Not Present
Designated Wilderness Areas	Areas monitored	0 (AMU) 1 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 1 (CMPA)
Wilderness Study Areas (WSA), areas monitored	Areas monitored	18 (AMU) 5 (CMPA)	18 (AMU) 5 (CMPA)
Designated Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR), areas monitored	Areas monitored	0 (AMU) 3 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 3 (CMPA)
Administratively suitable WSRs, areas monitored	Areas monitored	0	0
National Monuments (if any), areas monitored	Areas monitored	Not Present	Not Present

* Implementation began in FY06

** Total does not include 16.5 miles of fence removed within the No Livestock Grazing Area within Steens Mountain Wilderness.

*** Portions of Herd Management Areas (HMA) fall outside the CMPA boundary and within Three Rivers RA. Numbers shown include horses gathered and adopted within the entire HMA.

**** Prescribed burning for forage management is conducted in combination with other resource values. Please refer to Forest Management and Forest Health.

Summary Of Work

Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management

See Special Areas Section for information regarding ACECs and RNAs.

Botanical

Native Plant Materials Development: Seeds from two target species assigned to Burns District BLM were collected for the Seeds of Success Program in 2008. The Seeds of Success Program is an interagency program coordinated through the Plant Conservation Alliance. This alliance supports and coordinates seed collection of native plant populations in the United States to increase the number of species and amount of native seed available for use in stabilizing, rehabilitating, and restoring lands in the United States. The Seeds of Success Program also provides seed-quality and germination information critical to development of new native plant materials through a partnership with Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew Millennium Seed Bank, and opportunities for Federal agencies to work with seed growers in local communities.

Seeds from nine other plant species were collected, including four grass species, four wildflower/forb species, and one salt desert shrub species. These seeds were cleaned by Bend Seed Extractory under cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and have been placed in cold storage for seed bulking, grow-out and eventual outplanting to accomplish rangeland restoration objectives over the next decade or more. One of the grass species (desert needlegrass) is a declining species at the northern limit of its natural range in Andrews RA, and seed may be used to reestablish the species in protected areas in the Alvord Basin. Populations of nine other species were located for future seed-gathering efforts, most of which produced inadequate seed or no seed for collection in 2008.

Federal Threatened and Endangered and BLM Sensitive Species: Thirteen populations from six BLM Sensitive plant species in Andrews RA and six BLM Sensitive plant species in Three Rivers RA were monitored, mostly in the Alvord Basin and Forest Fringe/Front Range.

In FY08, BLM continued a cooperative effort with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Native Plant Society, BLM, and other interested parties to attempt to reestablish Malheur wirelettuce, a Federally Endangered plant species. World-wide, this plant species is found only in South Narrows ACEC and a sand dune site 15 miles to the west within Three Rivers RA. Malheur wirelettuce has disappeared from its original critical habitat in the ACEC, probably due to drought and competition from exotic annual plant species. Seed had been collected in the past when plants numbered about 2,000 individuals and stored at Berry Botanic Garden in Portland, Oregon. Seed had also been propagated at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Seed from both sites were obtained and germinated in a greenhouse and planted at the ACEC and dunes sites in early May. A report of these activities is being prepared by ODA (the lead agency), and will be presented in FY09. Assistance provided by BLM in FY08 included mobile water sources, outplanting and watering plants through early June.

In FY08 final data collection for two former Species of Concern were collected through Challenge Cost Share (CCS) funded projects with ODA. The species studied were Leiberg clover (*Trifolium*

leibergii) and Malheur prince's plume (*Stanleya confertiflora*). Both species are Oregon Natural Heritage Program List 1, Bureau Sensitive and former Federal Species of Concern. Final reports from these efforts will arrive in FY09.

Botanical Clearance for Ground-disturbing Projects: Botanical clearances were conducted at 10 sites in Andrews RA and 11 sites in Three Rivers RA for projects such as trough replacement, fence construction, meteorological tower placement, and wildlife guzzler replacement.

Wildlife/Special Status Species

Approximately 40 greater sage-grouse lek surveys were completed in coordination with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Most of these leks are visited yearly by BLM or ODFW staff as part of a long-term population monitoring effort.

Census of wintering bald eagle populations were conducted during FY08 in conjunction with ODFW, Malheur National Forest, and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).



Photo SSS-1: Sage-grouse Strutting

Approximately 1,500 acres of goshawk presence/absence surveys were conducted in 2008. Two goshawks were observed, but no new nest sites were identified. The surveyed areas will receive an additional year of goshawk presence/absence survey work in 2009.

A test plot was established in FY07 for a new method of reestablishing sagebrush in wildfire areas such as Pueblo and Granddad Fires of 2006 and numerous other large wildfires that have reduced sagebrush cover in the Wyoming sagebrush vegetation type. Seed heads were cut from sagebrush plants in mid-November and laid in small piles in a grid design. The test plot was monitored in June and October 2008, to see if any seedlings established. In June, 23 of 29 seed head piles had seedling establishment while 19 seed head piles still had seedlings in October even though the summer was dry. Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center (EOARC) is helping with monitoring and statistical analysis.

The seed head piling method described above was used on approximately 260 acres of the Granddad Fire in Steens Mountain. A contractor was hired to complete the work. The EOARC established comparison plots in this area for a study to determine if this method might work better than more traditional methods of planting sagebrush.

Data on the presence of Columbia spotted frogs was input into the OR/WA Statewide GeoBOB Special Status Species (SSS) database. Approximately 50 sites where spotted frogs were found were logged into the GeoBOB database. Several known sites occupied by spotted frogs were visited incidentally to other work to determine if frogs were present. No new surveys were conducted in the Burns District.

About 100 Mountain quail were released in the Trout Creek Mountains in the southeastern part of the District. This was the first of 3 years for Mountain quail releases in this area as part of ODFW's

plan to restore Mountain quail to historic habitat. About half of the quail were fitted with radio collars and ODFW personnel monitored these birds throughout the spring and summer of 2008 to determine nesting success and survival. The ODFW reported that 45 percent of the radio collared Mountain quail survived to the end of the summer which was similar to other study results from the Steens Mountain. Of the nest located during the study, 53 percent were successful in hatching chicks which is also similar to other studies.

The Burns District was surveyed in 2001 for peregrine falcon habitat with sites being rated from high to low for several habitat characteristics. During 2008, eight sites were revisited to determine if peregrine falcons were present. No peregrine falcons were found at these sites even though habitat was rated in the high to medium categories.

Several livestock allotments were monitored for compliance with authorized use and input was provided on SSS, migratory birds and other wildlife for allotment evaluations, Allotment Management Plans (AMP) and other NEPA documents.

Five wildlife guzzlers were monitored and maintained in Three Rivers RA during FY08. Maintenance included fence reconstruction and repair of plumbing fixtures.



Photos WW-1 and WW-2: Wildlife guzzlers

Riparian, Fish and Water Quality

Completed inventory and monitoring on streams and associated riparian habitat throughout Three Rivers RA. Assessment methodologies consisted of photo monitoring, Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) Assessments, and water temperature monitoring. In total, approximately 50 stream miles were monitored.

In the Donner und Blitzen subbasin, approximately 20 miles of perennial and intermittent stream habitat were visited in 2008. Intermittent streams were assessed for presence of riparian characteristics and contribution to perennial flows. The collected data from perennial reaches were added to and compared with existing databases. In addition, 25 photo points were repeated and catalogued.

A variety of riparian restoration projects intended to improve stream stability and function, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat were conducted. These projects include:

- Landing Silvies Restoration Project – Approximately 200 cottonwood trees were planted along Landing Creek to help restore the native hardwood community. Healthy hardwood communities have been known to aid in stabilization of streambanks, reduce erosion, raise the water table, increase late season flows, reduce water temperature, and add large woody debris to the stream. All these possible improvements contribute to favorable fish habitat. The project was completed in cooperation with both Crane and Burns Future Farmers of America and Oregon State University (OSU) Extension. In addition to the planting, the Landing Silvies Fence (approximately 3 miles) was reconstructed to aid in improved livestock grazing management and the management of the riparian areas of Silvies River and Landing Creek.
- Little Stinkingwater Fence – Approximately 2.5 miles of fence were constructed to create a pasture to be managed for riparian resources along Little Stinkingwater Creek. This fence and new management will improve the condition of approximately 3.2 miles of Little Stinkingwater Creek (0.6-mile BLM-managed and 2.6 miles privately owned). Improvements to this creek will also improve habitat for SSS, redband trout.

Burns District BLM hosted the Assessing Riparian Condition Workshop for 2008 which was conducted in cooperation with Harney County Watershed Council, Harney Soil and Water Conservation District, ODA, OSU Extension, and BLM. This workshop invited private landowners, State/Federal/County employees, and other interested individuals to attend the 2-day training session on Assessing PFC of Riparian-Wetland Areas.

The BLM participated as a member of the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Northern Genetic Management Unit Workgroup working in support of the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Recovery Plan.

Preparation of the Donner und Blitzen Subbasin Water Quality Restoration Plan was begun in accordance with the USFS and BLM Protocol for Addressing Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Listed Waters and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) Water Quality Management Plan.

In 2008, 50 redband trout monitoring sites were visited in coordination and cooperation with the ODFW in Andrews RA to assess population abundance for redband trout. This effort included electrofishing for a life history study being conducted by ODFW and OSU.

Participation on Harney County Watershed Council continued in FY08. The BLM participated as a member of the steering committee working with a contractor hired to prepare a watershed assessment for the Guano/Thousand Virgin Subbasin. Other activities included participation in the Donner und Blitzen Watershed Action Plan steering committee and attendance at monthly council meetings.

Borax Lake chub population assessment effort involved continuation of cooperative population monitoring of Federally endangered Borax Lake chub (*Gila boraxobius*). During September 2008 BLM, ODFW, and USFWS set 110 baited minnow traps which were allowed to set overnight. The following day, traps were collected and fish processed [counted, measured (subsample), marked (caudal fin clip) and released]. Approximately 900 fish were sampled. Traps were reset the following evening and retrieved the next day to count marked and unmarked sampled fish (mark-recapture population sampling). The ODFW calculated the Borax Lake chub population estimates and provided BLM a progress report. This information contributes to evaluating potential for down-listing or delisting the species pursuant to Endangered Species Act.

Projects in support of ongoing USFWS efforts to delist the chub included the assessment for the construction of a fence that would eliminate traffic near the shoreline of Borax Lake, photo monitoring, trend analysis of stability and riparian health along the shoreline and associated springs, and providing assistance to the University of Idaho by removing and returning a thermograph that had been placed in the main vent of Borax Lake. These processes involved meetings with The Nature Conservancy (landowner), University of Idaho, USFWS, and ODFW.

Planned Work for FY09

Seed collection efforts will focus on the same species as in 2008, with emphasis on species for which seed production was not adequate for collection in 2008. Seed bulking and grow-out contracts will be written for implementation in early FY10. Planning and reconnaissance will occur for a new seed collection and grow-out effort focused on salt desert-associated shrub species.

Botanical clearances will be conducted for projects planned or proposed in winter and spring 2009.

Monitoring will be conducted on populations of eight BLM Sensitive Status Species in Andrews and five species in Three Rivers RAs, including Front Range endemics and species found in the CMPA. Reestablishment efforts for Malheur wirelettuce will continue in May 2009 if funding is secured by USFWS and ODA. For 2009 efforts, BLM will continue to provide mobile water sources, and assist with outplanting and watering through early June. Outplanting will occur only at the Narrows ACEC (type locality). Monitoring will continue at the Sand Dunes site to determine if any plants have become established from seed matured onsite.

Efforts to monitor greater sage-grouse, bald eagles, northern goshawks, and other migratory and resident bird species will continue. Surveys of Columbia spotted frog habitat will be restarted. Some new sites will be visited and other sites surveyed before will be visited again. Sites surveyed in 2008 for peregrine falcon presence will be revisited in 2009.

Replacement of two existing wildlife guzzlers along Pickett Rim for improved water quality and increased capacity in support of bighorn sheep transplanted during 2006-07 in this area will be completed. Work on an Environmental Assessment (EA) for construction of a new wildlife guzzler on Pickett Rim for bighorn sheep will be initiated.

Two wildlife guzzlers on Dry Mountain will be maintained and augmented in 2009. This project will involve fixing existing collection aprons and enclosure fences as well as adding additional water storage, drinkers and water collection aprons at these sites.

Transplant of approximately 100 Mountain quail on Trout Creek Mountains will continue which will be the second of three releases through 2010. These quail will be monitored as in 2008 for nest success and survival.

A contract will be awarded to continue to place sagebrush seed head piles in the 2006 Granddad Fire and start in the Pueblo Fire Area to reestablish sagebrush in sage-grouse habitat. The EOARC will help with monitoring of these areas to document seedling establishment. Continue to monitor test plot for growth of sagebrush seedlings and monitor EOARC established plots for establishment of new sagebrush seedlings.

Data on Columbia spotted frogs will be entered in to the GeoBOB database. These entries indicate where surveys were conducted on the Burns District but no spotted frogs were found. Depending on funding, more spotted frog locations may be surveyed and some known sites would be monitored for continued occupation.

Continue to revisit and update photopoint locations in riparian areas throughout the RA.

Determine and visit areas where PFC data needs to be updated in support of other actions.

Complete Donner und Blitzen Water Quality Restoration Plan.

Continue to assist other agencies working toward riparian health water quality, and fish population studies within the RA.

Noxious Weed Program

During 2008, the Burns District BLM participated in activities of the Harney County Cooperative Weed Management Area (HC-CWMA) and the newly formed Grant County CWMA (GC-CWMA).

Highlights of the Harney County CWMA in FY08 include:

Weed Education/Awareness Events/Presentations:

- Pesticide Recertification Training
- Migratory Bird Festival
- Weed Awareness Tour (Toadflax Biocontrol – collection and education)
- Agency Weed Training
- Harney County Fair
- Weed Corner Articles
- Weed Awareness Kiosks

Cooperative Projects:

- Medusahead Challenge (ongoing)
- Medusahead Control Projects
- Material Sites Treatment
- South Fork Malheur Perennial Pepperweed #3

Biocontrol Projects:

- Dalmation Toadflax (Front Range)
- Canada Thistle (Monitor)

Research Projects:

- Medusahead Projects – various; ongoing
- Russian Knapweed Projects – ongoing



Photo NW-1: Weed ID Training for BLM employees, June 2, 2008.

Highlights of the GC-CWMA in FY08 include:

A Memorandum of Understanding, bylaws, and a strategy for the GC-CWMA were drafted.

Conducted Educational/Awareness Activities:

- Home and Garden Exposition
- Grant County Hay Growers Meeting
- Biocontrol Collection and Releases

In addition, the following weed program activities occurred on the Burns District in FY08:

- 36,600 new acres were inventoried for noxious weeds.
- Applied chemical treatments to 2,000 acres, manual controls to 5 acres, nonclassical biological controls to 225 acres, and 3 new biocontrol releases on BLM lands. In addition to upland habitat improvements, these treatments also benefited 4 miles of riparian habitat and 615 acres of wetland habitat.
- 854,000 acres of weed sites/treatments were monitored, including extensive wildfire areas from previous years, forest health projects, and many landscape-scale projects involving prescribed burning.

The Burns District was fortunate this year to continue our contract through Harney County for the services of the Strategic Weed Attack Team (SWAT). The crew started in May and continued with an intensive field season through mid-November. This year's 3 to 4-person crew was able to cover an amazing amount of country, surveying for and treating noxious weeds all across the District. Their efforts account for the vast majority of BLM acres monitored. Their work accomplishes early detection in areas that might otherwise not get looked at for years. By incorporating their rapid response to new invasions, small infestations are controlled quickly and economically, averting the potential spread and increase to unmanageable levels of obscure noxious weed populations.

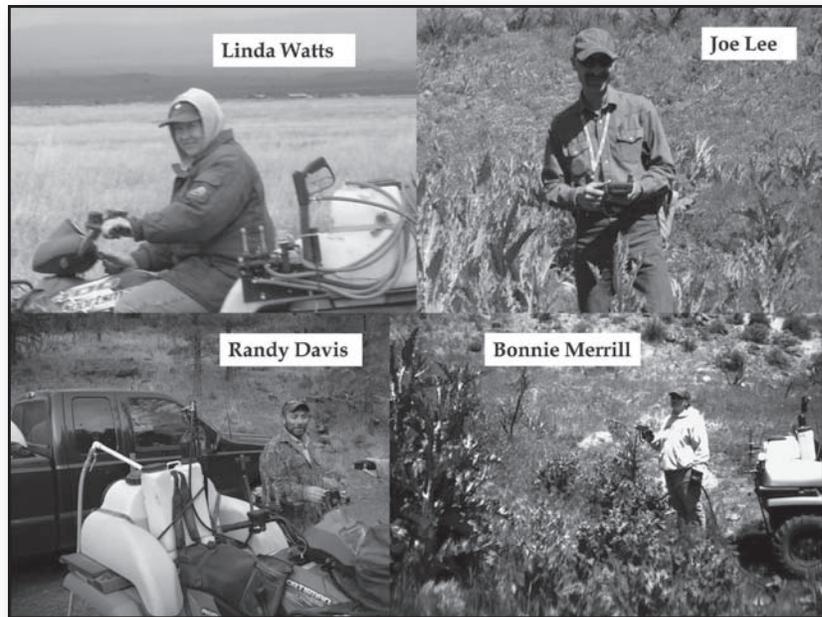


Photo NW-2: The SWAT Crew!

Planned Work for FY09

Weed management plans for FY09 include as many partnership activities as possible and continuation of programs for treatment, inventory, and monitoring on BLM lands.

Projected acreages include:

- 2,500 acres of inventory
- 650 acres of treatment
- 2,500 acres of monitoring

Special Areas

Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area

Steens Mountain Advisory Council: The Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) established by the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act (Steens Act) met four times in FY08. Major topics of interest ranged from the South Steens AMP/EA to scoping for the Comprehensive Recreation Plan (CRP). Scoping for the CRP has been completed and a draft planning timeline has been developed and presented. All totaled the SMAC made approximately 15 official recommendations to the BLM.

Future topics identified for SMAC involvement for FY09 and beyond include continuation of the Steens CRP and a “NICHE” planning process (used by the USFS) to aid in the development of the CRP. The SMAC has become a valuable asset to the BLM in its recommendation-making processes to care for and manage the land for future generations.

Travel Management Plan: The Steens Act directed the BLM to develop a Transportation Plan (TP) for the CMPA which was made part of the CMPA RMP and identified maintenance levels for roads, defined route management categories, and prescribed other specific transportation management actions. The TP also called for an intensive inventory of the motorized route system within the CMPA so a Travel Management Plan (TMP) designating level of use was developed. The Harney County Court participated in the inventory as a cooperating agency with BLM. Both entities ensured all stakeholders had the opportunity to identify roads and routes not currently in BLM or County inventories. Input was used to complete a final map of the planning area from which options for management of roads were considered. A Final Decision was issued November 28, 2007, which was timely appealed by five parties. Final decision by the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) on all appealed elements was issued on February 19, 2009. The BLM was affirmed in part and reversed in part. The IBLA found in favor of the appellants and reversed the Field Manager’s decision to open obscure routes to motorized use stating such use would be contrary to the Steens Act, Section 112. The BLM was affirmed on all other points.

Comprehensive Recreation Plan: On December 4, 2007, the formal scoping portion of the Steens Mountain CRP was initiated. The BLM mailed 376 scoping letters to individuals on the mailing list.

As of January 2009, 64 individuals provided 132 separate comments which were received and reviewed. Issues were identified as:

- Dispersed Recreation: Eight comments were received. Seven of the comments were in favor of increased dispersed recreation. One comment raised a concern that no new roads/routes be developed to keep use from increasing in the WSAs.
- Improvement to Developed Recreation Sites: A total of six comments. Three comments supported improvements to existing sites. Three comments requested no additional funding should be spent on sites.
- Riddle Brothers Ranch: One comment received in support of continued operation of the ranch. Several comments regarding signage/brochures related to the ranch and more signage and/or brochures were desirable. There were also comments that historic areas other than the Riddle Brothers Ranch should be available.
- Steens: Two comments were received. Both were in support of continued use of the area as it exists. However, one of the comments specifically mentioned that large group activities were not compatible and inhibits the experience.
- Winter Recreation: A total of eight comments were received. Three supported winter trails/recreation as long as it is strictly regulated and monitored. Five comments did not support any snowmobile activity.
- Fir Grove Trail: Two comments were received specifically in support of the trail.
- Trails: Twenty comments were received. Ten comments were specific to keeping trails open or creating more trails. Three supported shared use for trails. Three requested better trail heads. One requested a trail at the Kiger Overlook. Two asked OHV use be banned from trails. One supported the use of rock cairns to mark trails.
- Special Recreation Permits (SRP): One comment was received that supported the existing SRP practices.
- Off-Highway Vehicles: Twenty-four comments were received on this issue. Ten comments supported OHV use only if it was strictly regulated. Eight supported OHV use and six did not support it in any manner.
- Wild Rivers: No comments were received specific to this issue.
- Improved signage: Fifteen comments were received. Thirteen were in support of better and more signage and/or interpretive brochures. One comment asked for minimal signage. One comment asked no additional money be spent on signage.
- Other: Forty-five comments were received. Twenty comments requested redundant and/or obsolete roads be closed and turned into trails. Twelve comments requested an accurate inventory be established. Four comments requested no additional roads be closed. Two comments supported grazing, three comments did not and two supported grazing only if carefully monitored. One comment was for no additional wilderness designations. One comment requested a group site be developed.

The official public scoping process has been completed and evaluated. Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) members have been identified; and a tentative timeline has been established (see timeline below).

Date	Process
December 31, 2009	1-year scoping completed
February 28, 2009	Formulate IDT
March - July 31, 2009	Develop Purpose and Need, develop alternatives
August 31, 2009	In-house review/incorporate review of Purpose and Need and alternatives
September 30, 2009	Describe affected environment
October – December 31, 2009	Analyze environmental consequences/draft FONSI*
January 31, 2010	In-house review/Incorporate review of environmental consequences draft FONSI
February 28, 2010	Finish draft plan/prepare for public review
March 31, 2010	30-day public comment on draft CRP and unsigned FONSI
April - June 30, 2010	Incorporate public comments
July – September 30, 2010	Issue final decision with 30-day appeal opportunity

*Finding of No Significant Impact

Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers

General Management and Monitoring: Visitor use (campsites and trails) in wilderness and WSR corridors continued in FY08 to ensure use does not impair these designated areas. Monitoring data continues to be collected for campsites and trails most of which fall within Steens Mountain Wilderness and WSRs.

Monitoring associated with administering the winter recreation program also continued.

Trail head registration boxes and visitor information boards provide visitor information and gather general information on wilderness use. Law enforcement efforts to detect wilderness violations continued in cooperation with the Oregon State Police Wildlife Enforcement Officer.

Additional monitoring related to fish, wildlife, and vegetation resources within Steens Mountain Wilderness and WSRs also continued. Key areas of noxious weed infestations were identified and treated each year. Please refer to the Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management and Noxious Weed Sections of this Update for additional information.

Wilderness Inventory: In the Burns District, BLM's wilderness inventory was updated on almost 420,000 acres. Of the areas updated, BLM found three units in the Three Rivers RA totaling almost 42,000 acres of BLM-administered land as having wilderness character.

Trail Maintenance: Approximately 5 miles of trail maintenance was completed using the Northwest Youth Corps and 80 hours of volunteer service from the Back Country Horsemen of America. Maintenance was completed on portions of the Little Blitzen, Wildhorse, and Big Indian Trails.

No Livestock Grazing Area: Approximately 75 miles of boundary fence are monitored and maintained to ensure livestock remained outside the No Livestock Grazing Area every year. An

EA to allow trailing of livestock to a private inholding through the designated No Livestock Grazing Area was prepared and subsequently appealed to the IBLA. The 2.5-mile fence between Tabor Cabin and just south of Bradeen Crossing was constructed to help secure the No Livestock Grazing Area. The BLM will continue to monitor and maintain fences surrounding this area.

Restoration Projects: As a National Public Lands Day event, volunteers from the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) donated 240 hours to dismantle 2 miles of unneeded fence in Steens Mountain Wilderness. The BLM staff completed a field review of approximately 5.5 miles of existing fence in preparation of future removal trips. The BLM staff also identified fence material cache sites for approximately 4.5 miles of dismantled fence in preparation of removing these materials with CCS funding in FY09.

Wilderness Study Areas

Monitoring and sign maintenance of WSA boundaries and routes are ongoing. Maintenance of range, wildlife, and wild horse improvements in WSAs is ongoing in accordance with the 2005 EA.

The 2.5-mile fence between Tabor Cabin and just south of Bradeen Crossing within South Fork Donner und Blitzen River WSA was constructed to help secure the No Livestock Grazing Area. The BLM will continue to monitor and maintain fences surrounding this area.

Work on the South Steens Water Development Project EA OR-06-027-060 to analyze development of additional water sources in South Steens Allotment (primarily Blitzen River and South Fork Donner und Blitzen WSAs) to provide reliable, late-season water for livestock, wildlife, and wild horses continued throughout FY08. A tour of the area hosted by Roaring Springs Ranch was provided to SMAC members, BLM, and ONDA in July 2008. The SMAC provided a recommendation at their September 2008 meeting, and a Proposed Decision was issued on January 7, 2009. On February 20, 2009, the Decision was rescinded with intentions to reissue the decision in the future.

Please refer to Wildfire and Fuels Management and Special Areas (Steens Mountain CMPA) Sections for additional project information regarding North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project and TMP, respectively.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern/Resource Natural Areas

Defensibility monitoring was conducted at the following ACECs/RNAs in FY08: Long Draw RNA, Borax Lake ACEC, Pueblo Foothills RNA, Dry Mountain RNA, Foster Flat RNA, Tum Tum RNA, Serrano Point RNA, South Narrows ACEC, South Fork Willow Creek RNA, and East Fork Trout Creek RNA. This type of monitoring consists of assessing such resource risks as condition of fences (if present), recording unauthorized use of OHVs, and presence or spread of noxious weeds and invasive plants. In addition, baseline vegetation data were collected by an independent consulting biologist at Little Blitzen RNA to assess effects of global climate change. This is the second high-elevation site on Steens Mountain where this type of long-term monitoring has been initiated.

Please see the Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management, Federal Threatened and Endangered and BLM Sensitive Species Section for a discussion regarding Malheur wirelettuce within South Narrows ACEC.

Planned Work for FY09

Cooperative Management and Protection Area: Staff will work on developing the purpose and need for action, alternatives and description of the affected environment for the CRP in FY09 with a public comment period to occur in FY10.

Wilderness: Monitoring programs will continue. Ongoing work such as signing, trail maintenance, and fence removal will continue. The fence removal program and trail maintenance will continue with the help of volunteer groups. Closed routes and cherry-stemmed roads will continue to be monitored to help identify areas where vehicle intrusions may be occurring. Trail and road counters will continue to be utilized to help estimate visitor use.

Restoration Projects: As a National Public Lands Day event, volunteers from ONDA are planning to dismantle two more miles of unneeded fence in Steens Mountain Wilderness. Two other fence pulling trips are planned with National Sierra Club and Oregon Sierra Club volunteer groups.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern: Defensibility monitoring will be conducted at four ACEC/RNAs. Ecological status monitoring will be conducted at five RNAs. Both types of monitoring will occur at one ACEC. Planning will be conducted for collection of baseline vegetation data to support climate change assessment at four additional RNAs, all within National Landscape Conservation System units. This data collection will occur in 2010, if CCS funding is approved.

Biscuit Root ACEC will have traditional root crop trend monitoring established along with defensibility monitoring of newly excluded root gathering traditional use areas (fenced from grazing).

Development of new ecological monitoring protocols for RNAs and ACECs will also occur in FY09 with Implementation in FY10 and FY11.

Wilderness Study Areas: Ongoing monitoring and signing will continue. New bulletin boards, signing, and other visitor information are being considered in areas where management of motorized vehicle use related to WSA boundaries is complex.

Reissuance of a proposed Decision for South Steens Water Development Project is expected.

Cultural Resources Programs

National Register Sites Managed

Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District, Sage Hen Gap, and Sheep Mountain Sites: Three National Register eligible sites were managed in 2008. The Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District was open to the public for self-guided tours between June and October. Volunteer caretakers were available onsite to help tourists, to provide light maintenance on the structures, and to keep a watchful eye on invaluable historic structures and period artifacts.

The Sage Hen Gap Clovis Site in Three Rivers was the scene of a 6-week field school put on by University of Oregon (U of O) and Burns BLM. The District provided logistical support, some facilities and volunteers through the Oregon Archaeological Society (OAS). Another 12,000+ year old Clovis spear point was found at the site and excavation produced a clear picture of the site's contents. The site was used at the end of the Pleistocene as a hunting camp where stone tools were repaired and made and game animals were butchered and consumed.

The Sheep Mountain Clovis Site was the final site managed in 2008. It too is a 12,000+ year old site located in Three Rivers RA (Photo CR-1). The U of O, OAS volunteers, and BLM employees partnered to complete backhoe trenching and test excavation at the site for 3 weeks. Another Clovis spear point was found by BLM employee Dan Braden and the excavations revealed a well-developed series of soils below Mazama ash (7,600 years ago) produced by the explosive eruption of former Mount Mazama. Late Pleistocene – early Holocene artifacts were found below the ash, dating to at least 10,000 years ago. Radiocarbon dates and paleo-botanical work are in progress at the time of this writing. Three presentations at professional conferences, at least six talks to local organizations, and two articles were published in professional journals as a result of these projects.

All excavation work at Sage Hen Gap and Sheep Mountain was covered by a 2008 EA.



Photo CR-1: Overview of Sheep Mountain Site and U of O Field School.

Site Restoration, Stabilization, and Protection

Princeton Rockshelters: Princeton Rockshelters were first recorded in 2008 by BLM personnel. They were reported to us by one of our regular volunteers. During recording, BLM staff realized the shelters contained buried cultural material undisturbed by looters. Undisturbed rockshelters are very rare in the District and can contain perishable items such as wooden tools, basketry, and woven fabric that are very important in explaining prehistoric people and their households.

The BLM personnel signed the vicinity of the rockshelters to help protect them from illegal collection and excavation.

The Fire Prone Sites project focuses fuels reduction treatments on historic buildings and other fire-sensitive cultural resources in both RAs. Work on the project was completed in Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District in 2008.

Protection Fences: No protection fences were constructed in 2008.

Archaeological Inventories

Clovis Quest Inventory: In 2008 the BLM archaeological staff implemented a systematic inventory of the north half of the District in search of Clovis spear points and associated artifacts. The BLM is very interested in discovering distribution of Clovis artifacts in southeastern Oregon and determining particular geographic locations preferred by people living off the land 13,000+ years ago. Archaeological staff is also determined to find a Clovis aged site(s) to recover datable material, such as charcoal or bone, to firmly date this technology and the people who used it in the northern Great Basin. The OAS and local volunteers spent 2 weeks in 2008 inventorying pre-selected locations and found a Clovis spear point at one site, completing 805 acres of survey, recording seven new sites and revisiting four sites. Because of this volunteer survey and other BLM staff work, the number of recent Clovis finds has increased. A new site, Sheep Mountain, was inventoried in 2007 and 2008 by BLM, OAS, local volunteers, and students from the U of O field school. Two Clovis spear points and Clovis era artifacts have been found there and the site has become the focus of surface collection, mapping, and excavation (Photos CR-2 and 3).



Photo CR-2: Close-up of 12,000+ Year Old Clovis Spear Point Found During Clovis Quest 2008.



Photo CR-3: Clovis Quest Volunteers 2008

Archaeological Site Research

Sage Hen Gap: Additional surface collection, mapping, and test and full-scale excavations were done in summer 2008 by the U of O field school under the direction of archaeologist Patrick O'Grady, Ph.D. The OAS, local volunteers, and BLM staff assisted in activities at the site. Another 12,000+ year old Clovis spear point was found at the site and the excavation produced a clear picture of the site's contents

(Photo CR-4). The site was used at the end of the Pleistocene as a hunting camp where stone tools were repaired and made and game animals were butchered and consumed.

Backhoe trenching in the ephemeral stream valley adjacent to the site was unable to locate any Clovis age big game kill site. While activities have been suspended there because of lack of results, the ephemeral drainage will continue to be monitored for exposed cultural material.

Sheep Mountain: Sheep Mountain Clovis Site was researched in 2009. It too is a 12,000+ year old site located in Three Rivers RA. The U of O, OAS volunteers, and BLM employees partnered to complete backhoe trenching and test excavation at the site for 3 weeks. Another Clovis spear point was found by BLM employee Dan Braden and the excavations revealed a well-developed series of soils below Mazama ash (7,600 years ago) produced by the explosive eruption of former Mount Mazama (Photo CR-5). Late Pleistocene/Early Holocene artifacts were found below the ash, dating to at least 10,000 years ago. Radiocarbon dates and paleo-botanical work are in progress. Three presentations at professional conferences, at least six talks to local organizations, and two articles were published in professional journals as a result of these projects.

All excavation work at Sage Hen Gap and Sheep Mountain was covered by a 2008 EA.

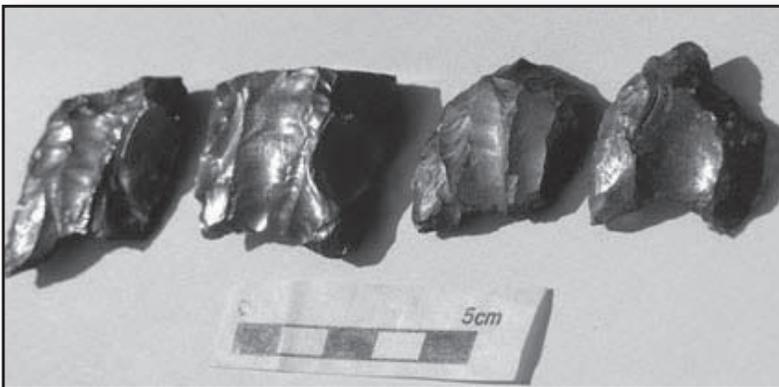


Photo CR-4: 12,000+ Year Old Clovis Spear Points from the Sage Hen Gap Site.



Photo CR-5: Close-up of Soil Layers Found at Sheep Mountain Site.



Photo CR-6: Close-up of Snake Petroglyph at the Roaring Butte Site.

Roaring Butte: University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (UWM) graduate students began a new phase of their study of Steens Mountain Archaeology in summer 2008. They completed surface survey, collection, and mapping of an early- to middle-Holocene encampment named the Roaring Butte Site in the uplands west of Steens Mountain summit. The site is a heavily used camp atop a hill with views of the surrounding country. It has snake and pit and groove petroglyphs, a large number of grinding stones and buried deposits.

(Photo CR-6). The students working there intend to compare this site with the much younger but similar Mortar Riddle Site on Little Blitzen River.

Paleontological Inventories

Monitoring the Weed Lake Ditch localities was completed in 2008. Additional fossils from the 20,000+ year-old Weed Lake Ditch locality were found and have been sent to South Dakota School of Mining and Technology paleontologist Jim Martin, Ph.D. for analysis and identification. In addition, two chert-knife fragments and a base of a large 10,000+ year old spear point were found in the ditch near an ancient archaeological site the ditch bisects.

A fossilized leg bone, found in Alvord Desert was sent to South Dakota School of Mining and Technology paleontologist Jim Martin, Ph.D. for analysis and identification. Dr. Martin was able to determine the bone was part of a foreleg of a prehistoric horse, the first recorded from Alvord Desert. An additional specimen, a large molar tooth, was excavated from Alvord Desert as well. It is currently being conserved and prepared for identification by Dr. Martin.

Interpretation Activities

Two interpretive panels at the Narrows were installed in 2008. One illustrates prehistoric hunting technology and the other is about American Indian edible plants found in Harney Basin.

An active interpretive program, consisting of presentations to local and regional vocational groups and at professional meetings was completed in 2008. Two articles about Clovis (12,000+ year old) sites were published in a professional journal.

Cultural Resources Clearances for District Projects

Thirty-five projects were cleared for District projects in 2008. Over 28,000 acres were inventoried and 159 sites were recorded.

Planned Work for FY09

National Register Sites Managed

Volunteer caretakers will continue to keep a watchful eye on Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District and regularly complete fire prevention, cleaning, and light maintenance tasks in and around Frederick Riddle Ranch headquarters building complex. They will also offer interpretive information and tours to visitors.

The caretakers' cabin at Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District will be outfitted with a solar array in 2009. The new solar system will provide electric lights, power for a more powerful radio and a new refrigerator/freezer. This improvement will decrease propane use at the cabin.

More work at Sheep Mountain Clovis Site will be completed in summer 2009.

Site Restoration, Stabilization, and Protection

No site restoration or stabilization activities are planned for 2009. Maintenance activities are planned for Gap Ranch Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District, Bulkeley and Gibson Cabins, and Trout Creek School House.

The Fire Prone Sites project focuses fuels reduction treatments on historic buildings and other fire-sensitive cultural resources in both RAs. Work on the project is anticipated at three cabin sites in Silvies Valley in 2009.

Skull Creek Dunes is a large, fragile, buried, prehistoric site with evidence of at least 9,000 years of occupation. It is susceptible to erosion caused by livestock trailing and All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) travel on the windward side of the site in particular. The site is located about half on private land and half on public land. The private landowner agreed to allow their portion of the site to be fenced with the public portion. Botanical and cultural clearances for this project will be completed in 2009. The EA will be written in 2010.

A temporary fence, protecting 3 acres of the Sheep Mountain Clovis Site from livestock trampling was proposed and will be completed prior to May 2009. The fence will be covered by a CX.

Archaeological Inventories

Clovis Quest 2009: Two weeks of archaeological inventory is planned for summer 2009. This inventory will be completed by BLM staff, OAS, and local volunteers.

Steens Archaeological Inventory Research: The UWM graduate students, OAS volunteers, and BLM staff will inventory selected areas in the Steens Mountain uplands. Inventories will focus on upland, long-term prehistoric campsites to compare with findings at Mortar Riddle Site.

Catlow Valley Archaeological Inventory: U of O graduate and field school students will complete several thousand acres of archaeological inventory in the northwest end of Catlow Valley near Guano Slough in summer 2009.

Archaeological Site Research

Steens Archaeological Research: As a continuation to research at Mortar Riddle Site on Steens Mountain, UWM graduate students, OAS, local volunteers, and BLM staff will continue testing at the Roaring Butte Site in the uplands of Steens Mountain in summer 2009.

Sage Hen Gap: A final report on the excavation at Sage Hen Gap Clovis Site is expected in October 2009.

Sheep Mountain: The U of O field school, OAS, local volunteers, and BLM staff will spend 6 weeks continuing excavations at Sheep Mountain Clovis Site in the north end of the District.

Erin's Cave Research: Erin's cave, a rockshelter with rock art and buried cultural deposits will be test excavated (1, 3 x 3 foot unit) in 2009. The object of the test excavation will be to retrieve charcoal to date the site, artifacts to determine the site function and to collect paleo-botanical samples to determine environmental conditions in the site vicinity when it was in use. The work will be completed by a U of O graduate student with help from BLM personnel.

Roaring Butte: UWM will return to the site to complete more inventory and test excavations in 2009.

Paleontological Inventory

Monitoring and collection at Weed Lake Ditch and Flagstaff Butte localities will be completed in 2009. Tentative plans are being made for a South Dakota School of Mining and Technology field school to work at the widespread Thousand Springs locality in the southern end of the District.

Interpretive Activities

Two interpretive signs will be placed at the entrance to Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District in spring 2009.

The Oregon State Office will visit the District to record a "medicine wheel" prehistoric site in May 2009. They will use low-elevation balloon photography to help map the various rock features at the site. Oregon Field Guide (Oregon Public Broadcasting) will be filming a segment for their weekly program at the same time.

An active interpretive program, consisting of presentations to local and regional groups and professional meetings is intended for 2009.

At least two articles will be submitted for publication in professional archaeological journals in 2009.

Cultural Resources Clearances for District Projects

FY09 District project clearance activities are very likely to mirror the levels seen in 2008. Large-scale, fuels reduction projects are the dominant project type expected.

Recreation

Please see Special Areas for a discussion regarding the Steens Mountain CRP.

During FY08, normal recreation maintenance was conducted at all recreation sites; campground hosts were stationed at Chickahominy, Page Springs, Fish Lake, and South Steens Campgrounds and at Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historical District; and recreation use monitoring continued, including the continued use of road counters to better understand recreation use throughout the area.

The following table depicts the number of SRPs and the number of paid visits by FY for the past 5 years:

FY*	Number of SRPs Issued	Paid Visits
04	18	4,109
05	46	3,045
06	35	3,323
07	26	3,606
08	24	3,963

*Past years shown for comparison.

Traffic counters to track visitation are set throughout the District. One new counter was purchased and set on North Loop Road. For FY08, 226,000 visits were recorded in the CMPA. Data is collected at 32 sites. Visitation is listed in the chart below for some of the Steens sites:

Mann Lake	4,429
North Loop Road	23,800
South Loop Road	16,800
Loop Road Total	~40,000
South Steens	9,000
Page Springs Campground	17,500
Fish Lake	10,300
Jackman Park	293

General analysis shows use this year was consistent with past years regardless of higher fuel prices.

The Zone Interagency Program between Emigrant Creek Ranger District (USFS) and BLM Burns District continued through FY08. This program falls under the umbrella of the "Service First" Initiative where the BLM and USFS are working together to deliver seamless service to customers and "boundary-less" care for the land. This program continues to be a win/win situation for the public, agencies involved, and the communities of Burns and Hines. Within guidelines of this agreement, the following were accomplished: quality recreation maintenance provided consistently throughout the USFS facilities; health and safety needs of the visiting public are meeting Federal and State standards; some infrastructure repairs were completed; better signing and organization of information boards within recreation sites, and campgrounds have been established.

Through a grant obtained by Oregon State Parks ATV Program, Radar Hill operation maintenance work occurred in FY08 with help from Harney County High Desert Wheelers. Cleanup of Radar

Hill OHV area included removal of two full loads of scrap metal and several truckloads of garbage - all for a combined total of over 3,000 pounds of debris. The group also cleaned up an old borrow pit area and even groomed some private, commonly used adjacent property.

Efforts continue on the Moon Hill Reservoir EA to analyze effects of developing the recreation site including refurbishing the fishing dock, installation of a vault toilet and graveling roads. The BLM resubmitted a grant request to the Oregon State Marine Board to help fund the improvements.

In FY08 in addition to ongoing maintenance, work continued at Page Springs that included new tables, fire rings, water system, and rerouting the road. Work at Page Springs will be completed by the end of FY09. A new pump, CXT toilet, and picnic tables were added at Joaquin Miller and all tables were replaced and a new CXT toilet was added at Delintment Lake.

Page Springs Recreation Site Visitor Survey: In order for BLM to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act, and better meet the needs of the public, a visitor satisfaction survey was conducted at 23 BLM recreation sites in 11 States during FY08. Page Springs was selected as one of the sites. The response rate for this survey was 59 percent. Of those surveyed, 98 percent of site visitors rated their experience as either "good" or "very good." Over 95 percent of the responses were positive regarding the quality of information provided, condition of facilities, visitor and recreation management, protection of natural and cultural resources, performance of BLM staff, and the interpretive and educational program. In addition, 95 percent of the respondents felt the fee charged for the site was "about right" and the value was equal to the fee they were asked to pay.

Wildland Juniper Management Area (WJMA) Interpretive Panels: Congress designated an area of over 3,000 acres for juniper experiment and education in the Steens Act. Treatment plots have been established and signing is being developed and installed. Signing includes development of six interpretive panels and one introduction sign. Three will be at the first pullout and three at the study plots. Panels are about 75 percent completed. The overall look and theme of the signs has been developed. All that remains is some text and photo manipulation. A brochure is also under development. Signs and brochure are the result of an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant. A mock up of the brochure will be made available for SMAC members to review.

2008 Winter Recreation: Thirteen permits were issued incorporating 41 individuals. Primary uses were winter camping and cross-country skiing.

Planned Work for FY09

Staff will work on developing the purpose and need for action, alternatives and description of the affected environment for the CRP in FY09 with a public comment period to occur in FY10.

Proposed projects for FY09 include continuing maintenance of all recreation sites, continuing road and trail counter monitoring throughout Burns District, and conducting required NEPA analyses to accommodate new special recreation permittees such as outfitters, guides, and organized groups. The Zone Interagency Recreation Program will continue throughout FY09.

Radar Hill operation maintenance grant work will again occur in FY09 consisting of dispersal of ATV safety and riding ethics literature, trash removal by the Harney County work crew,

improvement of water drainage to mitigate resource damages, installing barriers, and signing of public lands. A grant was obtained through Oregon State Parks ATV Program.

Work on Moon Hill Reservoir EA will continue. This EA will analyze effects of developing the recreation site including refurbishing the fishing dock, installation of a vault toilet, and graveling roads. The grant for Moon Reservoir was resubmitted to the Oregon State Marine Board.

Woodland and Forest Management

The forestry program is primarily limited to Three Rivers RA, except for a small number of special forest product sales in the Andrews RA near Frenchglen and Diamond, Oregon.

Forest health treatments and associated hazardous fuels reduction projects continue to be the District's priority for forest management. The commercial removal of small diameter trees from Newell Forest Health Project finished in May 2008. The project continues with noncommercial thinning and piling with 103 acres being completed in 2008.

The Pinecraft Hazardous Fuels Reduction project was awarded in February 2008. Pinecraft Hazardous Fuels Reduction project will treat 790 acres of overstocked, second-growth ponderosa pine stands. Treatments include fencing and/or replanting 12 aspen stands, noncommercial thinning, slash piling and burning, timber harvest, and road relocations and closures.

The Rudy Forest Health project was analyzed under the Otis Mountain/Moffet Table EA and will treat 770 acres of overstocked, second-growth ponderosa pine stands. Treatments include restoring 10 aspen stands, noncommercial thinning, slash piling and burning, timber harvest, and road closures. In FY08 unit layout occurred with implementation expected in 2011.

Noncommercial thinning continues to be a tool to reduce hazardous fuels in forest and woodland stands. A 100-acre noncommercial thinning and slash piling project was awarded and completed in 2008 and the slash piles will be burned in 2010.

About 100 acres of ponderosa pine seedlings were planted this year in the 2006 Black Rock burn area and 17 acres in the 2007 Egley burn area. Additional seedlings will be planted in 2010 to continue the reforestation project within the Egley burn area. Reforestation projects are expected to be completed in 2011.

The District continues to utilize stewardship contracting for implementing forest and woodland restoration projects. Stewardship contracting uses the value of excess forest, woodland or rangeland resources for restoration treatments. These generally are small diameter trees that are by-products of the treatments. Lake Creek and Theimer are the Districts two active stewardship contracts. The Lake Creek Stewardship contract was awarded in 2008 and will treat 720 acres of ponderosa pine/juniper woodlands. During 2008, 353 acres of noncommercial thinning and slash piling was completed. The Theimer Stewardship contract completed 153 acres of ponderosa pine/juniper thinning and machine piling in 2008.

Aspen stands are an important habitat that continues to be a District priority for restoration. Aspen management continues in both hazardous fuels reduction and forest health projects. This

involves the removal of encroached junipers and pines from these sites. Fencing of aspen stands to allow regeneration may occur if project dollars are available.

Special forest products including juniper boughs, posts, and firewood continue to be provided as a service to the public.

Juniper control projects have also been identified in the Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management, WJMA (Special Areas Section), and Wildfire and Fuels Management Sections of this update.

Planned Work for FY09

An additional 100 acres of noncommercial thinning and slash piling will occur in 2009 under the Pinecraft Hazardous Fuels Reduction project.

The District expects to award the Mill Creek Stewardship contract in 2009 consisting of 350 acres of transitional ponderosa pine/juniper woodland thinning and reduction of hazardous fuels as the primary objectives.

Sale of special forest products including juniper boughs, posts, and firewood as a service to the public will continue.

Minerals

In February 2008 EP Minerals updated their reclamation plans and reclamation bond for the Celatom Mine, a diatomite mine approximately 50 miles northeast of Burns, Oregon. In July 2008 EP Minerals provided an updated Mine Plan of Operations (MPO) for expansion of this mine. The Celatom Mine currently covers approximately 450 acres on Federal, State, and private lands. The EP Minerals' new MPO consists of existing mining operations in addition to a proposed mine expansion and exploratory drilling covering 8,115 acres Federal, 1,280 acres State, 1,640 acres private, and 1,600 acres with private surface estate and Federal mineral estate patented lands under the Stock Raising Homestead Act.

On Federal land EP Minerals is currently mining under an MPO approved by BLM after environmental analysis in 1985. Stockpile operations on Federal land near Vale, Oregon, were approved by Vale District BLM in 1986. The Project Area to be analyzed in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) during 2009 will include both existing and proposed operations because mining methods and environmental analysis requirements have changed since 1985 and 1986. During preparation of the EIS, EP Minerals will continue to operate within the mine and stockpile boundaries on Federal land approved by BLM in 1985 and 1986 and on private and State land permitted separately through the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

Sunstone claims within the Steens Act Mineral Withdrawal Area were found to be null and void by an IBLA Administrative Law Judge in October 2007. The claimants requested further review by IBLA, which decided in favor of BLM on June 23, 2008.

In 2007 the Green Obsidian Mine claim north of Burns lapsed and BLM's 1996 community pit designation under the mineral materials regulations acquired a superior right to all subsequent

claims under mining law regulations. In 2008 escrowed funds from Green Obsidian Mine operations were disbursed in favor of BLM.

In 2008 ZeoCorp crushed and stockpiled 10,000 tons of ore at South Harney Road Zeolite Mine located on Federal land south of Harney Lake. ZeoCorp did not increase the surface area of the mine permitted and opened in 1996; instead they deepened the existing mine and used the existing operations area for stockpiling ore. Also in 2008 ZeoCorp hauled 1,000 tons of crushed ore from the mine to their mill on private land in Hines, backhauled mill waste from the mill to their private land near the mine, removed mining equipment from the mine, and seeded the mine area with an approved seed mix as interim reclamation during periods of inactivity. In 2009 ZeoCorp will continue working on marketing the zeolite ore.

In October 2008 Malheur Flatstone began mining small quantities of flat rock from claims adjacent to Pine Creek Decorative Stone Community Pit at a reduced rate from that approved by BLM after environmental analysis in 2007. While operations continue at a reduced rate, Malheur Flatstone will not improve the access road. The access road was minimally improved by BLM in July 2007 for use by heavy fire engines to reach a lightning-caused fire beyond the claims. Junipers cut by BLM along the access road in July 2007 were limbed, piled, and burned by BLM in fall 2008. Malheur Flatstone is paying monthly into an escrow account the estimated in-place value of the flat rock prior to mining. The outcome of a mineral exam to determine if flat rock is a common or uncommon variety is pending. The BLM continues to sell flat rock from Pine Creek Decorative Stone Community Pit adjacent to the flat rock claims.

Removal of small volumes of sand and gravel and flat rock for personal use is permitted by sales from 32 designated community pits in Burns District. The BLM averages 20 small sales (10 to 500 cubic yards each) per year to the general public. Sales of large volumes for personal use are rare. Removal of large volumes of gravel to public entities such as Harney County Road Department and Oregon Department of Transportation is permitted by free-use permits from community pits. The BLM averages two large free-use permits (approximately 50,000 cubic yards each) per year. Environmental analyses for new aggregate sources, development and reclamation plans, in-place value calculations, and reclamation cost calculations are written and updated as time allows.

Planned Work for FY09

The primary minerals workload in 2009 will be providing input and review for preparation of the Celatom Mine Expansion EIS by a third party contractor.

In 2009 BLM will establish procedures under the mineral materials permit system for mechanized removal of green obsidian from the lapsed claim area north of Burns. Meanwhile the area is open to nonmechanized removal of small quantities by the general public as a casual use activity. Despite subsequent mining claims, the BLM community pit designation has a superior right.

A geothermal lease sale was held December 19, 2008, in Utah with three parcels partly within Burns District. One stipulation on the leases for parcels in Burns District stated the entire lease area is considered occupied or potentially occupied sage-grouse habitat, and any future exploration or development proposals within the lease area may result in an amendment to the RMP. A Record of Decision (ROD) for a programmatic EIS for geothermal leasing in the western United States was signed by BLM on December 19, 2009, and that EIS amends RMPs for lease stipulations including those regarding sage-grouse habitat. The ONDA appealed BLM's issuance of the leases to IBLA, and that case is expected to be decided in 2009.

Pending funding, an abandoned mine shaft and an adit on the east side of Pueblo Peak will be backfilled. The abandoned mine adit is at the topmost zig-zag road on the east side of Pueblo Peak and the abandoned mine shaft is approximately one-half mile south and downhill from the adit.

In 2009 BLM will inspect the sunstone claims in the Steens Act Mineral Withdrawal Area for final reclamation.

Lands Tenure Adjustments, Access, and Rights-Of-Way

In 2008 the Burns District lands and realty program continued its efforts to acquire lands within the CMPA. One 20-acre private inholding within Steens Mountain Wilderness was purchased in FY08 using Land and Water Conservation Fund monies. The BLM also reached a tentative agreement with another landowner to purchase his two wilderness inholdings totaling 30 acres on the east side of Steens Mountain Wilderness. The BLM continues negotiations with other landowners on exchanges and purchases that would result in acquisition of additional Steens lands.

A decision to complete the Rock Creek land exchange was made early in the year. This exchange would result in acquisition of private land with rural residential development potential within the viewshed of the east face of Steens Mountain near Mann Lake. The BLM's decision was appealed by a landowner who lives adjacent to some of the Federal lands involved in the exchange. The appeal is currently pending before IBLA.

Two License Agreements were developed between BLM and the USFS during the FY. These agreements provide for use of National Forest roads for BLM timber sale activities and hauling of forest products from public land.

A Recreation and Public Purposes lease authorizing Burns Butte Shooting Range was renewed for an additional 10-year term. The BLM and Burns Butte Sportsmen's Club discontinued their efforts to arrange for a sale of the land to the club as the club was unable to fund the appraised purchase price required by regulation.

Road use agreements, ROWs, and permits were issued in the District for development of new roads, use of existing roads, small-scale electric power distribution lines, telephone lines, and a variety of other public land uses. Most of this activity was generated from rural residential development in the outlying areas of Harney County. One ROW authorized an electric distribution line over 6 miles long all located within an existing utility corridor. The power line provides service to an area of private land just outside the Burns-Hines communities where multiple rural residences may be developed.

Two new communications site leases were issued at Jack Mountain making a total of four authorized users at the site. The two new leases authorize a new cell site and a repeater tower for Harney County Emergency Medical Service's two-way radio system.

An ROW was granted to the University of Texas at El Paso to allow the university to conduct a controlled seismic survey associated with the High Lava Plains Seismic Experiment, an investigation into volcanism and geology of the earth's crust in the northern Great Basin. This experiment involves multiple universities and researchers conducting geological testing in

Oregon, Idaho, and Nevada. The controlled source survey culminating in early September 2008 was the highlight of the overall seismic experiment. The survey involved over 20 simultaneous underground explosions in boreholes drilled specifically for the survey along with installation of nearly 2,000 small geophones throughout the region to record the explosions and detail characteristics of the earth's crust. Although this phase of the High Lava Plains Seismic Experiment is complete, temporary seismograph stations located on public and private lands will continue to operate through 2009.

An entirely new dimension affecting the Burns District lands program is responding to energy-related activities, primarily wind monitoring and testing. The District administered two wind monitoring and testing Project Area ROWs originally granted in 2006. One of these grants was relinquished late in 2008 due to insufficient wind resources and military over-flight issues. However, during the summer of 2008 seven new applications for wind monitoring and testing Project Areas were received in the District. Processing of these applications is ongoing. In addition, preliminary meetings and pre-application activity occurred for development of a wind farm on public lands in the Pueblo Mountains and for a transmission line crossing public lands to service a proposed private wind farm in the north Steens.

The Burns District with the assistance of the Oregon State Office prepared and submitted to the BLM's Washington Office for ultimate submission to Congress formal legal descriptions of the wilderness, CMPA and other special areas as required by the Steens Act.

Planned Work for FY09

The District will continue to respond to energy-related land use applications as its highest realty program priority. All pending applications as well as new applications for wind testing and monitoring will be processed to completion. The BLM will process an application for renewal of Horizon Wind Energy's existing Pueblo Mountain wind testing and monitoring Project Area for an additional 3-year term. Horizon has also indicated their intent to apply for full wind energy (wind farm) development in that Project Area. If this application is received BLM will begin processing the application and working with Horizon to conduct resource inventories, prepare the necessary NEPA documents, and provide for public input toward a decision on the development project.

Upon filing of a complete application, BLM will begin processing Harney Electric Cooperative's proposal to construct an electric power line ROW to provide transmission of power produced from private wind farms proposed in the North Steens Area.

The Burns and Vale Districts will provide input and consult with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on an application for a license by Warms Springs Irrigation District to develop hydropower capability at their existing irrigation dam at Warm Springs Reservoir.

Negotiations will continue with willing landowners in the CMPA to secure key parcels in public ownership and to protect and conserve other properties in the CMPA. Work will resume toward a closing on the Rock Creek Land Exchange if a favorable decision is made by IBLA in 2009. Negotiations will continue with an owner of two wilderness inholdings totaling 30 acres until a formal purchase agreement can be executed. At that point, an appraisal will be ordered and title clearance actions completed. Negotiations and processing will continue on the Clemens land

exchange once the proponent has reached side agreements with third parties. If completed, this exchange would result in acquisition by BLM of six small wilderness inholdings. The District will immediately undertake processing of any other opportunities that arise to purchase additional wilderness inholdings and generally consider exchange proposals for wilderness inholdings a higher priority than proposals in other areas. The BLM will also explore a recent opportunity to acquire access to Catlow Rim Area on the west side of the Steens.

Access acquisition efforts will be undertaken in preparation for BLM timber sales including the proposed Mill Creek and Rudy Timber Sales.

The BLM will process an application proposed by the Fields School District to purchase 2.5 acres of public land under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act for an extension of their existing school property for a permanent storage building and parking lot.

With the downturn in the national economy, rural residential and associated ROW activity may slow somewhat. Regardless, all ROWs and land use permit applications for realty uses will continue to be processed as they are received and unauthorized use dealt with as it is discovered. Compliance inspections on authorized land uses will be conducted to ensure compliance with terms and conditions of the authorization.

Hazardous Materials

Hazmat

The Glass Buttes AML area was inspected in 2008 and reestablishment of vegetation is successful. Bat grates at AML sites on the east side of Steens Mountain will continue to be monitored periodically. Sampling has revealed no hazmat at AML sites, and no new hazmat sites have been identified.

Planned Work for FY09

The hazmat program promotes recycling, provides for proper cleanup of reported spills and debris on BLM land, provides annual disposal of BLM's unwanted or expired paint and other hazardous materials used in our work, and provides hazmat assessment of parcels of land for realty land exchanges and other realty actions.

Wildfire and Fuels Management

Preparedness Program

The Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ) is comprised of State and Federal Agencies from across southeast Oregon including Burns District BLM, Emigrant Creek Ranger District, Malheur National Forest and Malheur NWR. The BIFZ annually staffs a mixture of fire fighting resources consisting of 17 engines, 1 helicopter, a 5-person hand crew, a Single Engine Air Tanker, and 6 fire lookouts.

Prevention Program

The BIFZ fire prevention program consists of three basic elements: Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL), public awareness (awareness) and public outreach (outreach). These three elements are functioning at various levels.

The IFPL is a mandated function performed by Burns Interagency Communication Center and is fully functional. It consists of developing, tracking, and communicating IFPLs that regulate operations performed on public lands. It is a progressive scale raising restrictions as general fire danger increases from no restrictions to total shutdown of almost all operations. It is communicated by signs, an information line and notifying government employees overseeing contracts, agreements or industrial activities.

Awareness consists of developing, tracking, and communicating fire danger indices and somewhat restricts activities pursued on public lands. Awareness is accomplished through six zone entry portal signs, a collection of various signs placed across the zone and public service announcements through local newspapers and radio. This element is currently functioning at a minimum level. Noteworthy, however, is the Red Flag Program. This program is a communication program where people and businesses post red flags during periods of hazardous fire weather conditions (Red Flag Warnings) as announced by the National Weather Service.

Outreach efforts consist of facilitating Smokey Bear appearances at local public events, namely the Harney County Fair, and maintaining a recorded phone message at (541) 573-4555 to provide updated IFPLs, fire danger, and public use restrictions information.

In the past the BIFZ had a dedicated prevention technician and funding to perform prevention functions. With decline in overall funding, the position has been vacant for several years and funded prevention activities are at a minimum. When staffed and funded, the prevention program had more robust approaches to accomplishing the three elements, especially awareness and outreach. The Harney County Community Wildfire Prevention Plan notes the need for increased awareness and outreach as does the BIFZ management staff. In an attempt to facilitate more awareness and outreach an approach being tried for the first time is assigning some activities to the BIFZ Business Assistant.

Fire Planning Program

Wildland fire and aviation preparedness reviews are conducted annually prior to fire season to help the field unit prepare for fire season, identify operational, procedural, personnel or equipment deficiencies, and recommend corrective actions. National level reviews occur every 4 years with the last one occurring in 2005. Regional/State level reviews are conducted every 2 years with the last one occurring in 2007. A national review of the Zones Suppression and Fire Business functions will occur in May 2009.

Phase 1 of Fire Planning Analysis (FPA) for the Burns Fire Planning Unit was accomplished in 2006. The purpose of the FPA System is to provide managers with a common interagency process for fire management, analysis, planning, and budgeting to evaluate effectiveness of alternative fire management strategies through time to meet land management goals and objectives. The FPA will reflect fire objectives and performance measures for the full scope of fire management activities.

It is a joint initiative between five Federal wildland fire management agencies: USFS, BLM, National Park Service, USFWS, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. The FPA replaces the initial attack preparedness systems used by these five agencies prior to 2006. The FPA had no activity occur in 2008.

Program reviews are conducted periodically to identify planning, implementation, and fiscal strengths and weaknesses, check application of policy direction, and recommend corrective actions. The periodic review and update of the BIFZ Fire Management Plan began in fall 2008 and will be completed by spring 2009.

Stabilization and Rehabilitation Planning

In 2006 an Emergency Stabilization and Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan to cover eight fires was completed. The BLM seeded approximately 11,000 acres (3,500 acres of which were solely native species) constructed or repaired 15 erosion control structures, installed an early-flood warning system above the community of Fields, and constructed or repaired 82 miles of fence. Seventy (70) acres of ponderosa pine seedlings were planted spring 2008.

Four Emergency Stabilization and three Burned Area Rehabilitation Plans were completed for four large fires of 2007. In conjunction with these plans, four EAs were written. The BLM seeded approximately 13,000 acres and conducted work to protect against large sediment loss by installing or repairing 14 sediment control structures. Ponderosa tree planting and bitterbrush planting were planned, but not funded. The BLM will be repairing 89 miles of fence and constructing another 15 miles. In spring 2008 approximately 400 acres were planted with conifers on the Egley Fire. In fall 2008 plans and contracts were developed for additional conifer planting, grass and shrub seeding, fence repair and weed treatments on the Silvies River Fire.

Monitoring is ongoing and management decisions are being based and/or modified on some of the data generated. Per policy all treatments have permanent monitoring plots and plots are measured annually. Monitoring will continue through 2011.

Agreements

Updated fire agreements were put in place during 2005 and have since been updated annually. These agreements provide mutual assistance to Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Division of State Lands, Burns and Hines Volunteer Fire Departments, County 911 center, and Crane-Drewsey, Silver Creek, and Fields-Andrews Rural Fire Protection Associations. These agreements provide suppression assistance, coordinated fire prevention planning, and joint training opportunities amongst participants. In the spring of 2007 a new agreement was forged with Malheur NWR bringing their Fire Management Staff and resources fully into the BIFZ organization. In late 2008 a Service First Agreement with the Malheur NWR was forged to create a joint BLM and NWR Fuels Planner Position. Details of the position should be finalized and a person in place by summer 2009.

Fire Suppression

The following table provides information regarding suppression efforts for FY04-FY08:

FY*	Agency	Total Number of Fires	Total Acres	Lightning Caused (Number/Acres)	Human Caused (Number/Acres)
2004	BLM	24	77	19/73	5/4
	FS	72	25	61/22	11/3
	USFWS	6	810	4/320	2/490
2005	BLM	47	10,392	38/8,999	9/1,393
	FS	40	22	32/17	8/5
	USFWS	4	22	3/17	1/5
2006	BLM	123	153,685	103/100,003	20/53,682
	FS	78	26	65/19	13/7
	USFWS	3	13	3/13	0
2007	BLM	58	99,574	43/89,578	15/9,996
	FS	78	101,510	53/101,446	25/64
	USFWS	7	28	6/26	1/2
2008	BLM	38	5,066	30/5060	8/6
	FS	37	13	23/6.5	14/6.5
	USFWS	4	251	0	4/251

*Additional years shown for comparison.



Photo WF-1. Silvies River Fire, North of Burns, Oregon

Fuels Management Program

The Burns District manages a diverse landscape in the southern Blue Mountains and northern Great Basin of southeastern Oregon. Many vegetation types are represented within this area from conifer forest to the north to sagebrush-steppe on the southern end. Present and future fuels projects within Burns District are focused on reducing hazardous fuel concentrations and restoring native plant and animal communities that rely on periodic disturbance from fire.

Since the early 1980s, there has been a shift in how wildland fire is viewed by the public and managed by the BLM. Prior to European settlement, fire played a significant role in most Pacific Northwest ecosystems. Plants and animals developed mechanisms to escape, avoid or tolerate periodic fires. European settlement changed the view of periodic wildfires. Fires were viewed as a destructive force and a competitor for resources. Resources consumed by fire were thought to be lost. Land management agencies in the early part of the 20th century began a campaign to reduce land and resources lost to wildfires. Reducing influence of fire in these ecosystems allowed living and dead plant material to accumulate. Prior to the era of fire suppression, periodic fires in forests and rangelands kept the amount of dead and dying trees, or density and cover of shrubs, at a level where large-scale, high-intensity wildfires were a rare event. From the early part of the 20th century to the 1950s and 1960s there were little obvious impacts of fire suppression efforts. In the early 1980s, there appeared to be an increase in number of acres burned and average size of fires. This trend became readily apparent in the 1990s, when large-scale, high-intensity wildfires began to occur every fire season. Some of these fires received widespread attention because of their damage or threats to businesses and residences in areas adjacent to forests and wildlands, now called the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). In the latter part of the 1990s, Federal agencies began to work to reduce these threats.

The Healthy Forest Initiative was launched in 2002 to aid in implementation of projects from the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA). The HFRA provides improved statutory processes for hazardous fuels reductions projects on BLM lands and also provides other authorities and direction to help reduce hazardous fuel and restore healthy forest and rangeland conditions on lands of all ownerships.

The BLM Fuels Management Program treated less than 60,000 acres nationwide prior to 1998. Since that time, the BLM has treated an average of 188,000 acres a year nationwide. The hazardous fuels reduction projects strive to mitigate threats to public safety, and enhance, restore, and/or maintain critical plant and animal communities.

Burns District has followed National direction by increasing the number of acres treated from under 2,500 acres in 1996 to a high of over 21,000 acres in 2006. A combination of prescribed fire and various mechanical treatments has been utilized to reduce threats to the public and enhance, maintain, and restore plant and animal communities. A summary of accomplishments is illustrated in the table below.

BURNS DISTRICT HAZARDOUS FUELS PROGRAM SUMMARY

FY*	Thinning Acres	Machine Pile Acres	Hand Pile Acres	Brush Mowing Acres	Seeded Acres	Pile Burn Acres	Prescribed Burn Acres	Total Acres
2004	6,908	474	302	2,606	0	580	4,930	15,800
2005	5,834	1,857	764	1,500	1,153	1,130	5,441	17,679
2006	3,351	316	1,265	2,550	4,620	348	9,045	21,495
2007	1,863	165	12	1,400	325	1,359	5,687	10,811
2008	5,043	767	115	0	715	2,077	5,711	14,428

*Additional years shown for comparison.

A combination of mechanical fuels treatment and prescribed fire are being used to help reduce fuels accumulations in the ponderosa pine forests and adjacent sagebrush steppe on Burns District. Three Rivers RA has numerous planning efforts taking place such as Strategic Fuel Breaks, Hazardous Fuels Reduction, SHED Forest Restoration, Lake Creek/Boone Canyon Forest Restoration, Three Rivers Under Burning CX, and Forks of Poison Creek/Devine Ridge Vegetation Management Restoration Projects. The following provides an update for each project:

- Strategic Fuel Breaks Project planning was completed in 2004 and implementation work began in 2005. Work on the project is ongoing. To date approximately 349 acres have been thinned and piled and 330 acres pile burned. Future implementation plans include further thinning, pile burning, and maintenance mowing. Unit planning for the next phase occurred in 2008 and work will resume tentatively in 2010.
- Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project planning was completed in 2004 and implementation began in 2005. Work on the project is ongoing. To date approximately 4,041 acres have been burned, 1,318 acres piled, and 1,153 acres seeded. No work was conducted on this project in 2008. Future plans are to pile and burn fuel concentrations along roadsides tentatively starting in 2010.
- The SHED Forest Restoration Project planning was completed in 2005 and implementation began the same year. Work on the project continued in FY08. To date approximately 2,302 acres have been thinned and piled and 435 acres pile burned. Future implementation plans include further thinning, piling, and pile burning. This project should be completed by 2010.
- Lake Creek/Boone Canyon Forest Restoration Project planning was completed in 2004 and implementation began in 2005. Work on the continued in FY08. To date approximately 3,058 acres have been thinned and piled and 551 acres pile burned. Further implementation plans include finish pile burning, start thinning and machine piling, and implement a forest under burn.
- Three Rivers Under Burning CX planning was completed in 2006 and implementation began the same year. Work on the project continued in FY08. To date approximately 2,056 acres have been burned on the north-central units.
- Forks of Poison Creek/Devine Ridge Vegetation Management Restoration project planning was completed in 2005 and implementation began the same year. Work on the project continued in FY08. To date approximately 2,177 acres have been burned, 3,114 acres thinned, 1,017 acres seeded, and 629 acres piled. A cooperative agreement with Tyler Bros. Ranches was developed to treat an additional estimated 1,500 acres of comingled public and private lands. Juniper cutting to prepare for a prescribed fire began fall of 2008 and is ongoing. The prescribed fire is tentatively scheduled for fall 2010.

Other areas of fuels management projects being conducted are in sagebrush plant communities that have been, or are being, converted to western juniper woodlands. Primary goals of these projects are protecting life and private property located within and adjacent to these plant communities and restoring or maintaining sagebrush plant communities. Many wildlife species rely on these sagebrush plant communities for their life cycles. Western juniper has increased significantly over the last 150 years at the expense of sagebrush and associated plant species. Reduction in dominance of western juniper will help to reestablish mountain big sagebrush, quaking aspen, and riparian hardwood plant communities. Three Rivers RA has planning efforts taking place with Miller Canyon/Mahon Creek Rangeland Restoration Project. Andrews RA has planning efforts taking place with Ruby Springs Rangeland Restoration CX and Oliver Springs Rangeland Restoration CX. The following provides an update for each project:

- Miller Canyon/Mahon Creek Rangeland Restoration Project planning was completed in 2005 and implementation began the same year. Work on the project continued in FY08. Miller Canyon South Pasture Prescribed Fire was completed during September 2008, treating approximately 2,300 acres. Approximately 1,000 acres of seeding was accomplished November and December 2008. Future plans include cutting, burning, and seeding the North Pastures. Work on the North and Mahone Pastures should begin the summer of 2009. Approximately 1,500 acres of juniper are planned to be cut to prepare for a prescribed fire to occur in 2010.
- Ruby Springs Rangeland Restoration CX planning was completed in 2004 and implementation began the same year. Work on the project continued in FY08 (please refer to the North Steens Project information below). In 2010 plans are to jackpot burn 131 acres and seed 831 acres.
- Oliver Springs Rangeland Restoration CX planning was completed in 2006 and implementation began the same year. To date approximately 2,400 acres have been thinned and 300 acres burned. The Oliver Springs Prescribed Fire was completed between September and October 2008 treating approximately 5,500 acres. Approximately 2,000 acres of seeding were accomplished between November and December 2008. These treatments should finish the project.



Photo WF-2: Oliver Springs Prescribed Fire, southwest of Diamond, Oregon



Photo WF-3: Miller Canyon Restoration Project

Previously planned projects are reaching their final phases of implementation. These projects are Kiger Creek/East Ridge Rangeland Restoration Project in Andrews RA and Rattlesnake, Squaw Creek, Coffeepot (RSC) Forest Restoration and Fir Gulch/Coleman Creek Restoration Projects in Three Rivers RA.

- Kiger Creek/East Ridge Rangeland Restoration Project continued implementation. To date an additional 200 acres were thinned and burned. These treatments achieved their purpose of reducing wildland fire hazards and improving the condition of rangeland plant communities. Unit planning and layout were accomplished in 2008. Another 400 acres of juniper thinning are planned for 2009 and burning in 2010. These treatments should complete the project.
- The RSC Forest Restoration Project continued implementation. The project is achieving its objectives of reducing threat of a large-scale, high-intensity crown fire in ponderosa pine forest and removing juniper expansion into sagebrush steppe to promote overall forest and rangeland health. To date approximately 1,839 acres have been thinned, 1,647 acres piled, and 1,477 acres piled burned. Unit planning and layout were accomplished in 2008. Another 200 acres are planned to be thinned and piled in 2009 and the last piles burned in 2010. These treatments should finish the project.
- The Fir Gulch/Coleman Creek Restoration Project will continue implementation. The project is achieving its objectives of reducing threat of a large-scale, high-intensity crown fire in a unique Douglas Fir Grove located in Stinkingwater Mountains and removing juniper expansion into the grove to promote overall forest and health and wildlife habitat. To date 34 acres have been thinned, piled, and the piles burnt. In 2009 another 30 acres are planned to be thinned, piled, and the resultant piles burnt in 2010. These treatments should finish the project.

Eight fuels reduction/ecosystem restoration projects were developed for Three Rivers RA and two for Andrews RA. These projects will reduce fuels and influence of western juniper on plant communities and reduce stocking of forested stands on public and private lands in cooperation with participating private landowners. They include Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project (see specifically titled section below) located in the vicinity of Riddle Mountain; Dry Lake Ecological Restoration Project located west of Silver Creek in the northwestern quarter of the RA; Camp Harney/Cow Creek Ecological Restoration Project located north of Harney; Otis Mountain/Moffet Table Vegetation Management Project situated due north of the community of Drewsey; Wyoming Big Sagebrush Fuel Break Project located generally south of Highway 20 and west of Highway 205; and North Steens Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlands Juniper Management Area projects located within the Steens Mountain Area (see specifically titled sections below). The Fire Prone Sites project focuses fuels reduction treatments on historic buildings and other fire-sensitive cultural resources in both RAs. The following provides an update for each project:

- Dry Lake Ecological Restoration Project planning was completed in 2006. In fall 2008 work was begun on approximately 350 acres of thinning and machine piling in conjunction with the SHED project. This work will continue into 2009 and planning for treatments beyond 2009 is ongoing.
- Camp Harney/Cow Creek Ecological Restoration Project planning was completed in 2007. Unit planning and layout were accomplished in 2008. Implementation is scheduled to begin in 2009.

- Otis Mountain/Moffet Table Vegetation Management Project planning was completed in 2008. Implementation is scheduled to begin in 2009.
- Wyoming Big Sagebrush Fuel Break Project Phases 1 through 4 was completed between 2003 and 2007. Approximately 2,950 acres have been mowed. No work occurred in 2009. Depending on the results of the onsite monitoring, maintenance to Phase 1 is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2010.
- Fire Prone Sites Project planning was completed in 2006 and implementation began in 2007. In 2008 work continued with approximately 40 acres of juniper limbing at Gap Ranch. Thinning, hand piling, and grass mowing to improve emergency vehicle access and create defensible space at the Riddle Brothers Ranch occurred. In 2009 approximately 10 acres are planned to be thinned and hand piled around two historic sites in the Silvie Valley. Planning for treatments at other sites beyond 2009 is ongoing.

Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project: Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project is a landscape- scale vegetation treatment encompassing approximately 73,500 acres (approximately 26,000 acres in the CMPA). The primary purposes of this project are to return vegetation communities to historic compositions and reduce hazardous fuel loads. This will be accomplished by using various forms of prescribed fire and mechanical treatments to reduce influence of encroaching western juniper. Project timeline is projected to be 10 to 12 years.

Approximately 7,670 acres were selectively cut in 2008. The selective juniper cuts are needed to help prescribed fires planned in 2008 (Unit 1), 2009 (Unit 2), and 2010 (Unit 3) move across the landscape in a mosaic pattern.

Cultural and botanical surveys were completed across 19,000 acres within Unit 3.

During September, implementation of prescribed burning began within Unit 1, approximately 5,500 acres. Full implementation included, but was not limited to, black-lining the planned burn perimeter, the use of a helitorch to burn the internal acres, and hand lighting portions of the unit.



Photo WF-4: Helitorch at work building a column to pull the fire across Unit 1.



Photo WF-5: BIFZ fire crews black-lining a portion of Unit 1.

Following the burn, approximately 2,000 acres were aerial seeded to aid in the recovery of areas where closed canopy juniper had replaced the herbaceous and shrub understory. These areas were generally in more productive soils of east and north facing slopes.

Prior to the prescribed burn, photo monitoring and plant species inventories were collected by the BLM at permanent monitoring sites in the uplands and along riparian areas within the Project Area. Photo monitoring also occurred post burn. Monitoring will continue over the next several years to determine the overall success of treatments to plant communities. In addition, the Burns District Fire Ecology Program established five new permanent monitoring plots to gather more detailed information on treatment effects to upland vegetation. These monitoring plots will also be used to ascertain accomplishment of objectives and add to available information related to vegetation response to juniper cutting and prescribed fire. Parameters measured include plant density (# of plants per ft²), cover, and plant species composition. The Five Creeks Project was also chosen to be a part of an ongoing, multi-state research project funded by the Joint Fire Science Program. Neotropical migrant birds and vegetation research plots were established and will be sampled annually for at least the next 3 years. Information from the research will provide the District with site-specific research results related to current management actions.

This year's activities were successful due to close coordination and cooperation with Burns BLM RA staff, BIFZ, Harney Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Harney County Watershed Council, USGS, three grazing permittees, and two additional private landowners.

Plans for 2009 include selective cutting of approximately 4,000 acres; a majority of which will occur in uplands with several hundred acres around sensitive riparian areas. Also planned are cultural and botanical clearances on Unit 4 (approximately 7,000 acres). Prescribed burning is planned for all of Unit 2 (approximately 15,000 acres).

North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project: North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project (North Steens Project) is a landscape-level project to reduce juniper-related fuel loading and improve ecological health of the area by encouraging a healthy functioning ecosystem through appropriate land uses. This is a multiyear project and each year the extent of implementation will vary depending on variables such as staff limitations, resource considerations, and climatic and operational conditions.

The proposed Project Area is located within the Andrews RA primarily within the CMPA and encompasses approximately 336,000 acres of private land and public land administered by the BLM.

The EOARC will work cooperatively with the BLM by placing intensive research sites on selected areas within the Project Area. The EOARC is jointly operated by OSU and U.S. Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service. The BLM will work closely with EOARC to monitor project results.

The ROD was signed on September 26, 2007, and subsequently appealed to IBLA. The IBLA did not issue a stay. A final decision on all appealed elements was issued on June 9, 2008. The ROD was affirmed on all points. Subsequent to IBLA's decision, the decision has been appealed to U.S. District Court.

In 2008 work began on the North Steens Project with the cutting of approximately 1,300 acres of juniper in the Moon Hill Area to prepare for the first phase of prescribed burning. Adjacent units will be cut in 2009 and 2010. Burning is scheduled to begin in 2011.

Wildland Juniper Management Area: Various mechanical and prescribed fire treatments will be applied to demonstration plots in the WJMA on Steens Mountain Loop Road. The WJMA was established for the purpose of demonstrating and experimenting with management techniques intended for restoration of fire-adapted ecosystems and reduction of hazardous fuels on Steens Mountain.

Implementation on the demonstration plots in the WJMA began in 2006. In 2006 the juniper cut-and-leave and the cut-and-machine pile plots were completed. In 2007, juniper blasting and demonstration pile burning were completed on their respective plots. In 2008 further burning of the machine-pile plot occurred. In 2009 implementation plans are to initiate the hand-cut plot, complete additional cutting and machine piling, complete additional pile burning, and tentatively initiate the broadcast burning plot in 2010. Work on the project is ongoing.

Frenchglen Wildland Urban Interface Project: The Frenchglen WUI Project is a joint project between the Malheur NWR and Burns BLM. Located largely on Malheur NWR, the project includes portions of the Andrews RA along the projects western boundary and immediately west of Frenchglen, Oregon. The primary purposes of this project are to return vegetation communities to historic compositions and reduce influence of encroaching western juniper. Mechanical and hand treatments and various forms of prescribed fire will be employed to reduce hazardous fuel loads and implement a fuel break around Frenchglen as discussed in the *Harney County Communities Wildfire Protection Plan*. Project planning was completed in 2008. Implementation started at the end of the year and continues into 2009. To date approximately 100 acres of BLM-administered lands have been treated. Work on the project is ongoing.

Planned Work for FY09

A national wildland fire and aviation preparedness review will occur in May 2009. The periodic review and update of the BIFZ Fire Management Plan will be completed by spring 2009.

In 2009 further analysis and implementation will occur using the FPA process to prepare for the 2011 budget cycle. Implementation work will continue on the above mentioned projects in FY09 and have work planned over the next several years. Of the projects entering their final phases, RSC and Oliver Springs should see completion in 2009 and SHED in 2010. Monitoring on treatments under the Emergency Stabilization and Burned Area Rehabilitation Plans will continue through 2011.

Planning for the Slick Ear/Claw Creek Forest Restoration Project was begun the winter of 2008. The purposes of the project are to reduce hazardous fuels, restore plant communities, and improve wildlife habitat diversity. The emphasis on treatments will be in forested areas. Treatments are tentatively scheduled to start in 2011.

Law Enforcement

Burns District has one, full-time BLM Law Enforcement Ranger, and through a law enforcement agreement with the Harney County Sheriff's Office, the service of one half-time sheriff's deputy. Law enforcement efforts for FY08 included the following:

- Responding to and investigating natural resource crimes throughout the District
- Investigating occupancy trespass cases and fire trespass cases
- Investigating drug/narcotic offenses
- Investigating crimes against Federal employees and Federal property
- Coordinating law enforcement actions with other Federal, State and local departments including the Harney County Sheriff's Office, Burns Police Department, Hines Police Department, Oregon State Police, USFS, USFWS, Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Oregon Army National Guard.

Cases and incidents have resulted in written warnings, citations, physical arrests, and the referral of cases to other agencies.

The Burns District Law Enforcement Office entered 96 incidents/cases into the BLM LAWNET System in 2008.

Planned Work for FY09

Through an agreement, Burns District Law Enforcement will use Harney County Sheriff's Office for specific BLM patrols. This agreement will go through September 2009. Also, specific enforcement activities will continue to be targeted in the CMPA, Alvord Desert WSA, and Pueblo WSA. The focus is enforcement of OHV regulations.

Wild Horse and Burro Program

The Burns District is responsible for the Oregon and Washington (OR/WA) wild horse adoption and population management program. The District manages eight HMAs and provides support for the management of an additional 11 HMAs located in Lakeview, Vale, and Prineville Districts. In addition, one herd is managed by Ochoco National Forest near Prineville and a second near Dayville is managed jointly by Prineville District BLM and Malheur National Forest.

In FY08 approximately 2,655 horses were on the range in Oregon's 21 HMAs compared to 2,569 in FY07. The AML for the State was not reduced in FY08 due to budget constraints. The OR/WA is at a point where resource conditions and animal health will be compromised without an aggressive gather schedule in FY09. Each HMA is gathered every 3-5 years, depending on range conditions and population numbers determined by range studies and periodic census flights. In FY08 Burns District removed 253 horses compared to 283 in FY07. These low numbers are due

in part to a deferred maintenance project to upgrade the horse corrals and a lack of funding for gathers in both years. Gathered excess animals are made available to qualified adopters at the Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines and various adoption events in OR/WA. The walk-up adoption fee at the Burns Facility is \$125 per animal. In FY08 220 animals were placed in adoptive homes, 10 were sold under the WHB Sale Authority. Excess animals totaling 110 were transferred to other states for adoption events and/or long-term holding facilities.

Burns District established a pre- and post-adoption program where BLM will partner with other individuals, organizations, and universities to present information on horse maintenance and training. One post-adoption clinic, Teaching and Achieving Mustang Excellence (TAME), was held in Prineville – co-sponsored by BLM, Central Oregon Wild Horse Coalition and USFS, Ochoco National Forest. Two professional trainers were hired to help adopters with their horses. In addition, two well-attended post-adoption training clinics were held in Dallas, Oregon, sponsored by Pacific Wild Horse Club.

Prineville District has established a living animal display program with High Desert Museum located in Bend, Oregon. In a reorganization of responsibilities in February 2008, the Burns District assumed responsibility for events at the High Desert Museum. The BLM brought eight Kiger Mustangs to the museum July 26 and 27, 2008, for an adoption event. Six animals were adopted.

In addition, in FY08 the Burns District WHB Program continued expansion of a network of volunteers to support compliance and adoption facets of the program. In an effort to maximize success of adoptions in OR/WA, outreach efforts to experienced horse trainers available to work with mustangs was implemented. A new trainer and mentor list has been created and is continually updated and made available to past and future adopters.

In November 2007, the Kiger Adoption Event was held drawing interested adopters from 21 States. A total of 106 horses were adopted with two high bids for Kigers of \$7,800 and \$7,400. Total adoption receipts equaled \$100,206. Oregon Kigers found homes in Washington, Idaho, California, South Dakota, Wyoming, Illinois, Tennessee, Georgia, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and of course Oregon.

In FY08 adoptions were held in Spokane, Washington, Pasco, Washington, Albany, Oregon, Molalla, Oregon, Odessa, Washington, Bend, Oregon (High Desert Museum), and Prineville, Oregon (TAME Clinic). Poor economy and high gas prices led to lower than normal adoption numbers.

Burns District offered free hauling within 400 miles one way to adopters. This promotion has proved to be quite effective.

Planned Work For FY09

Burns District had planned to remove 359 horses in highest priority areas to be determined through assessment of AML priorities and drought conditions but due to budget, lack of demand, and facility constraints those gathers have been cancelled. However in early FY09, 390 horses have already been gathered from the Alvord Tule/Coyote Lake and Sheepshead/Heath Creek HMAs due to lack of food and water in the RA. Additionally, we expect the need to gather Murderer's Creek HMA (joint BLM/FS and Beatty's Butte which is dramatically over AML due to an incursion of horses from adjacent USFWS lands.

Burns District has partnered with the Mustang Heritage Foundation, Bertram, Texas, to participate in the first Northwest Extreme Mustang Makeover event to be held in conjunction with the Northwest Horse Fair and Expo in Albany, Oregon, March, 19-21, 2009. Thirty-five trainers picked up mustangs from the Burns Wild Horse Corral facility in December to train and show at the event. Burns District is also partnering with several 4-H groups in Washington for an adoption event. Twelve 4-H students will take 12 yearling mustangs, train them, show them, and then offer them for adoption.

Adoptions events in FY09 include Albany, Oregon, Ontario, Oregon, Oakland, Oregon, Arlington, Washington, Cottage Grove, Oregon, Joseph, Oregon, and Longview, Washington.

In addition, in 2009 we will implement a web site specifically for adopter support entitled Wild Horse Adopters Assistance (WHOOA). This site will contain the following: volunteer training, events, lists of haulers, veterinarians, farriers, trainers, clinics, and stables. It will also be available for adopter's stories, photos, before-and-after pictures, horses needing new homes, lists of books, videos/dvds, and training tools. We have patterned this after the very successful California web site, California-BLM Adopters Assistance (CA-BAA). Two Volunteer Compliance training sessions will be held in early spring; one in Salem District and one in Prineville District. This will update skills for volunteers already assisting with compliance issues, as well as add new volunteers to the list.

Information about the WHB Program is available through the internet at the following sites:
Burns (Oregon) District Wild Horse Program: www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/wildhorse/index.php
Oregon/Washington Wild Horse and Burro Program: www.blm.gov/or/resources/whb/index.php
National Wild Horse and Burro Program: www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro.1.html

Adoption applications and information may also be obtained by calling the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400.

Volunteers and Outreach

The Burns District enjoyed a steep incline in volunteer hours and total value of work in FY08. The BLM staffers spent a considerable amount of time organizing special projects and supervising volunteers for a total of 15,510 hours and \$291,122.70 worth of work! See below for this year's highlights.

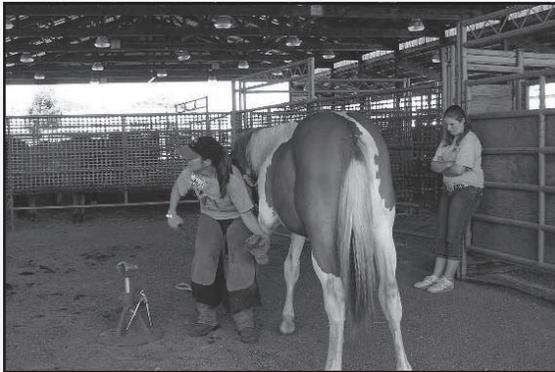


Photo V-1: Volunteer Cheryle McConnaughey gives a barefoot hoof trim demonstration at an adoption event.



Photo V-2: Volunteer Amy Jo Maurer gets acquainted with "Blue Jean," a mustang she rescued from a feedlot.



Photo V-3: Volunteer Barbara Paris works with "Hot Shot," a foal orphaned after a gather.

Partner organizations involved in volunteer programs and activities included Harney County High Desert Wheelers, ONDA, OAS, U of O, UWM, Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Central Oregon Wild Horse Coalition, Mustang Solutions, and Back Country Horsemen.

Wild Horse and Burro Program: Volunteers for OR/WA's WHB Program continue to increase in numbers and service hours. In FY08, 41 volunteers contributed over 5,500 hours to America's Living Legends... twice the amount of contributed time in FY07. Our volunteers serve as the backbone to our program. They spend countless hours promoting the mustangs, giving presentations and demonstrations; writing stories, books, blogs and news articles; mentoring new adopters; completing compliance checks; giving foster care to orphaned foals and horses that need to be reassigned; helping at adoption events; providing basic gentling training for horses to be adopted; hosting adoption events at their private facilities; posting flyers to advertise events and animals in need of homes, and even opening their own stables to 'just-one-more' wild horse desperately in need of a home. The OR/WA WHB Program volunteers are true believers in the American mustang. We depend heavily on our volunteers to keep the 'spirit' alive, and they've taken the challenge head on with great success!

Cultural Program: Burns District BLM had three major volunteer projects this year, amassing 42 dedicated volunteers and just over 4,000 hours of service. The first, in June, was Clovis Quest 2008, 2 weeks of archaeological inventory where volunteers looked for ancient archaeological sites, recorded artifacts and sites and got to stroll about scenic parts of the District. The result of the inventory was 805 acres of survey, recording seven new sites and revisiting four sites. The 2-week survey was primarily supported by OAS volunteers plus a few local friends of Burns BLM cultural resources. One of the volunteers found a very early (12,000+ year old) spear point at one of the sites they revisited. Many of the sites contained artifacts at least 10,000 years old if not older. All in all, the inventory was a rousing success and many of the volunteers will be back in 2009.

The second volunteer opportunity in 2008 was an extension of the first. The U of O Field School began excavation at two Clovis era (12,000+ year old) sites in late June. Various OAS and local volunteers supported the BLM and U of O operations in the excavation and screening operations. Results of the field school was discovery of one more Clovis spear point at each site and unearthing of ancient artifacts deeply buried under 7,600-year-old volcanic ash. The U of O plans to return to Sheep Mountain Clovis Site in summer 2009 and many OAS and local volunteers are planning to return as well.

The third opportunity for volunteers in 2008 was on Steens Mountain at the Roaring Butte Site. The UWM has been working on sites in the Steens since 2003. They have developed a cadre of dedicated volunteers that return year after year to support their excavations. Even though they shifted to a different site in 2008, the volunteers followed. The 2008 season was devoted to mapping the site and testing it in various places. Additional rock art was discovered and the depth of archaeological deposits was determined to be at least 3 feet in some locations. The UWM crew plans to return for a 6-week season in 2009 and will again be aided by a volunteer workforce.



Photo V-4: Volunteers excavating at the Sage Hen Gap Clovis Site.



Photo V-5: 12,000+ year old Clovis spear point.

Recreation: In FY08, volunteers in the recreation program gave just under 5,000 hours of their time to OR/WA public lands. Campground hosts served at various sites across the District including Page Springs Campground and Riddle Brothers Ranch on Steens Mountain and Chickahominy Reservoir Campground near Riley, Oregon. Other projects in the recreation program included trail and site maintenance and trash removal. The Harney County High Desert Wheelers partnered with Burns BLM in 2008 for the club's first ever National Public Lands Day project. The cleanup of Radar Hill OHV Area was a last minute effort and a total success! Seventeen volunteers from the club and community accumulated 64 hours of time, removing two full loads of scrap metal and several truckloads of garbage - all for a combined total of over 3,000 pounds of debris. The group also cleaned up an old borrow pit area and even groomed some private, commonly used adjacent property.

Planned Work for FY09

In FY09, volunteers are likely to continue work on fence removal in Steens Mountain Wilderness, serve as campground hosts, provide office support, and support projects in the District's Cultural, Weed, and Wildlife programs. Come join us!

Burns District Rangeland Program Summary

The purpose for the Rangeland Program Summary is to outline the progress being made in implementing the rangeland management objectives of each resource as identified in current land use plans.

Since 1998, the District has been on a 10-year schedule to complete NEPA analyses on all 10-year grazing permits and leases, and to do an assessment of each allotment to see if they are in conformance with the “*Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management for Public Lands in Oregon/Washington* (dated August 12, 1997)” (Standards and Guidelines). In accordance with regulations (43 CFR 4180), if these assessments identify one or more of the five Standards not being met, appropriate action is taken that will result in progress toward achieving these Standards and Guidelines.

Due to workload, it is not possible to complete an assessment of Standards and Guidelines for each allotment as the term permit expires. Therefore, the District process has been to do assessments on a priority schedule. If necessary, the permit may be reissued prior to the assessment under the Appropriations Act and/or the Administrative Procedure Act [USC 558 (c)] with the condition it may be modified later to add conditions or management changes to ensure progress toward meeting the Standard(s) not achieved.

During FY08 the District completed Standards and Guidelines assessments on 11 allotments (305,270 acres). Four of these allotments did not achieve Standards due to the following factors: two to livestock, one to historic grazing practices, and one to a combination of wild horses, livestock, and juniper encroachment. Since 1998, the District has completed a total of 253 allotment assessments (approximately 87 percent) on 3,041,481 acres.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE AREA – FY08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0001	Malheur Lake	M	Nothing to report.
0046	East Wagonire Fenced Federal Range (FFR)	C	Nothing to report.
2246	Camp Curry FFR	C	Nothing to report.
2252	Dietrich Field FFR	C	This allotment was created in 2007 as part of a grazing preference transfer. It was previously a pasture within Lower Pine Allotment #5576. An assessment of the Standards and Guidelines was completed in FY08. The assessment determined all five Standards were achieved and grazing management practices conformed to Guidelines.
4097	Trout Creek	I	Nothing to report.
4126	Abraham's Draw	C	Nothing to report.
4143	Silvies	I	Term grazing permit was transferred to new permittee. An allotment evaluation and assessment of Standards and Guidelines was completed. The evaluation identified the allotment was meeting all rangeland health Standards except for Water Quality and SSS Standards for redband trout. Current livestock grazing management was not a causal factor for failing to achieve these Standards. Water temperatures exceed ODEQ temperature standards prior to entering the allotment and exhibit a cooling trend as it passes through the allotment.
5101	Devine Ridge	M	Nothing to report.
5102	Prather Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5103	Lime Kiln	M	An allotment evaluation and assessment of Standards and Guidelines was completed. The evaluation identified all five rangeland health Standards were being achieved on the allotment.
5105	Camp Harney	M	Standards and Guidelines were assessed. All Standards present were achieved and grazing management practices conformed to Guidelines.
5202	Hunter	M	Nothing to report.
5203	Catterson	C	Nothing to report.
5206	Stockade FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5217	Thompson FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5218	Bennett FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5221	West Davies	I	Upland trend data was reread and an assessment of Standards and Guidelines was completed. The updated Standards assessment identified the allotment was meeting all applicable rangeland health Standards and grazing management practices conformed to Guidelines. Riparian and Water Quality Standards were not applicable as no riparian habitat exists on the allotment.
5223	East Davies	I	Upland trend data was reread and an assessment of Standards and Guidelines was completed. The updated Standards assessment identified the allotment was meeting all applicable Standards and grazing management practices conformed to Guidelines. Riparian and Water Quality Standards were not applicable as no riparian habitat exists on the allotment.
5300	Alkali	M	Nothing to report.
5301	Princeton	M	An allotment evaluation was completed for this allotment in FY08. An assessment of the Standards and Guidelines for Grazing Management was also completed in FY08. The assessment determined all Standards present in the allotment were being achieved and grazing management practices conformed to Guidelines.
5302	Big Bird	M	Nothing to report.
5303	Dry Lake	M	Nothing to report.

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5305	Crow's Nest	M	Nothing to report.
5306	Rocky Ford		Nothing to report.
5309	Happy Valley	I	The AMP has been initiated.
5310	Riddle Mountain	I	Trend was completed and indicates it is stable.
5316	Virginia Valley	M	Term Permit Renewals and Proposed Decisions were issued for the multiple authorizations in this allotment.
5317	Hatt Butte FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5325	North Lake FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5327	Jenkins B Flat FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5329	Riddle/Coyote	I	Standards and Guidelines were completed. The assessment determined Standards 1, 2, 3, and 5 were achieved, while Standard 4 was not and livestock were not a causal factor. Grazing management practices conformed to Guidelines.
5331	Smyth/Kiger	I	A Proposed Decision was issued on the AMP/EA which included a Term Permit Renewal and subsequently protested. A prescribed burn occurred in Hamilton Individual Pasture.
5502	Rock Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5503	Pine Creek	I	The AMP/EA is still in progress.
5504	State Field	M	Proposed Decision and grazing permit were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5506	Muddy Creek	I	Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3602254 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5507	Wolf Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5508	Baker-Knowles	M	Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3602356 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5509	Williams Dripp	M	Nothing to report.
5510	Jones Dripp	M	Nothing to report.
5511	Moffet Table	I	A rangeland trend analysis and an assessment of Standards and Guidelines were completed in FY08. All Standards were being achieved under the present grazing system. Grazing Permit #'s 3602254, 3602256, 3602270, 3602271, and 3600202 were renewed with the same terms and conditions.
5512	Clarks River FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5513	Shelley	I	Nothing to report.
5514	Coal Mine Creek	I	One Term Grazing Permit was transferred to new permittee in 2008. Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3601666 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5515	Mule Creek	I	Nothing to report.
5516	Birch Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5517	Otis Mountain	I	Nothing to report.
5522	Cottonwood Creek	M	Term Grazing Permit was transferred to new permittee.
5523	Tub Springs/Hart	I	Trend monitoring and analysis were completed, Standards and Guidelines assessment was completed, with Standards 1, 3, and 5 achieved, and 2 and 4 not applicable.
5524	Dawson Butte	I	An allotment evaluation and assessment of Standards and Guidelines was completed. The evaluation identified the allotment was not meeting Standards for Watershed Function-Uplands and Ecological Processes due to loss of deep rooted herbaceous plant species and accelerated soil erosion in the Clay Flat Pasture. The allotment failed to meet Water Quality Standard due to upstream irrigation withdrawals which increase water temperatures throughout the summer. The SSS Standard for redband trout was not achieved for the same reason. The Riparian and SSS (sage-grouse) Standards were met. Current grazing management was not conforming to the Guidelines due to lack of growing season rest from grazing.

5525	Mill Gulch	M	Nothing to report.
5526	Chalk Hills	M	Term Grazing Permit was transferred to new permittee with Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision. An assessment of Standards and Guidelines was completed. The allotment was meeting all Standards and Guidelines or livestock grazing was not a causal factor.
5529	House Butte	M	Two springs which supply water for wildlife and livestock were reconstructed. Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3602254 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5530	River	I	Four and a half miles of protective fence was completed in FY08 to protect lands burned in a 2007 wildfire.
5531	Stinkingwater	I	Nothing to report.
5532	Mountain	I	Contract was let and construction began on Little Stinkingwater Creek Riparian Fence.
5533	Buchanan	M	Nothing to report.
5534	Mahon Creek		Nothing to report.
5535	Miller Canyon		An assessment of Standards and Guidelines was completed. The allotment was meeting all Standards and Guidelines or livestock grazing was not a causal factor. Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued. Approximately 2,400 acres were treated with prescribed fire as part of the Miller Canyon Juniper Project.
5536	Alder Creek	I	Nothing to report.
5537	Buck Mountain	M	Nothing to report.
5538	Riverside	I	A Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5539	Blaylock FFR	C	The grazing permit was transferred to a new permit holder.
5540	Luce Field FFR	C	The grazing permit was transferred to a new permit holder.
5545	Sunshine Field FFR	C	Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3600202 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5546	Druit Field FFR	C	Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3600270 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5548	Griffin FFR	C	Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3602318 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5560	West Vickers FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5564	Wheeler Basin	M	Nothing to report.
5565	Upton Mountain	I	An additional water storage tank was added to the Upton Well project.
5570	River FFR	C	Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3602254 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5573	Beaver FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5576	Lower Pine	M	Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3602254 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5577	Cooper FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5578	C&D FFR	C	Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3602356 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
5584	Poison Creek	C	Nothing to report.
5587	Manning FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5588	Reed FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5590	Smith FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5592	Coleman Creek	M	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued.
5593	Slocum	I	Nothing to report.

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5594	Venator	I	Nothing to report.
5595	Coyote Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5596	Emerson	M	Nothing to report.
5599	Mahon Ranch	M	Nothing to report.
5600	Beaver Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5601	Hamilton	I	Nothing to report.
5602	Quier FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5604	Burnt Flat	I	Upland and riparian trend data were reread and an assessment of Standards and Guidelines was completed. The updated Standards assessment identified the allotment was meeting all rangeland health Standards excluding the Ecological Processes Standard. This Standard was not fully met on approximately 25 percent of the allotment due to conversion of mountain big sagebrush/bunchgrass plant communities to Phase III juniper woodlands. Current livestock grazing management was not a causal factor for failing to achieve this Standard.
7001	East Warm Springs	I	One of the two remaining water troughs was constructed which is serviced by the Weed Lake Well. One trough remains to complete the project. Approximately 15 miles of the Foster Flat Road were maintained.
7002	West Warm Springs	I	The AMP/EA was circulated for public review. Buckaroo Flat Well was redrilled and cased.
7003	East Wagontire	I	Nothing to report.
7004	West Wagontire	I	An assessment of Standards and Guidelines was completed in FY08. The assessment determined all Standards were achieved and grazing management practices conformed to Guidelines.
7007	Hat Butte	I	Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3600183 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
7008	Sheep Lake-Shields	I	Nothing to report.
7009	Dry Lake Allotment	I	Nothing to report.
7010	Claw Creek	I	Nothing to report.
7012	Packsaddle	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued.
7013	Zogelman FFR	C	One mile of pasture fence was replaced that was burned in the 2007 Egley Wildfire Area. Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3602829 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
7014	Badger Springs	M	Fences burned in the 2007 Egley Wildfire were repaired. This project has one more year planned before it is completed.
7015	Second Flat	I	Fences burned in the 2007 Egley Wildfire were repaired. This project has one more year planned before it is completed.
7016	Juniper Ridge	M	Upland trend completed.
7017	Cluster	M	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued.
7019	Palomino Butte	I	Nothing to report.
7021	Weaver Lakes	I	The grazing permittee cleaned two waterholes.
7022	Dog Mountain	I	Nothing to report.
7023	West Sagehen	I	Fences burned in 2007 fires were repaired, along with a small area of seeding where the fire burned through. All fire rehabilitation has been completed in this allotment.
7024	East Sagehen	I	Fences burned in the 2007 Egley Wildfire were repaired. This project has one more year planned before it is completed.
7025	Gouldin	I	Nothing to report.

7027	Emigrant Creek FFR	C	Following the Egley wildfire in 2007, the east boundary fence on this allotment was realigned along ownership boundaries to eliminate most of the BLM-managed lands from the allotment. This project was completed in FY08.
7030	Skull Creek	I	Nothing to report.
7031	Hay Creek	I	Nothing to report.
7032	Hotchkiss Individual	C	Nothing to report.
7033	Silvies River	M	PFC, Upland trend, was conducted on approximately 2 miles of Silvies River. One-half mile was found to be functioning at risk while 1.5 miles was in PFC.
7035	Silvies Meadow	M	Allotment evaluation was completed. Approximately 570 acres burned in this allotment in the Silvies River Fire. Fences were repaired after the fire.
7036	Hayes	I	Nothing to report.
7037	Coal Pit Springs	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued.
7038	Curry Gordon	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued.
7039	Cave Gulch	M	Standards and Guidelines were assessed in FY08. All Standards were achieved and grazing management practices conformed to Guidelines.
7040	Landing Creek	I	Standards and Guidelines were assessed in FY08. All Standards were achieved and grazing management practices conformed to Guidelines. A 1000-acre fire occurred within the allotment and subsequently 2.5 miles of roads were maintained during fire operations. In addition 1.5 miles of fence were reconstructed and photo monitoring on Landing Creek, Cherry Springs, and Squaw Creek was conducted.
7041	East Silvies	I	Permit renewal CX was completed. Silvies Fire burned around 200 acres of this allotment in the Griffith Pasture. Fences were repaired after the fire.
7042	Dole Smith	C	Nothing to report.
7043	Lone Pine	I	An allotment boundary fence consisting of 1.25 miles was constructed by adjacent landowners to put the fence on the property boundary. This fence was constructed with contributed labor by the adjacent private landowners. Construction of fence along the property boundary will allow the BLM to remove one custodial allotment completely. Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3600179 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
7044	Cowing FFR	C	The allotment boundary fence was relocated along the private land boundary. All BLM-managed lands were removed from the allotment and incorporated into the Lone Pine Allotment. No public land remains and the allotment is eliminated.
7045	Whiting FFR	C	Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3600179 were issued with the same terms and conditions.
7047	Peabody	C	Nothing to report.
7048	Varian Canyon FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7049	Forks of Poison Creek	I	Nothing to report.
7051	Sawtooth - MNF	M	Nothing to report.
7053	Silvies Canyon	M	Collected upland trend data.
7056	Double O	M	Nothing to report.
7062	Capehart Lake	I	An AMP/EA (with permit renewal analysis included) was initiated.
7063	Roundtop Butte	I	Approximately 5.8 miles of fire rehabilitation fence were built following the Roundtop Butte Fire in 2007. In addition, 365 acres were drill seeded following the burn. Upland trend monitoring was completed in 2008.

THREE RIVERS RESOURCE AREA - PLANNED WORK FOR FY09

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
2252	Dietrich Field FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued for Grazing Permit #3601573.
4097	Trout Creek	I	An AMP/EA will be written to analyze grazing management which would achieve Standards for Rangeland Health, meet resource objectives and conform to Guidelines for Livestock Management. This document will also analyze a Term Permit Renewal.
5101	Devine Ridge	M	Trend will be read. Prep work for 2010 prescribed burn will continue.
5102	Prather Creek	M	Trend and Standards and Guidelines to be completed.
5105	Camp Harney	M	A prescribed burn (500-800 acres) is planned for spring 2009. A Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued. Range utilization is scheduled for 2009.
5217	Thompson FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
5301	Princeton	M	Two thousand acres in this allotment will be disced or burned and reseeded to improve forage conditions in a seeding that is declining in production. Term Permit Renewals and Proposed Decisions will be issued for Grazing Permit #'s 3602318, 3602319, and 3602338.
5306	Rocky Ford		Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
5309	Happy Valley	I	Deep Creek and Government Field Pasture to be burned September 2009.
5310	Riddle Mountain	I	Standards and Guidelines to be completed.
5316	Virginia Valley	M	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued. Trend is planned to be read.
5327	Jenkins B Flat FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
5329	Riddle/Coyote	I	Juniper cutting to begin in Riddle Creek in summer 2009.
5331	Smyth/Kiger	I	Issue a Final Decision on the AMP/EA including a Term Permit Renewal. Ruins and Deep Creek Pastures to be burned September 2009.
5502	Rock Creek	M	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued. Trend will be completed.
5503	Pine Creek	I	An AMP/EA will be completed to analyze grazing management which would achieve Standards for Rangeland Health, meet resource objectives, and conform to Guidelines for Livestock Management. This document will also analyze a Term Permit Renewal.
5511	Moffet Table	I	Term Permit Renewals and Proposed Decisions will be issued.
5513	Shelley	I	An allotment evaluation and assessment of Standards and Guidelines is planned.
5514	Coal Mine Creek	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued for Grazing Permit #3602353.
5515	Mule Creek	I	An assessment of Standards and Guidelines is planned in FY09. If the Standards and Guidelines are being achieved on the allotment, a NEPA document and Proposed Decision will be prepared to renew the term grazing permit.
5517	Otis Mountain	I	An assessment of the Standards and Guidelines will be completed.
5522	Cottonwood Creek	M	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
5523	Tub Springs/Hart	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued. The planned Box Springs project will be completed.
5524	Dawson Butte	I	An AMP/EA will be written to analyze grazing management which would achieve Standards for Rangeland Health, meet resource objectives and conform to Guidelines for Livestock Management. This document will also analyze a Term Permit Renewal. Install new trough at Bear Cat Spring.
5529	House Butte	M	A Proposed Decision and Grazing Permit #3602353 will be issued with the same terms and conditions.
5530	River	I	An AMP is planned in FY09.
5531	Stinkingwater	I	An AMP/EA will be written to analyze grazing management which would make significant progress toward achieving Standards for Rangeland Health, meet resource objectives and conform to Guidelines for Livestock Management. This document will also analyze a Term Permit Renewal. Install new metal trough at O'Toole Spring in Bartlett Mountain Pasture.

5532	Mountain	I	Little Stinkingwater Riparian Fence will be completed to place Little Stinkingwater Creek into a riparian pasture. Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
5533	Buchanan	M	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued for Grazing Permit #3602319.
5534	Mahon Creek		Layout of approximately 300 acres of juniper to be cut as part of the Miller Canyon Juniper Project.
5535	Miller Canyon		Nothing to report.
5536	Alder Creek	I	Standards and Guidelines to be completed.
5537	Buck Mountain	M	Trend and Standards and Guidelines to be completed.
5548	Griffin FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued for Grazing Permit #3602318.
5559	Swords FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued for Grazing Permit #3602318.
5565	Upton Mountain	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
5589	Temple's FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued for Grazing Permit #3602319.
5594	Venator	I	Standards and Guidelines to be completed.
5598	Beckley Home	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued for Grazing Permit #3602338.
5604	Burnt Flat	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
7002	West Warm Springs	I	Proposed Decision for AMP/EA and Term Permit Renewals will be issued.
7004	West Wagontire	I	Proposed Decision for Tired Horse Butte Fence EA will be issued.
7008	Sheep Lake-Shields	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued. Trend will be completed.
7009	Dry Lake Allotment	I	AMP to be completed.
7010	Claw Creek	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
7012	Packsaddle	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued. Trend will be completed.
7013	Zoglman FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
7014	Badger Springs	M	Fences burned in the 2007 Egley Wildfire will continue to be repaired. This project should be completed this year.
7015	Second Flat	I	Fences burned in the 2007 Egley Wildfire will continue to be repaired. This project should be completed this year.
7022	Dog Mountain	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
7023	West Sagehen	I	Trend and an allotment evaluation will be completed.
7024	East Sagehen	I	Fences burned in the 2007 Egley Wildfire will continue to be repaired. This project should be completed in FY09.
7030	Skull Creek	I	Trend to be completed.
7033	Silvies River	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
7035	Silvies Meadow	M	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
7038	Curry Gordon	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
7039	Cave Gulch	M	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
7040	Landing Creek	I	Collect upland trend data. Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
7041	East Silvies	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued for Permit #'s 3602816 and 3601449; for 3601449 is still in "45-day period."
7043	Lone Pine	I	Term Permit Renewals and Proposed Decisions will be issued for Permit #'s 3601430 and 3602850.
7049	Forks of Poison Creek	I	Trend will be read.
7053	Silvies Canyon	M	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued.
7061	Bulger FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision will be issued for Grazing Permit #3602813.
7062	Capehart Lake	I	An AMP/EA will be written to analyze grazing management which would make significant progress toward achieving Standards, meet resource objectives, and conform to Guidelines. This document will also analyze a Term Permit Renewal.

ANDREWS RESOURCE AREA – FY08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0032	South Catlow	I	Nothing to report.
6001	North Catlow	I	Nothing to report.
6002	South Steens	I	Bradeen Crossing Fence (a portion of the Blitzen River Protection Fence) was constructed (2½ miles). Standards for Rangeland Health were assessed in FY08. Standards for Watershed Function - Riparian/Wetland Areas and Water Quality in South Steens Pasture were not achieved due to wild horses, livestock, and juniper encroachment. All other Standards were achieved in all other pastures of the allotment. Grazing management was determined to be in conformance with Guidelines.
6005	Mud Creek	I	Nothing to report.
6006	Frazier Field	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued.
6007	Ruby Springs	I	Cut 1,500 acres of western juniper in Elliot Field (Moon Hill Unit).
6008	Krumbo	M	Nothing to report.
6010	East Ridge	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6011	Pollock	I	Work began on an allotment evaluation. Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6012	Alvord	I	The allotment was toured with the permittee to share future management ideas. Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6014	Tum Tum	M	Nothing to report.
6015	Trout Creek Mountain	I	Excellent performance by permittees. Riparian objectives are being achieved. Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6016	Sandhills	M	Nothing to report.
6017	Grassy Basin	M	EA completed to extend a pipeline.
6018	Tule Springs	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6019	Serrano Point	I	Grazing use was monitored and use conformed to the authorization. Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6020	Pueblo-Lone Mountain	I	Several waterholes were cleaned. There was a very short water supply due to drought. Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6023	Hammond	I	Utilization Standards are being met. Lower than normal production was noted due to drought.
6024	South Fork	M	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6025	Hardie Summer	M	Nothing to report.
6026	Mann Lake	I	Nothing to report.
6027	Carlson Creek	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6028	Fields	I	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6029	Keg Springs	I	The AMP was circulated for public comment.
6030	Reicken's Corner	M	The AMP was completed.
6031	LaVoy Tables	I	Juniper cutting units laid out and 1.5 miles of fence constructed (Powerline Fence). Term Permit and Proposed Decision were issued.
6032	Krumbo Mountain	I	Removed Bonebreaker and Little Bridge Creek Protection Fence (4.5 miles).
6033	Chimney	I	4,500 acres were treated for juniper encroachment. Term Permit and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.

6035	Fields Basin	I	One spring was reconstructed.
6038	Alvord Peak	I	Nothing to report.
0032	South Catlow	I	Planning began for a fire rehabilitation project.
6040	Stonehouse	I	Monitoring shows grazing guidelines were followed. Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6042	Basque Hills	I	Work continues on the AMP which includes analysis of a Term Permit Renewal.
6043	Pueblo Slough	I	Nothing to report.
6044	Lower Antelope	I	Nothing to report.
6100	Hammond FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6101	Waldrich FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6102	Oregon End FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6104	Defenbaugh FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued.
6105	Wrench Ranch FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6106	Orlando FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6107	Crump/ Calderwood FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued.
6108	Henricks FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6109	Casey FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6110	Still FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6111	Dunbar FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6112	Long Hollow FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6114	Rock Creek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6115	Dixon FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6116	Northrup FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6117	Kaser FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6118	Lupher FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6119	Pollock FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6120	Mann Lake FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6121	Neuschwander FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6122	Starr FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6123	Culp FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6124	Windmill FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6125	Roaring Springs FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6126	CM Otley FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6127	Kuney FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6128	Konek FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6129	Alvord FFR	C	Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision were issued and subsequently appealed.
6130	Scharff FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6131	South Pocket FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6133	Otley Brother FFR	C	Nothing to report.

ANDREWS RESOURCE AREA - PLANNED WORK FOR FY09

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0032	South Catlow	I	Long-term trend and Standards and Guidelines will be assessed.
6001	North Catlow	I	Monitor grazing use.
6002	South Steens	I	Maintain Burnt Car Springs and Lauserica Roads; gather wild horses; issue Proposed Decision for AMP/EA which includes issuance of a Term Permit Renewal.
6005	Mud Creek	I	Monitor grazing use.
6006	Frazier Field	I	Lay out juniper cutting units in the WJMA.
6007	Ruby Springs	I	Cut 8,000 acres of juniper in the Moon Hill Unit; seed crested wheatgrass on 1,000 acres.
6008	Krumbo	M	Monitor past juniper treatments.
6010	East Ridge	I	Post treatment cutting (380 acres) of juniper is planned.
6011	Pollock	I	Complete allotment evaluation and AMP.
6012	Alvord	I	Convert two well fuel-powered generators to solar.
6015	Tum Tum	M	Issue term permit and proposed decision.
6015	Trout Creek Mountain	I	Replace four troughs.
6017	Grassy Basin	M	Extend a pipeline.
6018	Tule Springs	I	Monitor wild horse use.
6019	Serrano Point	I	Construct three-quarter mile of fence in Wildhorse Creek.
6020	Pueblo-Lone Mountain	I	Replace five troughs.
6023	Hammond	I	Replace one trough.
6025	Hardie Summer	M	Work on cooperative fence maintenance agreement.
6026	Mann Lake	I	Consider fence relocation.
6028	Fields	I	Plan for rehabilitation of the Schouver Seeding.
6031	LaVoy Tables	I	Cut juniper treatment areas.
6033	Chimney	I	Clean waterholes and replace 2 miles of fence burned by fire.
6035	Fields Basin	I	Monitor grazing use.
6038	Alvord Peak	I	Long-term trend and Standards and Guidelines will be assessed.
6040	Stonehouse	I	Monitoring grazing use.
6042	Basque Hills	I	Complete AMP including issuance of a Term Permit Renewal and Proposed Decision; start scoping for an EA to analyze rehabilitation of an area burned by past wildfires.
6130	Scharff FFR	C	Reconstruct boundary fence.

NEPA Register

The following is a list of EAs, Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) and CXs completed or initiated in FY08 and planned NEPA work for FY09. A notice is published in Burns Times-Herald when EAs are available for review by the public and the ending date of the comment period. The EAs are also posted on the Burns Plans and Project Web site (<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/index.php>).

If you would like to be involved in the planning process for any particular project or would simply like to receive a copy of an EA for review, note the EA register number and contact the District or the project's primary contact listed below. This should be done as early as possible to allow for full consideration of your input.

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020 = Burns District, 025 and B050 = Three Rivers RA, 026 and B060 = Andrews RA, 027 and B060 = Steens Mountain CMPA

EA = Environmental Assessment, DNA = Determination of NEPA Adequacy, CX = Categorically Excluded from NEPA, FONSI = Finding of No Significant Impact

EA Register Number/Primary Contact	Project Name	Proposed Action	Geographic Location	Affected Special Area	Initiation Date/Completion Date
CX OR-07-025-062 Primary Contact: Willie Street	Transfer Grazing Permit	Transfer grazing permit	Dietrich Field FFR		CX Initiated: June 6, 2007 CX Signed: December 4, 2007
EA OR-07-025-071 Primary Contact: Doug Linn	Bartlett Complex Emergency Stabilization	Emergency stabilization of burned area	Warm Springs Reservoir/Bartlett Mountain		EA Initiated: July 19, 2007 FONSI Signed: 10/29/2007
DNA OR-07-025-085 Primary Contact: Skip Renchler	Willow Flat Power Line	Grant ROW for 6 miles of distribution power line	Northwest of Burns (north of Radar Hill)		DNA Initiated: September 10, 2007 DNA Signed: October 9, 2007
CX OR-07-025-094 Primary Contact: Lisa Grant	Twin Springs Road Cattleguards	Install two cattleguards within main access road to reservoir	Alder Creek Allotment		CX Initiated: September 19, 2007 CX Signed: October 12, 2007
CX OR-07-025-095 Primary Contact: Lisa Grant	2007 Reservoir Maintenance	Cleaning and maintenance of reservoirs	Three Rivers RA		CX Initiated: September 19, 2007 CX Signed: October 12, 2007
CX OR-07-025-096 Primary Contact: Skip Renchler	Oregon Wild Horse Corral Facility	Grant a Federal ROW reservation	Horse Corrals		CX Initiated: September 21, 2007 CX Signed: October 9, 2007
CX OR-07-025-097 Primary Contact: Lesley Richman	EOARC, Ed Vasques Fire Restoration Study	Research project – conduct burning and seeding	T.27S., R.28E., Section 14		CX Initiated: September 25, 2007 CX Signed: October 9, 2007
EA OR-08-026-001	CANCELLED				
CX OR-08-027-002 Primary Contact: Holly Orr (OR-63597)	Bordy Acquisition	Land acquisition within Steens Wilderness	T.36S., R.33E., Section 5	Steens Mountain Wilderness	EA Initiated: October 1, 2007 FONSI Signed: October 10, 2007

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CX OR-08-025-003 Primary Contact: Lisa Grant	Paul Well Pipeline Maintenance	Replacement of approximately 1,500 feet of Paul Well pipeline	Riddle Mountain Allotment and Happy Valley Allotment	None	EA Initiated: October 1, 2007 EA Signed: October 12, 2007
CX OR-08-026-004 Primary Contact: Steve Dowlan	Maintenance/ Reconstruction for Springs in No Name Pasture	Modify five existing springs by replacing head boxes, troughs, pipelines, and fences	Trout Creek Mountain Allotment - No Name Pasture	None	CX Initiated: October 5, 2007 CX Signed: October 9, 2007
EA OR-08-026-005 Primary Contact: Eric Haakenson	Keg Springs AMP	Change season of use and construct a well	Keg Springs Allotment	None	EA Initiated: Unknown FONSI Signed: In progress
CX OR-08-027-006 Primary Contact: Cam Swisher	Term Permit Renewal #3602563	Term Permit Renewal	Frazier Field	WSA and Wilderness	CX Initiated: November 7, 2007 CX Signed: January 7, 2008
CX OR-08-027-007	CANCELLED				
CX OR-08-027-008 Primary Contact: Cam Swisher	Term Permit Renewal #3602591	Term Permit Renewal	LaVoy Table	WSA	CX Initiated: November 7, 2007 CX Signed: January 15, 2008
CX OR-08-026-009 Primary Contact: Holly Orr (OR17896)	Road ROW Renewal	Renew ROW	East Steens Road T.41S., R.35E., Section 17		CX Initiated: November 19, 2007 CX Signed: December 4, 2007
CX OR-08-026-010 Primary Contact: Steve Dowlan	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Grassy Basin, Tum Tum, Casey and South Pocket FFR Allotments	WSA	CX Initiated: November 20, 2007 CX Signed: March 19, 2009
CX OR-08-025-011 Primary Contact: Tim Newkirk	Lone Ewe - Pacific Rim	Timber salvage and reforestation	T.20S., R.28E., Section 34; T.20S., R.27E., Section 10		CX Initiated: December 3, 2007 CX Signed: December 11, 2007
CX OR-08-025-012 Primary Contact: Mike McGee	Iron Mountain Spring Fencing	Fence approximately ¼ acre around a spring	½ mile northeast of Iron Mountain		CX Initiated: December 4, 2007 CX Signed: Pending
CX OR-08-026-013 Primary Contact: Holly Orr (OR64808)	Road ROW	Grant ROW	Fields, Oregon – T.38S., R.34E., Section 13		CX Initiated: December 5, 2007 CX Signed: December 12, 2007
CX OR-08-025-014 Primary Contact: Bill Anderson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Silvies Allotment		CX Initiated: December 11, 2007 CX Signed: January 10, 2008
CX OR-08-025-015 Primary Contact: Bill Anderson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Abraham's Draw Allotment		CX Initiated: December 11, 2007 CX Signed: January 10, 2008
CX OR-08-026-016 Primary Contact: Dave Ward	Term Permit Renewal (Permit #3602569)	Term Permit Renewal	Pueblo/Lone Mountain Allotment (#6020); Oregon End FFR (#6102)	WSA, ACEC	CX Initiated: December 11, 2007 CX Signed: January 15, 2008
EA OR-08-025-017 Primary Contact: Nick Miller	Slick Ear Creek/ Claw Creek	Sivicultural thinning/ juniper removal/ rangeland restoration	Skull Creek and Claw Creek Allotments		EA Initiated: December 11, 2007 FONSI Signed: October 24, 2008
CX OR-08-026-018 Primary Contact: Eric Haakenson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Serrano Point	WSA, Wilderness	CX Initiated: December 17, 2007 CX Signed: July 23, 2008

EA Register Number/Primary Contact	Project Name	Proposed Action	Geographic Location	Affected Special Area	Initiation Date/Completion Date
CX OR-08-027-019 Primary Contact: Eric Haakenson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Fields Allotment and Star FFR	Wilderness	CX Initiated: December 18, 2007 CX Signed: July 23, 2008
CX OR-08-027-020 Primary Contact: Eric Haakenson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Pollock and Pollock FFR Allotments	WSAs	CX Initiated: December 19, 2007 CX Signed: October 3, 2008
EA OR-08-027-020-A Primary Contact: Lee McConnell	Grove Creek and Cold Spring Water Trough Reconstruction	Reinstall troughs at Grove Creek and Cold Springs	Cold Springs and Grove Creek Road	Steens Mountain Wilderness	EA Initiated: January 3, 2008 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
EA OR-08-027-021 Primary Contact: Holly Orr	CMPA Inholder Access EA (Road ROW) (OR 65158)	Grant ROW for access to private lands in three separate locations	Off East Steens Road	Stonehouse WSA	EA Initiated: January 8, 2008 FONSI Signed: September 4, 2008
CX OR-08-026-022 Primary Contact: Eric Haakenson	Maintenance/ Reconstruction for Spring Developments	Rehabilitate/modify seven existing spring developments	Field Allotment #6028	Steen Mountain Wilderness	CX Initiated: January 15, 2008 CX Signed: April 10, 2008
CX OR-08-026-023 Primary Contract: Dave Ward	Term Permit Renewal (Permit #3602561)	Term Permit Renewal	Trout Creek Mountain, Tule Springs, Defenbaugh FFR and Crump/ Caulderwood FFR Allotments	WSA	CX Initiated: January 17, 2008 CX Signed: January 31, 2008
CX OR-08-025-024 Primary Contract: Rob Sharp	Term Permit Transfer/ Renewal	Transfer Base Property to new owner and issue term permit	Lake Field, Cottonwood Creek and Chalk Hills Allotments		CX Initiated: January 18, 2008 CX Signed: March 7, 2008
CX OR-08-027-025 Primary Contact: Joe Glascock	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Chimney Allotment	WSA	CX Initiated: January 23, 2008 CX Signed: January 25, 2008
CX OR-08-025-026 Primary Contact: Nick Miller	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Devine Ridge		CX Initiated: February 13, 2008 CX Signed: April 10, 2008
CX OR-08-025-027	CANCELLED				
EA OR-08-025-028 Primary Contact: Brett Page	Moon Reservoir Facility Improvements	Improve loading ramp and parking lot, install new toilet and pullouts, widen road, add 5 miles of gravel	Moon Reservoir		EA Initiated: February 14, 2008 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DNA OR-08-026-029 Primary Contact: Terri Geisler	Butler Extension Aggregate Removal	Remove approximately 400,000 cubic yards of material	Butler Extension Community Pit, T.33S., R.31E., Section 12: SESE		DNA Initiated: February 14, 2008 DNA Signed: June 16, 2008
EA OR-08-025-030 Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Tired Horse Butte Fence	Construction of 4.5 miles of fence	West Wagontire Allotment		EA Initiated: February 20, 2008 FONSI Signed: February 20, 2009
EA OR-08-025-031 Primary Contact: Scott Thomas	Clovis Quest Archaeological Project	Trenching and block excavation at archaeological site	Sage Hen Summit, Sand Flat, Sheep Mountain, Rick Rock Lake		EA Initiated: February 22, 2008 FONSI Signed: May 16, 2008

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CX OR-08-026-032 Primary Contact: Matt Obradovich	Mountain Quail Transplant	Transplant quail	Trout Creek Mountains	None	CX Initiated: February 23, 2008 CX Signed: Completed
EA OR-08-025-033 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Capehart Allotment AMP/EA	AMP/EA	Capehart Allotment		EA Initiated: March 4, 2008 FONSI Signed: In Progress
CX OR-08-026-034 Primary Contact: Cam Swisher	LaVoy Tables RX	Hazardous Fuels Reduction	North of Frenchglen	None	CX Initiated: March 13, 2008 CX Signed: March 13, 2008
CX OR-08-025-035 Primary Contract: Brett Page	Chickahominy Vending Permit	SRP	Chickahominy Recreation Site	None	CX Initiated: March 14, 2008 CX Signed: March 26, 2008
EA OR-08-025-036 Primary Contact: Mike McGee	Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Improvement Project and Three Rivers Plan Amendment	Improve sage-grouse habitat and amend Three Rivers RMP for sale of downed juniper	South of Highway 20 and west of Highway 395	None	EA Initiated: March 27, 2008 FONSI Signed: In Progress
DNA OR-08-025-037 Primary Contact: Skip Renchler	U.S. Cellular Cell Site - Jack Mountain	Issue a Communication Use Lease to construct new facility	Jack Mountain	None	DNA Initiated: April 2, 2008 DNA Signed: May 15, 2008
CX OR-08-025-038 Primary Contact: Willie Street	House Butte Allotment Spring Maintenance	Maintain two springs	House Butte Allotment		CX Initiated: April 2, 2008 CX Signed: April 5, 2008
DNA OR-08-026-039 Primary Contact: Rob Perrin	Commercial Day Use Recreation Permits	Issue commercial day use recreation permits	Andrews RA	Wilderness and WSAs, CMPA	DNA Initiated: April 3, 2008 DNA Signed: April 22, 2008
CX OR-08-025-040 Primary Contact: Jim Buchanan	Term Permit Renewal (#7043) Permit #3602850	Term Permit Renewal	Lone Pine Allotment		CX Initiated: April 9, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-026-041 Primary Contact: Holly Orr	ROW Renewal for Harney Electric Power Line (OR18236)	Renew ROW	T.35S., R.34E. and T.41S., R.35E.	None	CX Initiated: April 15, 2008 CX Signed: April 29, 2008
CX OR-08-025-042 Primary Contact: Jim Buchanan	Term Permit Renewal (Permit #3601524)	Term Permit Renewal	Cluster Allotment	None	CX Initiated: April 17, 2008 CX signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-043	CANCELLED				
CX OR-08-025-044 Primary Contact: Jim Buchanan	Term Permit Renewal #3602334	Term Permit Renewal	Skull Creek and Spring Creek Allotments	None	CX Initiated: April 17, 2008 CX Signed: December 12, 2008
CX OR-08-025-045 Primary Contact: Jim Buchanan	Term Permit Renewal #3602353	Term Permit Renewal	Coal Mine Creek and House Butte Allotments	None	CX Initiated: April 17, 2008 CX Signed: October 17, 2008
CX OR-08-025-046	CANCELLED				
CX OR-08-026-047	CANCELLED				
CX OR-08-025-048 Primary Contact: Willie Street	Grazing Permit Transfer (#3601666)	Transfer grazing permit	Coal Mine Creek	None	CX Initiated: April 21, 2008 CX Signed: June 3, 2008

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CX OR-08-026-049 Primary Contact: Dave Ward	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Trout Creek-Tule Springs, South Fork, and Wrench Ranch FFR Allotments	WSA, ACEC, RNA	CX Initiated: April 23, 2008 CX Signed: May 5, 2008
CX OR-08-025-050	CANCELLED				
CX OR-08-025-051 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Druit Field FFR Allotment	None	CX Initiated: April 29, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-052 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Camp Curry FFR Allotment	None	CX Initiated: April 30, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-053 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	East Creek-Pine Hill Allotment	None	CX Initiated: April 30, 2008 CX Signed: October 30, 2008
CX OR-08-025-054 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	East Silvies, Coal Pit Springs, and Baker Hill	None	CX Initiated: April 30, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-055 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Hayes Allotment	None	CX Initiated: April 30, 2008 CX Signed: November 28, 2008
CX OR-08-025-056 Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Palomino Butte Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 16, 2008 CX Signed: In Progress
CX OR-08-025-057 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Wilber FFR Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 16, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-058 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Pine Creek FFR Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 16, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-059 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Princeton, Virginia Valley, Buchanan, and Temples FFR Allotments	None	CX Initiated: May 16, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-060 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal (#3602350)	Term Permit Renewal	Virginia Valley Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 16, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-061 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal (#3602327)	Term Permit Renewal	Virginia Valley Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 16, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-062 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Venator Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 16, 2008 CX Signed: Cancelled
CX OR-08-025-063 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Juniper Ridge, Silver Lake, and Roundtop Butte Allotments	None	CX Initiated: May 16, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-064 Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Zoglmann Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: June 26, 2008

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CX OR-08-025-065 Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Hamilton, Beaver FFR, and Hamilton FFR Allotments	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: June 26, 2008
CX OR-08-025-066 Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Lime Kiln and Section 30 Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: June 26, 2008
CX OR-08-025-067 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Princeton, Griffin, Shelley, and Sword FFR Allotments	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: December 29, 2008
CX OR-08-025-068 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Newell Field FFR Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: July 14, 2008
CX OR-08-025-069 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Hat Butte Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-070 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Pack Saddle Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-071 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Princeton Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: June 24, 2008
CX OR-08-025-072	CANCELLED				
CX OR-08-025-073 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Home Ranch Enclosure FFR Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: July 14, 2008
CX OR-08-025-074 Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Term Permit Renewal (#3601430)	Term Permit Renewal	Lone Pine Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: June 26, 2008
CX OR-08-025-075 Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Term Permit Renewal (#3600179)	Term Permit Renewal	Lone Pine Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 20, 2008 CX Signed: June 26, 2008
EA OR-08-027-076 Primary Contact: Fred McDonald	Inholder Access - Livestock Crossing (Trailing Permit)	Grant access to private inholding within the No Livestock Grazing Area	Steens Mountain Wilderness	Wilderness and No Livestock Grazing Area	EA Initiated: May 17, 2008 FONSI Signed: July 30, 2008
CX OR-08-027-077 Primary Contact: Holly Orr (OR-65378)	Steens Wilderness Inholding Acquisition	Purchase two parcels totaling 30 acres (Legislative proposals - administrative, land title transaction)	Steens Mountain Wilderness (T.36S., R.33E., Section 17)	Steens Mountain Wilderness	CX Initiated: May 28, 2008 CX Signed: June 4, 2008
CX OR-08-025-078 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Moffet Table Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 29, 2008 CX Signed: July 14, 2008
CX OR-08-025-079 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Moffet Table and Sunshine Field Allotments	None	CX Initiated: May 29, 2008 CX Signed: July 14, 2008
CX OR-08-025-080 Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Moffet Table and Baker Knowles Allotments	None	CX Initiated: May 29, 2008 CX Signed: July 14, 2008

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CX OR-08-025-081 Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	House Butte, Moffet Table, River FFR, Muddy Creek, and Lower Pine Allotments	Blue Bucket WSA and ACEC	CX Initiated: May 29, 2008 CX Signed: July 14, 2008
CX OR-08-025-082 Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Moffet Table Allotment	Blue Bucket WSA	CX Initiated: May 29, 2008 CX Signed: July 14, 2008
CX OR-08-025-083 Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Marshall Diamond FFR and Virginia Valley Allotment	None	CX Initiated: May 29, 2008 CX Signed: October 15, 2008
CX OR-08-025-084	CANCELLED				
DNA OR-08-025-085 Primary Contact: Terri Geisler	Sale of Geothermal Lease	Sale of Geothermal Lease	Three Rivers RA		DNA Initiated: June 3, 2008 DNA Signed: October 24, 2008
DNA OR-08-027-086 Primary Contact: Laura Dowlan	Steens Mountain Running Camp SRP	Authorize renewal of SRP for a multi-year, high-altitude training camp		CMPA and Steens Mountain Wilderness	DNA Initiated: June 3, 2008 DNA Signed: October 20, 2008
CX OR-08-025-087 Primary Contact: Brett Page	Burns Butte Sportsman's Club - 3D Archery Shoot	Competitive 3D archery shooting event including camping	Silvies Valley - Three Rivers RA		CX Initiated: June 13, 2008 CX Signed: June 16, 2008
CX OR-08-020-088 Primary Contact: Skip Renchler	High Lava Plains Seismic Experiment – Shothole/ Geophone Phase	Grant ROW for geophysical research including drilling shotholes and geophone installation	Throughout Burns District	None	CX Initiated: June 18, 2008 CX Signed: July 7, 2008
CX OR-08-025-089 Primary Contact: Skip Renchler	Warren Stockwell Power Line	Grant ROW for distribution line/power line to private lands	Dog Mountain Area	None	CX Initiated: June 23, 2008 CX Signed: July 1, 2008
CX OR-08-025-090 Primary Contact: Holly Orr (RO65454)	Harney Electric Coop Power Line to Stock Well	Grant ROW over an existing trespass line	Elliott Well, T.23S., R.28E.,	None	CX Initiated: June 23, 2008 CX Signed: July 2, 2008
CX OR-08-026-091	CANCELLED				
CX OR-08-026-092 Primary Contact: Matt Obradovich	P Hill and Hog House Canyon Guzzlers Replacement	Replace existing guzzlers with larger storage tanks and enlarge exclosures	Two miles west of Frenchglen and 6 miles north of Frenchglen	None	CX Initiated: June 27, 2008 CX Signed: December 5, 2008
CX OR-08-025-093 Primary Contact: Skip Renchler	Pine Creek Wind LLC Wind Testing and Monitoring	Wind Testing and Monitoring	Stinkingwater Mountains		CX Initiated: July 15, 2008 CX Signed: In Progress
CX OR-08-025-094 Primary Contact: Willie Street	Grazing Transfer	Transfer grazing permit to new owner	Lone Pine Allotment		CX Initiated: July 15, 2008 CX Signed: December 5, 2008
CX OR-08-025-095 Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Wyoming Big Sagebrush Rehabilitation Study	Conduct three studies on rehabilitating degraded herbaceous plant communities	Cape Hart Lake and West Warm Springs Allotments		CX Initiated: August 26, 2008 CX Signed: September 9, 2008

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EA OR-08-026-096 Primary Contact: Daryl Bingham	Borax Lake Chub Critical Habitat Fenceline Realignment	Realign fence at Borax Lake	Northeast of Fields, Oregon	ACEC	EA Initiated: August 27, 2008 FONSI Signed: In Progress
CX OR-08-025-097 Primary Contact: Tim Newkirk	West Rim Timber Sale	Salvaging <250 acres of burned timber from Silvies Fire	Silvies River Area - T.21S., R.29E., Section 14		CX Initiated: September 2, 2008 CX Signed: December 3, 2008
EA OR-08-026-098 Primary Contact: Holly Orr (Serial Number OR-63580)	Horizon Wind Northwest X LLC, Pueblo Mountain, Wind Energy Site Testing and Monitoring Project	Install two additional met towers, reauthorize existing met towers, conduct geotech work and add 467.75 acres to the Project Area	Pueblo Mountains		EA Initiated: September 15, 2008 FONSI Signed: January 15, 2009
CX OR-08-025-099 Primary Contact: Skip Renchler	Cronin Road Use Agreement	Haul approximately 100 mbf over 11 miles on existing BLM roads	Silvies Canyon/Skull Creek		CX Initiated: September 19, 2008 CX Signed: September 23, 2008
CX OR-08-025-100 Primary Contact: Holly (OR-65498)	Wind Site Testing and Monitoring Project Area	Authorize wind met towers in the Project Area	Little Glass Buttes		CX Initiated: September 22, 2008 CX Signed: October 28, 2008
CX OR-08-025-101 Primary Contact: Holly Orr (OR-65497)	Wind Site Testing and Monitoring Project Area	Authorize wind met towers in the Project Area	Round Top Butte		CX Initiated: September 22, 2008 CX Signed: October 28, 2008
CX OR-08-025-102 Primary Contact: Holly Orr(OR-65549)	Wind Site Testing and Monitoring Project Area	Authorize wind met towers in the Project Area	Jackass Butte		CX Initiated: September 22, 2008 CX Signed: April 1, 2009
CX OR -08-025-103 Primary Contact: Holly Orr (OR-65551)	Wind Site Testing and Monitoring Project Area	Authorize wind met towers in the Project Area	Jack Mountain		CX Initiated: September 22, 2008 CX Signed: In Progress
CX OR-08-025-104 Primary Contact: Holly Orr (OR-65550)	Wind Site Testing and Monitoring Project Area	Authorize wind met towers in the Project Area	Wagontire Mountain		CX Initiated: September 22, 2008 CX Signed: In Progress
CX OR-08-026-105 Primary Contact: Holly Orr (OR-65494)	Wind Site Testing and Monitoring Project Area	Authorize wind met towers in the Project Area	Buckskin Mountain		CX Initiated: September 22, 2008 CX Signed: In Progress
CX OR-08-025-106 Primary Contact: Skip Renchler	Ranch Gateway	Amend an ROW to include an existing decorative gateway	Dry Lake Area		CX Initiated: September 23, 2008 CX Signed: September 30, 2008
CX OR-08-025-107 Primary Contact: Skip Renchler	Doverspike LLC Road Use Agreement	Haul approximately 150,000 mbf over 6.3 miles on existing BLM roads	Silvies/Skull Creek Area		CX Initiated: September 30, 2008 CX Signed: October 3, 2008

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2009					
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0001-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Curry Gordon Allotment		CX Initiated: October 8, 2008 CX Signed: November 18, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0002-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Bulger FFR		CX Initiated: October 8, 2008 CX Signed: November 18, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0003-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Dietrich Field FFR		CX Initiated: October 8, 2008 CX Signed: November 18, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0004-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Coleman Creek Allotment		CX Initiated: October 8, 2008 CX Signed: December 16, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0005-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	East Davies Allotment		CX Initiated: October 8, 2008 CX Signed: November 18, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0006-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Coyote Creek Allotment		CX Initiated: October 8, 2008 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0007-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Miller Canyon Allotment, Miller FFR A, Miller FFR		CX Initiated: October 8, 2008 CX Signed: November 18, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0008-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	West Davies Allotment		CX Initiated: October 14, 2008 CX Signed: March 25, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0009-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Kegler FFR		CX Initiated: October 15, 2008 CX Signed: November 18, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0010-EA Primary Contact: Jeff Rose	Silvies Fire Rehabilitation	Seeding, fence construction, sediment control on approximately 4,600 acres	Silvies River Canyon		EA Initiated: November 4, 2008 EA Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-026-2009-0011-EA Primary Contact: Daryl Bingham	Programmatic EA for Fire Rehabilitation	Rehabilitate burned areas by seeding, facilities repair, sediment control, public safety	Andrews RA	WSAs, ACECs, Wilderness	EA Initiated: November 4, 2008 EA Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0012-DNA Primary Contact: Nick Miller	Dry Mountain Guzzler Maintenance/Augmentation	Install new guzzlers and aprons and rehabilitate existing structures	Dry Mountain		DNA Initiated: November 19, 2008 DNA Signed: December 2, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0013-DNA Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Mountain Allotment Permit Transfer	Transfer permit to existing permittee (base property)	Mountain Allotment		CX Initiated: November 24, 2008 CX Signed:

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DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0014-CX Primary Contact: Willie Street	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Dog Mountain		CX Initiated: November 24, 2008 CX Signed: December 19, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0015-CX Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Burnt Flat, Jenkins North Lake FFR, Jenkins Burnt Flat FFR, and Dry Lake		CX Initiated: December 1 2008 CX Signed: December 17, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-026-2009-0016-CX Primary Contract: Eric Haakenson	Sand Hollow Seeding Maintenance	Brushbeat 1,000 acres of a crested wheatgrass seeding	Reicken's Corner Allotment, North Catlow Valley		CX Initiated: December 4, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0017-CX Primary Contact: Ronda Purdy	Permit Transfer	Permit Transfer including base property	Cave Gulch Allotment		CX Initiated: December 12, 2008 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0018-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Texaco Basin		CX Initiated: December 17, 2008 CX Signed: March 10, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0019-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Rocky Ford		CX Initiated: December 17, 2008 CX Signed: December 30, 2008
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0020-CX Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	West Wagontire		CX Initiated: December 17, 2008 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0021-CX Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Cricket Creek		CX Initiated: December 17, 2008 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0022-CX Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Home Ranch Enclosure		CX Initiated: December 17, 2008 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0023-DNA Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Mountain Home		CX Initiated: December 17, 2008 CX Signed: February 17, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0024-CX Primary Contact: Ronda Purdy	Permit Transfer	Permit transfer (Authorization #3601717)	Abraham's Draw Allotment		CX Initiated: December 30, 2008 CX Signed: February 6, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-025-2009-0025-CX Primary Contact: Willie Street	Permit Transfer	Permit Transfer	East Sagehen Allotment		CX Initiated: January 5, 2009 CX Signed: February 6, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0026-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Sand Hollow		CX Initiated: January 7, 2000 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0027-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Dole Smith		CX Initiated: January 7, 2000 CX Signed:

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0028-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	West Vickers FFR		CX Initiated: January 7, 2000 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0029-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Horton Mill		CX Initiated: January 7, 2000 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0030-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Cooler, Tub Springs-Hart, Rocky Basin, Little Upson FFR, and Big Upson Field FFR		CX Initiated: January 7, 2000 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0031-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Marshall FFR		CX Initiated: January 7, 2000 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0032-EA Primary Contact: Steve Dowlan	Permit Renewal	Permit Renewal (Standards not achieved in one pasture)	Sand Hills		EA Initiated: January 8, 2009 FONSI Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0033-CX Primary Contact: Terri Geisler	Rudy Materials Source	Remove approximately 1,000 cubic yards of gravel within existing disturbance	T.18S., R.35E., Section 24, S½SE¼SE¼		CX Initiated: January 12, 2009 CX Signed: January 23, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0034-CX Primary Contact: Scott Thomas	Sheep Mountain Site Temporary Fencing	Build fence to protect cultural site	Round Top Butte		CX Initiated: January 13, 2009 CX Signed: February 5, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0035-DNA Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Riverside Allotment		DNA Initiated: January 14, 2009 DNA Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0036-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Riverside Allotment FFR		CX Initiated: January 14, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0037-EIS Primary Contact: Terri Geisler	EP Minerals Celatom Mining Complex Project	Mining expansion and exploratory drilling operations at Celatom Mine	Harney and Malheur Counties		EIS Initiated: January 15, 2009 ROD Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0038-DNA Primary Contact: Terri Geisler	Skull Creek Road Green Obsidian Materials Source	Removal of green obsidian	Skull Creek Road Obsidian Collection Community Pit		DNA Initiated: January 15, 2009 DNA Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0039-EA Primary Contact: Terri Geisler	Roaring Butte Mineral Materials Source	Extract gravel for use on the Steens Loop Road	T.34S., R.32E., Section 11		EA Initiated: January 15, 2009 FONSI Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0040-EA Primary Contact: Joe Glascock	Square Mountain Rehabilitation	To reseed burned areas with crested wheatgrass and Kocia	South end of Catlow Valley	Rincon and Basque Hills WSAs	EA Initiated: January 27, 2009 FONSI Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0041-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Buck Mountain Allotment and Ott FFR		CX Initiated: January 28, 2009 CX Signed:

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0042-EA Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Stinkingwater AMP	Revise AMP	Stinkingwater Allotment		EA Initiated: February 2, 2009 EA Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0043-CX Primary Contact: Cam Swisher	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Krumbo Mountain Allotment #6032	WSA	CX Initiated: February 5, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0044-EA Primary Contact: Holly Orr	South Harney County School District #33 Recreation and Public Purposes Land Sale	Transfer 2.5 acres of BLM-administered land to South Harney County School District #33	Fields, Oregon		EA Initiated: February 11, 2009 FONSI Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0045-CX Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Horton Mill Allotment #7026		CX Initiated: February 12, 2009 CX Signed: March 10, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0046-CX Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Double O Allotment #7056		CX Initiated: February 12, 2009 CX Signed: March 10, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0047-DNA Primary Contact: Steve Dowlan	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Fields Basin Allotment O'Keefe Seeding Pasture		DNA Initiated: February 18, 2009 DNA Signed: March 19, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0048-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Alder Creek Allotment #5536		CX Initiated: February 27, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0049-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Crow's Nest Allotment #5305		CX Initiated: February 27, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0050-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Venator Allotment #5594		CX Initiated: February 27, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0051-CX Primary Contact: Jason Brewer	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	State Field #5504		CX Initiated: February 27, 2009 CX Signed: March 17, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0052-CX Primary Contact: Jason Brewer	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Camp Harney #5105		CX Initiated: February 27, 2009 CX Signed: March 17, 2009
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0053-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Riddle Coyote Allotment #5329		CX Initiated: February 27, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0054-EA Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Happy Valley AMP	AMP	Happy Valley Allotment #5309		EA Initiated: February 27, 2009 EA Signed:

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0055-EA Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Ryegrass AMP	AMP	Ryegrass Allotment #7009		EA Initiated: February 27, 2009 EA Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0056-CX Primary Contact: Ronda Purdy	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Landing Creek Allotment #7040		CX Initiated: February 27, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0057-CX Primary Contact: Ronda Purdy	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Silvies Canyon Allotment #7053		CX Initiated: February 27, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0058-EA Primary Contact: Michelle Franulovich	Steens Mountain CRP	Develop a comprehensive recreation management plan	CMPA	CMPA	EA Initiated: March 9, 2009 FONSI Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0059-CX	CANCELLED				
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0060-CX Primary Contact: Bret Page	Mahogany Ridge Outfitters SRP	Issue an SRP	Silvies Hunt Unit, 25 miles west of Burns		CX Initiated: March 11, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0061-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Silvies Meadow		CX Initiated: March 20, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0062-CX Primary Contact: Rachel McNeley	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Dole Smith Field		CX Initiated: March 20, 2009 CX Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0063-EA Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Warm Springs HMA Wells	Develop two new wells in the Warm Springs HMA	Warm Springs HMA		EA Initiated: March 26, 2009 FONSI Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0064-DNA Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Term Permit Renewal	Term Permit Renewal	Mountain Allotment		DNA Initiated: March 30, 2009 DNA Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2009-0065-EA Primary Contact: Autumn Richardson	Trout Creek AMP	Develop a new AMP including issuance of a Term Permit Renewal	Trout Creek Valley Allotment		EA Initiated: March 31, 2009 FONSI Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0066-EA Primary Contact: Steve Dowlan	East Basin Spring Redevelopment	Enlarge existing enclosure, add second enclosure, replace existing trough	Sandhills Allotment, Humbolt County, Nevada		EA Initiated: April 7, 2009 FONSI Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0067-EA Primary Contact: Daryl Bingham	Stonehouse Seeding #2 Pipeline Extension	Add additional pipeline and troughs to an existing spring development	Pollock Allotment, Stonehouse Seeding	CMPA	EA Initiated: April 8, 2009 FONSI Signed:
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0068-CX Primary Contact: Scott Thomas	Roaring Springs Archaeological Project	Archaeological Research Project	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T.34S., R.32E., Section 2	CMPA	CX Initiated: April 14, 2009 CX Signed:

Appendix A

Acronym/Abbreviation Guide

The following acronyms, listed in alphabetical order, are used throughout this planning update.

Acronym	Definition
ACEC	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
AMP	Allotment Management Plan
AML	Abandoned Mine Land
AML	Appropriate Management Level
AMU	Andrews Management Unit
Andrews/ Steens	Andrews Management Unit/ Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle
AUM	Animal Unit Month
BIFZ	Burns Interagency Fire Zone
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CCS	Challenge Cost Share
CMPA	Cooperative Management and Protection Area
CRP	Comprehensive Recreation Plan
CX	Categorically Excluded from NEPA analysis
DNA	Determination of NEPA adequacy
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EOARC	Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center
FFR	Fenced Federal Range
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FPA	Fire Planning Analysis
FY	Fiscal Year
HFRA	Healthy Forest Restoration Act
HMA	Herd Management Area
IBLA	Interior Board of Land Appeals
IDT	Interdisciplinary Team
IFPL	Industrial Fire Precaution Level
mbf	1,000 Board Feet
MPO	Mine Plan of Operation

NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NWR	Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
OAS	Oregon Archaeological Society
ODA	Oregon Department of Agriculture
ODEQ	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
OHV	Off-Highway Vehicle
ONDA	Oregon Natural Desert Association
OSU	Oregon State University
PFC	Proper Functioning Condition
RA	Resource Area
RMP	Resource Management Plan
RNA	Research Natural Area
ROD	Record of Decision
ROW	Right-of-Way
RSC	Rattlesnake/Squaw Creek/Coffeepot Thinning Project
SHED	Silvies, Hopper, Emigrant and Detrick Forest Restoration Project
SMAC	Steens Mountain Advisory Council
SRP	Special Recreation Permit
SSS	Special Status Species
Standards and Guidelines	Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Management for Public Lands in Oregon/Washington
Steens Act	Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000
SWAT	Strategic Attack Weed Team
TAME	Teaching and Achieving Mustang Excellence
TMP	Travel Management Plan
TP	Transportation Plan
U of O	University of Oregon
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UWM	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
WHB	Wild Horse and Burro
WJMA	Wildland Juniper Management Area
WUI	Wildland Urban Interface
WSA	Wilderness Study Area
WSR	Wild and Scenic River

Appendix B

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. **CMPA-9** **AMU-7**

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA)
Andrews Management Unit (AMU)

Planning Unit: OR027 and OR026

Page J-10 and J-69
Chapter Appendix J - Allotment Management Summaries
Heading South Steens Allotment #6002
 Roaring Springs FFR #6125
Component Table J-1

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE:

Changed Table J-1: Allotment Management Summaries as follows:

Moved 3,698 acres from Roaring Springs FFR (#6125) to South Steens Allotment (#6002), Home Creek Pasture. See tables below:

Page J-10 (South Steens Allotment #6002)

Pasture/Area	Corrected Acres	% Public
Home Creek	18,935	78

Total acres for South Steens Allotment are changed to 94,564 of which 89,510 acres or 95% are BLM-administered lands and 5,054 acres or 5% are in private ownership.

Page J-69 (Roaring Springs FFR #6125)

Pasture/Area	Corrected Acres	% Public Domain
Roaring Springs	199,558	3

Total acres for Roaring Springs FFR are changed to 199,558 of which 6,636 are BLM-administered lands, 192,264 are in private ownership, and 658 are State lands.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, *i.e.* EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

The RMPs did not accurately reflect on-the-ground boundaries and acreages. It appears the CMPA/AMU boundary was used when calculating acreages for each allotment rather than the actual fenced Home Creek Pasture boundary on private lands within the AMU.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist *Joe March* Date 9/19/08

Planning & Environmental Coordinator *Shonda Kango* Date 9/18/08

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist *William J. Pieratt* Date 9-22-08

Acting Field Manager *William J. Pieratt* Date 9-22-08

Appendix C

Categorical Exclusions Language for Planning Updates

“Certain activities within the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) forestry program have been categorically excluded from preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of a categorical exclusion is to eliminate the need for unnecessary paperwork under NEPA. Specifically, Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR §1508.4 state that:

“Categorical exclusion’ means a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a Federal agency in implementation of these regulations (Sec.1507.3) and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required...Any procedure under this section shall provide for extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant environmental effect.”

“In implementation of the NEPA regulations, the BLM has developed categorical exclusions for certain silvicultural activities, such as reforestation, pre-commercial treatments, brush control, sample tree falling and salvage, commercial thinning, and hazardous fuels reduction of limited acres. In developing categorical exclusions, the BLM demonstrated through rulemaking procedures how these actions do not typically result in significant environmental effects and set forth the methodology and criteria used to define the categories of actions. These rulemaking procedures included extensive public involvement and input, and CEQ review, regarding appropriate limits on the use of the categorical exclusion to assure that any categorically excluded action would remain within the effects of actions covered in the analysis for the rulemaking.”

“As such, in deciding whether to proceed with such actions, the BLM will review their particular conditions to ensure that no extraordinary circumstances exist, as listed in the Department of the Interior’s NEPA Manual at 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 that would preclude the use of a categorical exclusion. The XX District/Field Office maintains an on-site NEPA register that lists ongoing actions, and seeks information from the public as to whether extraordinary circumstances exist for any of these ongoing actions that are categorically excluded. An “extraordinary” circumstance is one that could have significant environmental effects beyond the “ordinary” circumstances already described and considered as applicable to the excluded actions in the rulemaking procedure. These categorically excluded actions, by regulation, do not require the documentation necessary for an EA or EIS. The public was also provided a formal opportunity to participate in the agency’s review and approval of these categorically excluded activities. Given this context, the BLM may choose to proceed with these actions as part of the ordinary course of business in managing forest land with the posting of a notice of decision on the District internet site. This notice would advise the public of the formal administrative review process for these individual actions available under 43 CFR §4.450. Depending on circumstances, however, the BLM may invoke, by publishing a notice in a local newspaper of record, the administrative review process under 43 CFR §5003 for certain individual forest management actions.”

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