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INTRODUCTION

This Planning Update is part of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) 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 or bi-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 Burns District's 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 (LUP) implementation activities completed in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, FY2014 and activities planned for FY2015.

Burns District manages over three million acres of public lands located primarily in Harney County, Oregon. The district is divided into two RAs: Andrews/Steens RA and Three Rivers RA. The Andrews/Steens RA is further divided into lands contained within the boundary of Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) and those outside the boundary. 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 website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/plans/index.php>.

WHAT YOU CAN FIND IN THIS DOCUMENT

SUMMARY OF WORK

This section identifies FY exceptional work accomplishments and issues as well as work proposed for the following year.

RANGELAND PROGRAM SUMMARY

This section outlines progress being made in implementing rangeland management objectives identified in the RAs' LUPs and identifies recent actions in allotments.

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) REGISTER

Listed in this section are those National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents completed in FY13, FY14, and documents initiated in FY15 to date.

APPENDICES

- **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 RMPs, 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.
- **Categorical Exclusion (CX) Guide:** Provides a definition and use of CXs specific to Forestry.

SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PLANNED WORK

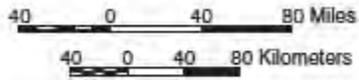
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This summary includes FY13 and FY14 accomplishments and planned work for FY15 for the following:

- Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management
- Riparian, Fish, and Water Quality
- Wildlife and Special Status Species (SSS)
- 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
- NEPA Register
- Rangeland Program Summary
- Plan Maintenance Sheets

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



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LAND USE PLANS/RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS SUMMARY

LUPs or RMPs are periodically evaluated to determine if:

- decisions remain relevant to current issues,
- decisions are effective in achieving or making progress toward achieving desired outcomes,
- decisions need to be revised,
- any alternatives need to be dropped from further consideration,
- any areas require new decisions.

The evaluation should consider the adequacy of mitigation measures, cumulative impacts to changing the LUP, and new, relevant data.

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, or State or 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.

The Three Rivers RMP was completed in 1992 and was evaluated in FY10. The Three Rivers RMP was found to be in need of updating. New science, program guidance, methodologies, species lists, climate change, and resource uses were identified as needs in multiple program areas. In most instances, the existing plan does not prevent the incorporation of this new information into environmental analyses and agency decision-making at the project scale. Projects are proceeding in accordance with the plan's objectives; however, some specific direction is constraining or inappropriate given current science or best management practices (BMP).

The AMU and CMPA RMPs were also evaluated in FY10. Overall, the results show the AMU and CMPA RMPs are providing the necessary guidance, allocations, and program-specific direction to allow for plan implementation through a wide variety of projects in conformance with the RMPs. Step-down analyses required by the plan have been completed (travel management) or are proceeding (Comprehensive Recreation Plan (CRP)), although at a slower pace than originally envisioned due to competing priorities and fiscal and staffing constraints.

In April 2010, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) determined that the Greater Sage-Grouse warranted protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), but listing the species was precluded by the need to address other, higher-priority species first. One reason for the USFWS decision was an identified need for "improved regulatory mechanisms: to ensure species conservation." The principal regulatory mechanisms for BLM are RMPs.

Currently underway is preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to amend eight RMPs in the Oregon BLM including the three RMPs within the Burns District.

The BLM formally published a notice of intent to amend LUPs/RMPs in the Federal Register in FY12. Following this, an active public involvement process to solicit input on potential science-based management actions was conducted.

The Draft EIS was released for public comments in FY14. The public comment period concluded in February 2014 and a Final EIS (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) are expected in FY15.

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, September 1992, because the RMP was written before the new requirements for Planning Updates. Table S-1: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) and Andrews Management Unit (AMU) Resource Management Plans' (RMP) Planning Areas, Summary of Resource Management Actions, Directions, and Accomplishments

RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity/Units	FY13 Accomplishments or Program Status (10/01/2012 to 09/30/2013)	FY14 Accomplishments or Program Status (10/01/2013 to 09/30/2014)	Cumulative Accomplishments, since RMP Approval (August 2005)*
Realty, Rights-of-Way (ROW), and Transportation Systems				
Land sales	Actions/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	1/240 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Land acquisitions by purchase, donation, withdrawal revocation, etc.	Actions/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 3/68.32(CMPA)
Land exchanges	Actions/acres acquired or acres disposed	0/0 (AMU) 0/0(CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	1/1,124 (AMU) 1/233 (CMPA)
Recreation and Public Purpose actions	Number leases or patents/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	1/2.5 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Utility ROWs authorized	Actions/miles	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	2/1.56 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	58/51.52 (AMU) 1/0.25 (CMPA)
Road ROWs acquired for public/agency use	Actions/miles	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	2/1.69 (AMU) 1/14.43 (CMPA)
Road ROWs granted	Actions/miles	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	6/15.36 (AMU) 1/1.75 (CMPA)
Film Permits Authorized	Actions/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	1/100 (AMU) 2/1,300 (CMPA)
Roads constructed or authorized	Actions/miles	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	1/0.94 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Roads decommissioned/obliterated	Actions/miles	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Roads closed/gated	Actions/miles	0/0 (AMU) 1/0.48 (CMPA)**	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	1/0.25 (AMU) 2/9.08 (CMPA)
Wind energy feasibility studies/ROWs	Actions/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	4/66,919 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Withdrawals completed	Actions/units	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Withdrawals revoked	Actions/units	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Minerals and Energy Resources				
Oil and gas leases/storage agreements	Actions/units	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Geothermal leases	Actions/units	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Other mineral leases (specify type)	Actions/units	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMP)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Locatable minerals	Mining plans approved/units	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Locatable minerals	Patents issued/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Salable mineral materials ***	Sites opened or closed/acres	0/0 opened 0/0 closed (AMU) 0/0 opened 0/0 closed (CMPA)	0/0 opened 0/0 closed (AMU) 0/0 opened 0/0 closed (CMPA)	0/0 opened 0/0 closed (AMU) 0/0 opened 0/0 closed (CMPA)
Salable material sites available ***	Sites/acres	10/455.85 (AMU) 7/501.08 (CMPA)	10/455.85 (AMU) 7/501.08 (CMPA)	10/455.85 (AMU) 7/501.08 (CMPA)

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Designated recreational rock-hounded or panning, sites/acres	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Abandoned Mine Lands	Sites remediated	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	6 (AMU) 4 (CMPA)	17 (AMU) 4 (CMPA)
Recreation and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use Areas				
Developed camping	Sites/spaces available	0/0 (AMU) 4/92 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 4/92 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 4/92 (CMPA)
Developed day use	Sites available	0 (AMU) 3 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 3 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 3 (CMPA)
Maintained OHV staging areas	Sites available	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
Maintained OHV trails or routes	Units/miles	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Maintained hiking trails/equestrian trails or routes	Units/miles	0/0 (AMU) 1/1 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 3/3 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 16/84 (CMPA)
Maintained back-country discovery or scenic routes	Units/miles	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 1/150 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 11/206 (CMPA)
Interpretive sites or trails	Units/miles	0/0 (AMU) 1/5 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 1/5 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 1/5 (CMPA)
Cultural and Paleontological Resources				
Cultural resource inventories completed	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	16/1,036 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	22/1,483 (AMU) 6/403 (CMPA)
Paleontological resource inventories completed	Sites/acres	2/6 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	1/5 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	6/56 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Cultural/historic sites on Historic Register managed	Sites managed	4 (AMU) 1 (CMPA)	7 (AMU) 1 (CMPA)	19 (AMU) 13 (CMPA)
Cultural/historic sites nominated to Historic Register	Sites or Districts nominated	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
Cultural/historic sites restored, recovered, or stabilized	Sites	2 (AMU) 2 (CMPA)	3 (AMU) 1 (CMPA)	17 (AMU) 13(CMPA)
Hazardous Materials and Sites				
Hazardous material sites identified, under treatment, or remediation completed	Units	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 1 (CMPA)
Rangeland and Woodland Resources				
Livestock grazing permits or leases	Total renewed units/Animal Unit Months (AUM)	1/1,859 (AMU) 1/2,027 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	19/44,426 (AMU) 7/11,159 (CMPA)
Livestock AUMs banked or relinquished	Units/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Livestock fences constructed	Miles	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	5.5 (AMU) 20.5 (CMPA)
Livestock fences	Miles	0 (AMU)	0 (AMU)	3 (AMU)

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removed		0 (CMPA)	0 (CMPA)	0.5 (CMPA)*****
Water developments maintained (wells, springs, pipelines, etc.)	Units	5 (AMU) 5 (CMPA)	5 (AMU) 5 (CMPA)	54 (AMU) 30 (CMPA)
Wild horses and burros (WHB) removed and adopted****	Number of animals	0 removed/ 1 adopted	0 removed/ 0 adopted	739 removed/ 211 adopted****
WHB herd composite populations***** HMA = Herd Management Area L = Low H = High	Authorized management level (AML)(#L-#H)/estimated current population (EP)	N/A*****	Kiger HMA: 51L-82H/130EP Riddle Mtn. HMA: 33L-56H/64EP	N/A*****
Prescribed burning - forage management*****	acres	N/A*****	N/A*****	N/A*****
Noxious weeds – treated by any means except prescribed fire chemical	Sites/acres	18/1,893 (AMU) 23/753 (CMPA)	16/7,508 (AMU) 20/644 (CMPA)	79/10,412.74 (AMU) 104/6,979.41(CMPA)
Invasive species control by prescribed fire (option to specify species in text section)	acres	N/A*****	0/0 (AMU) 10,543 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 15,743 (CMPA)
Brush field/hardwood conversion	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Woodland species restoration (option to specify species in text section)	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 11/121 (CMPA)
Forest Management and Forest Health				
Regeneration harvest or fire salvage	Acres	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
Commercial thinning/density management/uneven age harvest	Acres	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
Timber sale volume offered for sale	MM board feet/MM cubic feet	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Timber sale quantity harvested	MM board feet/MM cubic feet	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)
Special forest products sales (e.g., boughs, fenceposts, corral poles, fuel wood)	Actions/units (cords) by type	6/50 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 1/5 (CMPA)	44/146 (AMU) 49/269 (CMPA)
Site preparation -	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)	0/0 (AMU)	0/0 (AMU)

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prescribed fire (includes ecosystem enhancement projects)		0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (CMPA)	25/~31,513 (CMPA)
Site preparation - other	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU) 2/264 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 1/176 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 19/6,569 (CMPA)
Prescribed burning - hazard reduction	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	1/22 (AMU) 15/6,633 (CMPA)
Natural fire for ecosystem enhancement	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 1/300 (CMPA)
Vegetation control - mechanical/hand (Juniper piling)	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU) 5/1,027 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 1/44 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 8/1,569 (CMPA)
Planting - regular stock	Acres	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
Fertilization	Acres	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
Special Management Areas				
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)/Research Natural Areas (RNA)	Areas monitored	2 (AMU) 3 (CMPA)	2 (AMU) 3 (CMPA)	26 (AMU) 15 (CMPA)
Significant Caves	Sites inventoried/evaluated/monitored	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present
Designated Wilderness Areas	Areas monitored	0 (AMU) 1 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 1 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 4 (CMPA)
Wilderness Study Areas (WSA), areas monitored	Areas monitored	0 (AMU) 5 (CMPA)	17 (AMU) 5 (CMPA)	35 (AMU) 15 (CMPA)
Designated Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR), areas monitored	Areas monitored	0 (AMU) 3 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 12 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 18 (CMPA)
Administratively suitable WSRs, areas monitored	Areas monitored	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU) 0 (CMPA)
National Monuments (if any), areas monitored	Areas monitored	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present

* Implementation began in FY06.

** This update was inadvertently missed in FY12.

*** Per Burns District Geologist, the AMU and CMPA have not added or subtracted from the totals of salable mineral sites/acres available other than a 40-acre clarification on one pit within the CMPA in 2011/2012. We currently have 10 sites/455.85 acres (AMU) and 7 sites/501.08 acres (CMPA).

**** Portions of HMAs fall outside the CMPA boundary and within Three Rivers RA. Numbers shown include horses gathered and adopted within the entire HMA.

***** Total does not include 27.5 miles of fence removed within the No Livestock Grazing Area within Steens Mountain Wilderness.

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

TERRESTRIAL HABITAT AND SPECIES MANAGEMENT

See Special Areas Section for information regarding Areas of Critical Environmental Concerns (ACEC) and Research Natural Areas (RNA).

Accomplished Work for FY13

Burns District currently has one permanent botanical position. This position is responsible for the District RNA and ACEC Programs, Native Plant Program, Botanical NEPA input, Special Status Species (SSS) Management, Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species of Flora, T&E species reintroduction efforts programs, and the Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ES&R) program.

Funding was not received in the BLM Native Plant Program; however, funding from Seeds for Success allowed collections related to sage-grouse as well as Wyoming big sagebrush and antelope bitterbrush. These species will be used for seedling grow out in a nursery setting to assist with the demand for sagebrush and bitterbrush plugs (planting) resulting from the 2012 catastrophic wildfires and restoration of these burned acres in 2013.

Federal Threatened and Endangered and BLM Sensitive Species

Ten populations of six BLM sensitive plant species in Three Rivers RA and ten populations of BLM sensitive plant species in Andrews/Steens RA were monitored, mostly in Alvord Basin, Pueblo Mountains, and forest fringe/front range for FY13.

Nine populations of the threatened *Stephanomeria malheurensis* (Malheur wirelettuce) were monitored in 2013. All monitoring activities took place in Three Rivers RA as all associated critical habitat occurs within the RA. BLM continued a cooperative effort with USFWS, Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), the Native Plant Society, and other interested parties to attempt to reestablish self-sustaining populations of Malheur wirelettuce. Monitoring of associated Federally Designated Critical Habitat also occurred.

World-wide this plant species is found only in the 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, 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. Because of funding issues, the late summer/fall monitoring of the Malheur wirelettuce was not performed by ODA; however, BLM provided assistance in FY13 for population monitoring.

Funding was not received in FY13 to continue reintroduction efforts for the Malheur wirelettuce. Surveys of the planting sites were performed in FY13 with 15 plants found.

Botanical Clearance for Ground-disturbing Projects

Botanical clearances are the earliest form of implementation of a given project and are critical for project design and success. Botanical clearances were conducted at six project sites in Andrews/Steens RA and Three Rivers RA for a total of 10,000 acres in FY13. Clearances were conducted for projects such as juniper cutting, prescribed fire, trough replacement, fence construction, and various other range improvement projects. Monitoring was conducted on eight populations of BLM SSS of flora in Andrews/Steens RA and three populations in Three Rivers RA, including front-range endemics and species found in the CMPA.

Accomplished Work for FY14

Monitoring for Malheur wirelettuce continued despite not receiving funding for outside monitoring by State and/or Federal agencies. Initial surveys in FY14 did not find any plants. Monitoring was conducted on 10 populations of BLM SSS of flora in Andrews/Steens, including species found in the CMPA, and 5 populations in Three Rivers RA, including front-range endemics.

Botanical clearances were conducted as part of the BLM project implementation process for such projects as forest health, ecosystem restoration, prescribed fire, juniper cutting, sage-grouse corridor enhancement, rights-of-way (ROW), road maintenance, and range improvement projects planned for 2014 and projects projected to be completed in future years.

Monitoring on ES&R vegetation treatments for the Miller Homestead, Holloway, Olympus, House, Mann, and Coyote Gap Wildfires occurred with the help of interns from the Chicago Botanic Gardens Conservation and Land

Management Internship Program. Over 200,000 acres were surveyed for successes and failures of seeding and planting treatments.

Planned Work for FY15

Monitoring for Malheur wirelettuce will continue despite not receiving funding for outside monitoring by State and/or Federal agencies. Monitoring will be done on a minimum of 15 populations of BLM SSS flora in Andrews/Steens, including species found in the CMPA and on 10 populations in Three Rivers RA, including front-range endemics. Monitoring will be completed with the help of interns from the Chicago Botanic Gardens Conservation and Land Management Internship Program.

Botanical clearances will be conducted as part of the BLM project implementation process for such projects as forest health, ecosystem restoration, prescribed fire, juniper cutting, sage-grouse corridor enhancement, ROWs, road maintenance, and range improvement projects planned for 2015 and projects projected to be completed in future years.

Monitoring on ES&R vegetation treatments for the Miller Homestead, Holloway, Coyote Gap, House, Mann, Riley Field, Beaver Creek, and Gumboot Wildfires will occur with the help of interns from the Chicago Botanic Gardens Conservation and Land Management Internship Program. Over 200,000 acres will be surveyed for successes and failures of seeding and planting treatments as well as natural recovery. The Beaver Creek and Riley Field Wildfires were part of the Buzzard Complex with the Vale District in 2014, which burned approximately 400,000 acres of sagebrush steppe.

RIPARIAN, FISH, AND WATER QUALITY

Accomplished Work for FY13

Three Rivers Resource Area

Staff completed inventory and monitoring on streams and associated riparian habitat in the Three Rivers RA during FY13. Assessment methodologies consisted of photo monitoring, Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) assessments, and Multiple Indicator Monitoring (MIM). In total, riparian habitat was evaluated along approximately 45 stream miles. Water quality was assessed by measuring water temperatures on 8 streams. Water temperature data followed Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) guidelines.

Road maintenance on the Smyth Creek Road crossing was completed. This project reduced sediment entering Smyth Creek from an unnamed spring drainage which runs down Swamp Creek Road (unsurfaced). Smyth Creek is 303(d) listed for water temperature and is SSS redband trout habitat. The project site lies within the Kiger Mustang Herd Management Area (HMA) and Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). This area is used regularly for wild horse viewing. Previously, storm water and water from an unnamed spring flowed directly down the road, transporting excessive amounts of sediment into Smyth Creek. The original French drain and a culvert further up the road were not functioning properly, causing year round muddy conditions along approximately 100 feet of Swamp Creek Road. The muddy area was driven upon regularly, increasing erosion and causing obvious sedimentation into Smyth Creek throughout most of the year. The project reconstructed the French drain. This has reduced sedimentation into this 303(d) listed fish bearing stream.

Andrews Management Unit/Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (AMU/CMPA)

In 2013, BLM staff took part in the Alvord Chub Locale Study by providing water related information (Water Temperature and Water Quality (WQ)) within the Alvord Subbasin study area. This is a collaborative study done in association with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the USFWS, and Oregon State University (OSU) Fisheries Research Lab in Corvallis. This is a climate change funded project. In addition, approximately 30 sites were trapped in 2013 for the absence or presence of Alvord Chub.

In excess of 36 stream miles were inventoried or monitored in the AMU/CMPA. Assessment methodologies consisted of photo monitoring and PFC.

Work was continued on the Page Springs Gauging Weir Fish Passage Project Environmental Assessment (EA). Collaborative meetings and site visits were held with the USFWS, ODFW, Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) BLM State Wilderness staff, American Rivers, and an engineering consulting firm during 2013. Water measurement issues, permitting, wilderness issues, and construction methods were discussed at the various meetings. Notching of the weir was analyzed, as well as total removal, to allow passage for all native fish.

Let down fences were maintained to exclude cattle from grazing critical riparian habitat along Mud Creek, Fish Creek, Krumbo Creek, and the Donner und Blitzen River.

Burns District Water Rights

District personnel worked with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) crew to remove trees and brush off of six dams in the Lone Pine Allotment and to repair two riparian enclosures. Mudball Reservoir spillway was also repaired and re-rocked. Completion of these projects protected BLM water storage rights.

In addition, 44 units of annual water use were reported to Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD).

The Page Springs Gauging Weir EA was sent out for specialist comments and input. The water rights staff met with Denise Hoffert-Hay of American Rivers in Salem concerning permitting, process, and timelines that would be associated with removal or modification of the Page Springs Gauging Weir. Water rights staff also met with Engineer Scott Wright of River Design Group to go over “working in the wet” and the necessary tools and time lines associated with the dam removal process. Additionally, water rights staff led a site tour with Jerry Magee (State Wilderness Lead) and the interdisciplinary team (IDT) to discuss potential wilderness issues with the dam removal and/or the modification process, and possible routes to be used.

Field data was gathered for the Nolan Edwards and Jackie Hall pipeline trespasses, as well as for the Erenos Willow Creek Reservoir Categorical Exclusion (CX).

Existing water structures on Steens Mountain for 2013 were researched, compared to structures present prior to its designation as Wilderness, and reported on for the 2013 Wilderness report.

Accomplished Work for FY14

Three Rivers Resource Area

Staff completed inventory and monitoring on streams and associated riparian habitat in the Three Rivers RA during FY14. Assessment methodologies consisted of photo monitoring and PFC assessments. In total, riparian habitat was evaluated along approximately 52 stream miles in Three Rivers RA. Water quality was assessed by measuring water temperatures on 11 streams across 25 miles. Water temperature data followed ODEQ guidelines.

BLM personnel also completed planning for large wood debris placement along Bluebucket Creek. Work is expected to begin in 2016 as part of the Bluebucket Stewardship Contract.

AMU/Steens CMPA

Work on the Alvord Chub Locale Study continued in 2014. Mass habitat sampling for Alvord Chub occurred in northern Nevada and in the Alvord Subbasin. Sites were trapped for absence/presence of Alvord Chub and to research habitat loss due to possible climate change. Project funding and Federal Take Permit were applied for as well as inventory and monitoring being completed along seven miles of habitat. Work was completed in cooperation with ODFW, Winnemucca BLM, the OSU fisheries lab, and a graduate student.

As part of the Alvord Chub Locale Study, BLM personnel monitored water quality throughout the Alvord Subbasin. Thirty water temperature probes were installed and retrieved. With this data, a Climate Change Base Map for the Alvord Subbasin was created.

Throughout the remainder of AMU/Steens CMPA, an additional 36 stream miles were inventoried or monitored. Assessment methodologies consisted of photo monitoring and PFC.

The Moon Hill prescribed fire took place in September 2014. It was conducted to reduce juniper cover and promote healthy rangeland conditions. The fire removed much of the juniper cover along the upper reaches of Krumbo Creek and Dry Krumbo Creek and should improve the water quality and availability within the watershed, thus increasing riparian vegetation potential and the health of the stream systems.

Burns District Water Rights

The water rights staff member completed a data call for the D.C. Office for Washington/Oregon on Federal Reserve Water Rights. The Washington D.C. office is tasked with input into a Draft General Accounting Office

(GAO) Report on Freshwater Supply Concerns and Uncertainties (GAO-14-430). Information was needed concerning the total number of Federal Reserved Water Rights held by the BLM in both Washington and Oregon.

Additional FY14 Accomplishments

- Burns BLM water rights staff member gave a presentation at the Western States Water Council Meeting in Helena, Montana on water rights in Oregon.
- The water rights staff member was invited to be a BLM representative for the Western States Water Council; duties will start in FY15.
- Project clearances were completed for head gate and outlet pipe installations and routine dam maintenance for three reservoirs: Green Spot Reservoir, State Reservoir, and Solomon Canyon Reservoir.
- Filed/amended water rights for Erenos Willow Creek Reservoir, Solomon Canyon Reservoir, and Mountain Pasture.
- Filed water right applications for Cherry Springs, Deer Camp Springs, Adrien Well, and Keg Springs Well.
- Water rights staff member worked on water right Point of Diversion (POD) and Point of Use amendments for the Alder Creek Project.
- Water rights staff member worked with the Vale District to get a Certified Water Rights Examiner (CWRE) for beneficial use reports and final proof maps that will be completed in FY15 for Poison Creek Reservoir and the Alder Creek Project.
- Water rights staff member conducted on site water measurements for water rights filings and project implementations, trespass cases, and Allotment Management Plans (AMP).
- Water rights staff member conducted compliance and negotiation with local Watermaster and Salem OWRD office on all projects.
- BLM fire crews burned piles of trees and brush that were cut off of six dams per OWRD dam maintenance regulations to protect storage rights. BLM fire crews cut and piled three acres of trees and brush at Green Spot Reservoir in preparation for dam maintenance and head gate/outlet pipe installations in 2015.
- Completed 10 dam and reservoir inspections.
- Reported 44 units of annual water use to OWRD.
- Water rights staff member attended the Geothermal Resources Council Meeting in Portland, Oregon.
- Water rights staff worked on interagency agreement for 100 gallons per minute (GPM) from Webb Springs from USFWS to operate Dutch Oven Pipeline for the Hammond Allotment.
- Submitted a Rocky mountain Elk Foundation Grant Application to secure the water right in the mountain Pasture. Project would include head gate installation, ditch cleaning, and maintenance so beneficial use can continue.

Planned Work for FY15

Three Rivers Resource Area

Three Rivers staff will complete an EA for the Alder Creek Restoration. The NEPA process for this project will address stabilizing headcuts, juniper encroachment in the surrounding watershed, potential weed infestations, and a livestock grazing enclosure.

Planning for culvert removal on Coffeepot Creek was completed in 2014, with work expected to begin in the fall of 2015. The culvert is a partial fish barrier and its removal will open up one mile of habitat to redband trout. The culvert will be replaced with a hardened rock crossing.

Monitoring of water quality and riparian habitat will continue across the RA in 2015. Riparian and fisheries habitat will be monitored on approximately 50 stream miles and water quality will be assessed on 8 streams.

AMU/Steens CMPA

Work on Page Springs Gauging Weir Fish Passage EA will continue in FY15. Originally, this project was to allow passage for redband trout, a BLM Sensitive Species, but radio telemetry work showed that larger redband trout were able to pass during spring spawning migrations. Notching of the weir is being analyzed, as well as total removal, to allow passage for all native fish. This document went out for in house review in 2014; BLM solicitors and the State NEPA lead found that it needed some changes which are taking place in 2015.

Post-wildfire restoration will take place along Carlson Creek as part of the Bone Creek Basin ES&R project. The Bone Creek Basin Fire removed all riparian vegetation along Carlson Creek, exposing multiple headcuts. These headcuts will be armored with rock and log structures to help maintain stream channel integrity and preserve access to the floodplain. Cottonwood planting will also take place along the stream corridor in an attempt to restore woody vegetation and capture sediment at high flow periods.

Monitoring of riparian, fish, and water quality is scheduled for multiple streams within the AMU/Steens CMPA and will encompass approximately 50 stream miles. Water quality monitoring will consist of water temperature measurements along 303(d) listed streams in accordance with Resource Management Plan (RMP) standards. Photo monitoring points will be established and/or repeated to identify riparian health and trends. PFC will be completed to re-assess stream segments that were not reaching potential, or that are located within allotments that are up for evaluation.

Multiple springs within the South Steens Allotment will have junipers removed and fencing installed. This will allow for better grazing management and will improve riparian habitat condition.

BLM personnel will assist ODFW with population sampling of Lahontan Cutthroat Trout within multiple streams on the Trout Creek Mountains.

Burns District Water Rights

Work is set to begin in March of 2015 on 88 water right units that need “beneficial use claims” and “final proof maps” made. This work may continue on into FY17 (or until completed). Survey work will be completed by way of an interagency contract between BLM and United States Forest Service (USFS) Cadastral crews. This work will aid in the completion of 88 water right certificates being issued. Most of these permits have been waiting since the 1970s and 1980s to get beneficial use claims and final proof maps made. Costs associated with making beneficial use claims and the lack of CWREs have been the deciding factors regarding why work was not completed previously.

Additional FY15 Plans

- Ten dam inspections will occur.
- Water rights staff member will begin the installation of staff gauges into BLM reservoirs to comply with the OWRD terms and conditions pertaining to water storage rights.
- A contract will be completed and work will begin on two reservoirs that will get head gates and outlet pipes installed to comply with OWRD terms and conditions pertaining to water storage rights.
- Water rights staff member will complete water use reporting for 2014 use to OWRD for all 1,455 water rights that occur on the Burns District.
- Filings for water rights, research on trespass cases, water measurement, and water rights input for BLM documents will continue to occur in FY15.
- The BLM will collaborate with OWRD on the implementation/drilling of monitoring wells on the District for use in ongoing groundwater monitoring.
- The BLM will collaborate with OSU and the Institute for Water and Watersheds on an arsenic monitoring research project using BLM domestic and livestock wells located on the District.
- Duties will continue for the water rights staff member that is now on the Western States Water Council.

WILDLIFE/SPECIAL STATUS SPECIES

Accomplished Work for FY13

Approximately 80 Greater Sage-Grouse lek surveys were completed in coordination with the ODFW during FY13. Most of these leks are visited yearly by BLM or ODFW staff as part of a long-term population monitoring effort.

To improve sage-grouse habitat, 287 acres of western juniper treatments (cutting, piling, and prescription burning) occurred in the North Steens Restoration project boundaries. An additional 567-acre prescribed fire was carried out in the Five Creeks project area in an effort to improve sage-grouse habitat. Sage-grouse lek attendance was and will continue to be monitored in these areas. Numerous other treatments dealing with conifer encroachment were carried out across the district. Although it might not be the primary reason for treatment, these projects will also benefit sage-grouse and other wildlife species.

Census of wintering bald eagle populations were conducted during FY13 in conjunction with ODFW, Malheur National Forest (MNF), and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Biologists conducted monthly (December to March) raptor surveys on two previously established routes (these surveys are completed as part of a national monitoring effort to determine raptor presence and wintering population numbers for different areas throughout the state and nation).

The area around Rock Creek Reservoir was surveyed for pygmy rabbits by a contractor.

Several known sites occupied by Columbia spotted frogs were visited incidentally to other work to determine if frogs were present. No new surveys were conducted in Burns District. In FY13, Malheur NWR contracted to have spotted frogs inventoried on the refuge. The contractor also completed some surveys on BLM land adjacent to the refuge where suitable habitat existed. Most of the areas on BLM land were known to have spotted frogs previously and surveys located them in those areas again.

In 2013, three wildlife guzzlers in the Three Rivers RA were repaired and reconstructed and several others had minor maintenance performed. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) partnered with the BLM and the ODFW to carry out the major maintenance and reconstruction efforts on these guzzlers. One guzzler that was destroyed in the 2006 Pueblo Fire was entirely replaced in cooperation with ODFW and members of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS). This guzzler provides water for bighorn sheep and other wildlife in the Alvord Peaks area. Several other guzzlers were inspected in FY13.

Several livestock allotments were monitored for compliance with authorized use and input was provided on SSS, migratory birds, and other wildlife for allotment evaluations, AMPs, and other NEPA documents.

During FY13, grazing allotments that were being monitored as part of assessing conditions of sage-grouse habitat were also monitored for migratory birds at the same trend plots. Numbers of birds, as well as general vegetation characteristics, were collected in an effort to determine use of the sagebrush steppe by different sagebrush-dependent birds.

Accomplished Work for FY14

Ninety-two Greater Sage-Grouse leks were monitored and surveyed in coordination with the ODFW and other agencies during FY14. Of the 92 leks surveyed, 44 were surveyed more than once, for a total of 177 lek site visits. Most of these leks are visited yearly by BLM or ODFW staff as part of a long-term population monitoring effort.

Censuses of wintering bald eagle populations were conducted during FY14 in conjunction with ODFW, MNF, and Malheur NWR as part of an ongoing effort to monitor wintering bald eagle populations in the Harney Basin of the Burns District. Many of the areas monitored have been monitored since the late 1980s.

In an effort to improve sage-grouse habitat, numerous projects have been implemented across the district. Approximately 360 acres of Wyoming sagebrush beating occurred on district in an effort to both improve sage-grouse habitat and reduce the risk of losing current habitat to wildfire. Approximately 1,510 acres of juniper treatments (cutting, piling, and burning) occurred across the district in an effort to improve sage-grouse habitat. These projects occurred within the North Steens, Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Improvement Project (GSHIP), and Moffet Table project areas. In addition to the treatments on those acres, prescribed burns were implemented on approximately 10,500 acres in the Moon Hill area in an effort to improve and diversify sage-grouse habitat. Sage-grouse lek attendance was and will continue to be monitored in these areas. Numerous other treatments

dealing with conifer encroachment were carried out across the district. Although it might not be the primary reason for treatment, these projects will also benefit sage-grouse and other wildlife species.

Several wildlife guzzlers were inspected throughout the Burns District to determine what, if any, repairs needed to be completed for the guzzlers to remain functional, providing reliable water sources for wildlife in remote and drier parts of the District. Six guzzlers received major maintenance consisting of new water collection aprons and/or new livestock enclosure fences. Several other guzzlers in the district received minor maintenance. There are still major maintenance needs on a number of guzzlers on the district.

During FY14, grazing allotments that were coming up for permit renewal were monitored for migratory bird use, similarly to those that were monitored in FY13. The presence of sagebrush-dependent bird species as well as other migratory birds helped assess the diversity of birds. The vegetation characteristics helped with assessing the health of the sagebrush steppe in those particular areas.

A contractor completed two pygmy rabbit surveys, one north of Rock Creek Reservoir and one north of Guano Slough.

The contractor inventorying Columbia spotted frogs on Malheur NWR continued his work on the refuge during FY14 and also monitored several sites on surrounding BLM lands. Data from this work will be useful in determining linkages between different populations on the refuge as well as on surrounding BLM lands.

Planned Work for FY15

Greater Sage-Grouse leks (somewhere between 70 and 90 leks) will be monitored during FY15 as part of the ongoing effort with ODFW to monitor certain leks as part of the population estimate that ODFW completes every year. Many of the leks monitored will be the same as those monitored in past years.

To improve sage-grouse habitat, approximately 1,000 acres of western juniper cutting/piling will occur in the South Steens area. In addition, approximately 1,500-1,800 acres of fuels treatments are planned in the Otis Mountain area in an effort to improve sage-grouse habitat. Sage-grouse lek attendance was and will continue to be monitored in these areas.

Census of wintering bald eagle populations will be conducted during FY15 in conjunction with ODFW, Malheur National Forest, and Malheur NWR as part of an ongoing effort to monitor wintering bald eagle populations in the Harney Basin of the Burns District. Many of the areas monitored have been monitored since the late 1980s.

Several wildlife guzzlers will be inspected throughout the Burns District to determine what, if any, repairs need to be completed for the guzzlers to remain functional, providing reliable water sources for wildlife in remote and drier parts of the District. At least two guzzlers in the District will receive major maintenance and several others will receive minor maintenance in 2015.

During FY15, grazing allotments that are coming up for permit renewal will be monitored for migratory bird use, similarly to those that were monitored in previous years. The presence of sagebrush-dependent bird species as well as other migratory birds will help assess the diversity of birds. The vegetation characteristics will help with assessing the health of the sagebrush steppe in the particular areas.

The contractor inventorying Columbia spotted frogs on Malheur NWR will continue his work on the refuge during FY15 and will also monitor several sites on surrounding BLM lands. Data from this work will be useful in determining linkages between different populations on the refuge as well as on surrounding BLM lands.

NOXIOUS WEED PROGRAM

Accomplished Work in FY13

During 2013, the Burns District BLM participated in most of the activities of the Harney County Cooperative Weed Management Area (HC-CWMA).

HC CWMA Projects in FY13 included:

Education/Awareness Events

- Weed education meeting focusing on hay growers
- Pesticide recertification training
- Weeds in the Classroom
- Free Spray Day
- Burns Paiute Tribe Workshop
- Landowner awareness meeting - Drewsey
- Landowner awareness meeting - Riley
- Landowner medusahead pre-project planning meeting
- Camera-On-A-Stick Workshop
- Harney County Fair
- Three season-long kiosk stations

On-the-Ground Weed Projects

- Happy Valley Noxious Weed Control Project
- Poison Creek Noxious Weed Control Project
- Stinkingwater Creek Noxious Weed Control Project
- South End Follow-up Noxious Weed Control Project
- Henricks Noxious Weed Control
- BLM-CWMA Medusahead Monitoring Project
- Rangeland Monitoring Project
- Countywide medusahead treatments
- Harney Valley African Rue Management Project
- Cooperative treatment of material sites

Biocontrol Projects

- Continued Burns BLM's Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS)-European Biocontrol Lab to develop biocontrols for medusahead.
- Canada thistle - Released another batch (batch 2) (2,500 bugs) of stem mining weevils *Ceutorhynchus litura* in Yank Creek in the Five Creeks Project area.

Research Projects

- Medusahead projects - various, ongoing
- Russian knapweed projects - ongoing

In addition, the following weed program activities occurred on the Burns District in FY13:

- 31,105 new acres were inventoried for noxious weeds.
- Applied chemical treatment to 3,802 acres (1,744 by ground and 2,058 by air) (utilizing ground and aerial contractors as well as BLM staff), applied non-classical biological controls to 100 acres and had 1 new biological release on BLM land. In addition to upland habitat improvements, these treatments also benefited 30 miles of riparian habitat and 500 acres of wetland habitat.
- 212,211 acres of weed sites/treatments were monitored, including areas burned by wildfire from previous years, forest health projects, and many landscape scale projects involving prescribed burning.

Notable among the weed treatments in 2013 were just over 2,000 acres of aerial medusahead treatments. These treatments were made using a helicopter. Some treatment occurred on the east side of the Steens. Private land treatments also occurred near that area (Crowley). Additional medusahead treatments on BLM were made in the Bartlett Mountain area, continuing work started in 2012.

The Burns District continued its agreement with Harney County for the services of the Strategic Weed Attack Team (SWAT). The crew started in late May and continued with an intensive field season of spraying through November. Because of our open conditions during the winter, the crew was able to seed areas where trees had been cut, piled, and then burned until early February.

This year's 5-person crew was able to cover a lot of country, surveying for and treating noxious weeds all across the District. In addition to previous years' wildfires, the types of areas surveyed post-treatment included prescribed burns, forest and rangeland health, and habitat improvement in both uplands and riparian areas. Additional units were pre-surveyed prior to treatment implementation. The crew also looked at miscellaneous areas such as roads, reservoirs, and pastures in the course of surveying scattered units. Of the total acreages listed above, the SWAT crew accomplished 23,869 acres of inventory, 110 acres of treatment, and 236,072 acres of monitoring. This year the crew (along with one of our Forestry Technicians) again seeded burn piles and some dozer lines from fires. Total acres seeded through February were 4,882 acres. AWESOME!!



A SWAT crew member in action spraying weeds.



The SWAT crew laying out the plan for the day.

Accomplished Work for FY14

During 2014, the Burns District BLM participated in most of the activities of HC-CWMA.

HC CWMA Projects in FY14 included:

Education/Awareness Events

- Weed education meeting focusing on hay growers
- Pesticide recertification training
- Free Spray Day
- Landowner medusahead pre-project planning meeting
- Harney County Fair
- One season-long kiosk station at Chickahominy

On-the-Ground Weed Projects

- Happy Valley Noxious Weed Control Project
- Poison Creek Noxious Weed Control Project
- Henricks Noxious Weed Control
- BLM-CWMA Medusahead Monitoring Project
- Countywide medusahead treatments
- Harney Valley African Rue Management Project
- Cooperative treatment of material sites

Biocontrol Projects

- Continued Burns BLM's agreement with ARS-European Biocontrol Lab to develop biocontrols for medusahead.
- Canada thistle - Released another batch (2,500 bugs) of stem mining weevils *Ceutorhynchus litura* in Smyth Creek in the Five Creeks Project area.

Research Projects

- Medusahead projects - various, ongoing
- Russian Knapweed projects - ongoing

In addition, the following weed program activities occurred on the Burns District in FY14:

- 1,407 new acres were inventoried for noxious weeds.
- Applied chemical treatment to 17,364 acres (2,672 by ground and 14,692 by air, utilizing ground and aerial contractors as well as BLM staff). In addition to upland habitat improvements, these treatments also benefited 30 miles of riparian habitat and 500 acres of wetland habitat.
- Applied non-classical biological controls to 11,418 acres and 1 new biological release on BLM land. This included an on-going cooperative project using late fall/winter cattle grazing to manage invasive annual grasses.
- 422,003 acres of weed sites/treatments were monitored, including areas burned by wildfire from previous years, forest health projects, and many landscape scale projects involving prescribed burning.
- 5,426 acres were seeded, in part to prevent noxious weed establishment. Of that, 268 acres were seeded aurally while 5,158 acres were seeded manually, mostly on burn piles.

Notable among the weed treatments in 2014 were close to 7,000 acres of aerial medusahead treatments. These treatments were made using a helicopter. Most of these treated acres were in the Riley area following the Gumboot wildfire. These treatments were very timely because private land treatments also occurred near that area. Additional medusahead treatments on BLM lands were made in the Riddle Mountain and East Steens areas, continuing work started in 2012.



Spraying Medusahead in the Gumboot Fire.

The Burns District continued our agreement with Harney County for the services of the SWAT. The crew started in late May and continued with an intensive field season of spraying through November. Because of our open conditions during the winter, the crew was able to seed areas where trees had been cut, piled, and then burned until January.

This year's 5-person crew was able to cover a lot of country, surveying for and treating noxious weeds all across the District. In addition to previous years' wildfires, the type of areas surveyed post-treatment included prescribed burns, forest and rangeland health, and habitat improvement in both uplands and riparian areas. Additional units were surveyed prior to treatment implementation. The crew also looked at miscellaneous areas such as roads, reservoirs, and pastures in the course of surveying scattered units. Of the total acreages listed above, the SWAT crew accomplished all 100 acres of inventory, 1,125 acres of treatment, and 370,674 acres of monitoring. This year the crew again seeded burn piles and some dozer lines from fires. Total acres seeded through January were 2,562 acres.

The SWAT efforts account for a large portion of Burns BLM's field work load. 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.

Planned Work for FY15

Weed management plans for FY15 include as many partnership activities as possible, including:

- Various educational presentations and workshops
- Medusahead management projects
- Riley Medusahead Project
- Free Spray Day
- Annual CWMA and other weed educational presentations
- Continuation of programs for inventory, treatment, and monitoring on BLM lands

Projected acreages include:

- 2,000 acres of inventory
- 30,000 acres of treatment
- 400,000 acres of monitoring
- 25 miles of stream and/or riparian treatment and monitoring

SPECIAL AREAS

Accomplished Work in FY13



Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area

The Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC), established by the Steens Act, met four times in FY13. Important business matters addressed included the South Steens AMP, the Steens Mountain CRP, wilderness inholder access, recreation issues on the east side of Steens Mountain, let-down fencing in the No Livestock Grazing Area, ES&R, and forage reserves. In spring of 2013, the BLM recruited heavily for vacant positions on the SMAC.

Steens Loop Road

Reconstruction of the Steens Loop Road was primarily funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). All reconstruction efforts were completed in the fall of 2012; these included subgrade preparation,

compaction, aggregate surfacing, and cross drainage improvements to the entire Steens Loop Road, Kiger Overlook Road, East Rim Overlook Road, Wildhorse Lake Overlook Road, and portions of Riddle Brothers Ranch Road (56.5 miles total).

Additional stabilization efforts occurred during summer/fall of 2013 in the area known as the "Rooster Comb". Loose rock was removed from the cut slope and a mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall was constructed on the fill slope to mitigate safety concerns and stabilize and widen the road bed.

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 in 2005 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 including the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA). Final decision by the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) 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. The TMP was subsequently appealed to U.S. District Court in April 2009 and a court hearing was held in November 2010.

On July 8, 2011, District Court Judge Papak declined to vacate the IBLA decision of February 2009 but instead remanded it back to IBLA and required ONDA and BLM to confer and submit a joint proposal (or separate proposals) for an injunction either stating or depicting precisely which routes are allegedly obscure and should be exempt from maintenance.

On July 28, 2011, Judge Papak's Opinion and Order provided that "BLM may also engage in the planned maintenance of the portions of Smyth Ranch Road, Ward Place/McLean Road, and Bone Creek Road depicted in red on BLM's maps." In accordance with this order, portions of these routes were maintained. The BLM reviewed all of ONDA's roads in question from their 2010 map as a reference point per Judge Papak. Each road segment was described on a Route Analysis Form (RAF) which included a map showing ownership and location as well as a map showing National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) imagery. Burns District made a recommendation to the court for limited maintenance on some routes and no maintenance on others. On August 25, 2011, the judge adopted BLM's proposal in full.

The ONDA again filed a motion to the Court to "issue an order granting ONDA's motion for leave to supplement the complaint, motion to modify the injunction, and motion to compel completion of the administrative record." ONDA's motion for leave to supplement its complaint (#161) was denied, ONDA's motion to modify the court's earlier temporary injunction (#162) was denied, and ONDA's motion to compel (#163) was granted. BLM was ordered to lodge in the administrative record the Geographic Information System (GIS) data delineated in ONDA's motion to compel, at no cost to ONDA. Additionally, after BLM lodges the requested GIS data, ONDA may file a renewed motion to modify the court's temporary injunction pertaining only to routes designated by the Interim Management Plan (IMP) that were previously undisclosed by BLM in its interim GIS data sets.

ONDA again asked the Court to reconsider and revise its decision and grant ONDA leave to supplement the complaint to challenge the agency decision on 0.6 mile of routes as unlawful under NEPA on July 12, 2012. On September 28, 2012, Judge Papak denied ONDA's motion for reconsideration, but cautioned BLM on the use of CXs for road maintenance and ordered BLM that no new culverts or rock crossings could be installed on "limited maintenance" routes covered by the existing injunction.

The case was remanded back to the IBLA on February 11, 2013.

In addition, on December 20, 2012, ONDA filed a complaint against BLM regarding road maintenance activities within the CMPA. On February 22, 2013, BLM signed a letter withdrawing the CX. The TP and TMP adequately addressed maintenance of roads within the CMPA; a CX was unnecessary and caused public confusion. ONDA withdrew their complaint.

General Management and Monitoring CMPA and Steens Mountain Wilderness

Monitoring data continued to be collected for campsites and trails, with the data indicating visitor use is not impairing designated areas. There are approximately 38 dispersed backcountry campsites located within the wilderness which get monitored one time in the spring and one time in the fall. The trend over the past few years shows less use and fewer disturbances to campsites. Campsite monitoring continued in FY14.

Law enforcement efforts to detect wilderness violations continued in cooperation with the Oregon State Police Wildlife Enforcement Officer. There was one wilderness trespass in 2012 located in W.M., T. 34 S., R. 34 E., section 32. An adjacent land owner used heavy equipment to clear and grub a private fence line which he inadvertently trespassed into the wilderness. Reclamation efforts were completed in March 2015.

The BLM monitors and maintains approximately 35 miles of Steens Mountain Wilderness boundary fence yearly, to ensure livestock remain outside the No Livestock Grazing Area.

Key areas of noxious weed infestations are identified and treated each year. Please refer to the Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management and Noxious Weed Sections of this update for additional information.

Fence Removal

BLM, with the assistance of the National Sierra Club, ONDA, and the Oregon Sierra Club, has been removing fence (a manmade feature) from the No Livestock Grazing Area of the Steens Mountain Wilderness since 2003.

In 2013, ONDA and the Oregon Sierra Club both volunteered to build a letdown fence on the border of the Steens Mountain No Livestock Grazing Area.

In 2013, the National Sierra Club removed fencing from the mouth of the Little Blitzen Wild and Scenic River (WSR) where it joins the Donner und Blitzen WSR. ONDA removed fence from the Riddle Ranch area and the Little Blitzen WSR where it exits the Gorge. Another ONDA group spent time exploring the wilderness collecting Global Positioning System (GPS) data for the locations of remaining fences in the No Livestock Grazing Area.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

There are 12 designated WSR segments that fall within the CMPA. All river segments in the CMPA are within designated Wilderness. WSR segments with a Wild classification are generally inaccessible except by trail, with watersheds and shorelines essentially primitive and waters unpolluted. There are a few facilities that continue to be maintained and will be replaced as necessary to provide for public health and safety and resource protection. There were no violations in any of the WSRs in 2013.

Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District

Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District (Riddle Brothers Ranch) is a historic piece of Oregon's pioneer settlement and livestock industry in the American West. The ranch was built in the early 1900s by the Riddle brothers who are part of Oregon's last frontier. In 1996, the BLM purchased the property and continues to manage the ranch for its historic values. During the summer months, a caretaker lives on site where they greet visitors and tell them about the historic values of the uniquely preserved complex of buildings that give testimony to ranch life and living conditions. The BLM has restored and stabilized the structures over the past decade. Routine checks are made to ensure cleanliness of the area.

Riddle Brothers Ranch is located within the Little Blitzen WSR Corridor (but not within the wilderness). Approximately 37 acres of western juniper were cut and hand piled in October 2010. In 2012 there were approximately 84 acres of western juniper that were cut and hand piled. These piles were burned in the fall of 2013 and approximately 28 additional acres of western juniper were cut and piled. This activity implements a part of the North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project decision of 2007. The goal of the project was to preserve the historic structures at Riddle Brothers Ranch by reducing the hazardous fuels created by the increase in western juniper. The Riddle Brothers Ranch is listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*.

Wilderness Study Areas:

The BLM Burns District continues to manage 24 Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) for their wilderness characteristics. Monitoring and sign maintenance of WSA boundaries and routes continue.

In 2009, a road constructed by a grazing permittee within the Basque Hills WSA to access a range improvement was discovered. This unauthorized road construction occurred in T. 37 S., R. 32 E., Sections 4 and 5 and T. 37 S., R. 31 E., Section 13. The BLM Burns District conducted the appropriate cultural and botanical surveys in FY11, and determined the length of the trespass to be approximately 1.8 miles long. The rehabilitation of the trespass was completed in 2012.

In November 2012, a trespass within the Pueblo Mountains WSA was discovered in W.M., T. 41 S., R. 35 E., section 8. An individual had fenced off a spring and piped the water to private lands for over 20 years and was using the source for potable water. The authorized grazing permittees, who were entitled to legal access to the spring, were prevented from watering livestock. Rehabilitation efforts, which took place in 2013, were to remove the fence and the surface pipe. This trespass issue was resolved.

Maintenance of range, wildlife, and wild horse improvements in WSAs is ongoing in accordance with the 2005 EA. 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.

Wilderness Inventory

The Burns District BLM continued to conduct wilderness inventories throughout FY13. There were approximately 44,729 acres inventoried in the Three Rivers RA. Sheep Mountain included 11,587 of those acres and Paiute Butte included 33,142 acres. The BLM found no additional BLM-administered lands as having wilderness characteristics in FY13.

The Andrews/Steens RA was inventoried in 2003 during the RMP process.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern/Resource Natural Areas

Defensibility monitoring was conducted at 10 ACECs/Resource Natural Areas (RNA) in FY13. This type of monitoring consists of assessing resource risks such as condition of fences (if present), recording unauthorized use of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV), and checking for presence or spread of noxious weeds and invasive plants.

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



Page Springs Weir, in the Donner und Blitzen WSR.

Accomplished Work in FY14

In 2014, additional road maintenance was performed by contract crews. The extra work was a result of wildfires. Heavy fire engines, water trucks, and crew carriers wore the road down during suppression activities. Graders and water trucks repaired the road quickly after the fire was out and visitors were able to access the South Steens Campground and the rest of the Loop Road only two days after the fire ended.

Comprehensive Recreation Plan

In March 2014, the Steens Mountain CRP EA (DOI-BLM-OR-B060-201-0045-EA) went out to the public for review. One purpose of the CRP is to disperse recreation throughout the CMPA by providing additional facilities.

During the development of the CMPA RMP, the SMAC recommended to the BLM to look at all recreational issues on Steens Mountain in a comprehensive manner, rather than planning for piecemeal activities. In the spirit of this recommendation, the RMP/ROD included management direction to address and analyze stating, "Any facilities or actions to accommodate or manage existing or anticipated recreational use will be addressed and analyzed in a CRP that will be prepared after the RMP is completed. Facilities that may be addressed include Mann Lake Recreation Site, South Steens Loop Road trailhead facility and connector trails, Lily Lake, North Steens Loop Road toilet, winter use staging area, cross-country ski trail system (when there is a demonstrated public interest), a possible Fir Grove Trail, other trails outside of Steens Mountain Wilderness (when there is demonstrated public interest), and vehicle pull-outs along Steens Mountain Backcountry Byway (BCB). Actions addressed may include motorized and non-motorized winter recreation, dispersed camping, non-motorized boating on the main stem of Donner und Blitzen River, Blitzen Crossing use management, and permits to visit the CMPA. Decisions on other potential projects and actions may be considered as part of the CRP" (RMP 67).

The CRP EA addresses the recreational related-issues raised during the public scoping process for the CMPA RMP and provides a mix of developed and undeveloped recreation opportunities while conserving and protecting long-term ecological integrity.

There are a broad array of recreational opportunities in the CMPA and there is a need to develop comprehensive management practices for existing and anticipated recreational activities and associated facilities that: promote public health and safety, protect natural and social resources, reduce resource damage caused by recreational activities, and reduce recreational user conflicts.

Through this CRP EA, BLM assessed current and expected recreational activities and associated facilities that may be desired including: campgrounds, trails, interpretive sites, access points, and other facilities that may be needed to assist both intensively used sites and dispersed recreation activities. The CRP decision may add to the non-motorized trail system and could close non-motorized or motorized routes designated under the Steens Mountain TMP if changes are found to be in the public interest due to information generated during the CRP process. Any route closures or additions would amend the TMP. All recent RAFs completed since the TMP are available on the BLM Burns District website www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/index.php.

Steens Loop Road

Road maintenance on the Steens Loop Road was conducted in 2014.

General Management and Monitoring CMPA and Steens Mountain Wilderness

All SMAC positions, excluding the non-voting State Liaison for the SMAC, received applications and new appointments were made in April 2014.

Maintenance and monitoring were done on the Steens Mountain Boundary Fence. This is an ongoing event.

Monitoring and sign maintenance of Steens Mountain Wilderness is ongoing.

Fence Removal

In 2014, ONDA volunteers removed 2.0 miles of fence from the no livestock grazing area in the wilderness north of Riddle Brothers Ranch.

Completed Fence Removal (miles)

	2014	2013	2012	2011
Riddle Brothers Ranch	2.0	2.0	0	1.5
Mud Creek	0	0	0	4.5
Ankle Creek	0	0	0	0
Big Indian	0	0	0	0
Donner und Blitzen	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	2.0	2.0	0	6.0



Members of the National Chapter of the Sierra Club rolling up wire in the Steens Mountain Wilderness.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Work continued on the Page Springs EA. The campground lies at the base of the Steens Mountains where the Donner und Blitzen WSR exits the mountain. The ODFW has requested that BLM remove the weir to conform to Oregon Statute. The Steens Act refers to the weir in the legislative language which describes the designation of the Redband Trout Reserve and says if there is scientific justification and the funds are available, the weir may be removed. ODFW has not provided any science based findings; however BLM has agreed to analyze the environmental consequences of weir removal. A Section 7 WSR Determination and Minimum Requirements Decision Guide (MRDG) for the Page Springs Weir Project were completed in early 2014. The weir is one mile upstream of the Page Springs Campground and can be reached by the Blitzen Trail.

Wildland Juniper Management Area

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 was completed. Signing included development of seven interpretive panels. Three are at the first pullout and three at the study plots. The last sign is on the Steens Loop Road. Signs and brochures are the result of an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) grant.

Wilderness Study Areas:

The BLM Burns District continues to manage 24 WSAs for their wilderness characteristics. Monitoring and sign maintenance of WSA boundaries and routes continue.

BLM continued its efforts to inventory 780,883 acres which have not been inventoried.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern/Resource Natural Areas

Defensibility monitoring was conducted at 10 ACECs/RNAs. Ecological status monitoring was conducted at 5 ACECs/RNAs. Both types of monitoring occurred at 3 ACECs/RNAs.



Big Indian Gorge in the Steens Mountains Wilderness.

Planned Work for FY15

- Defensibility monitoring on 13 ACECs/RNAs will occur in 2015.
- Ecological status monitoring will occur on 5 of the 13 ACECs/RNAs, three of which will be revisited to determine any changes based on 2010 Climate Change baseline data collections. Universities and independent researchers, as well as State and Federal agencies, are potential participants in these efforts.
- The Page Springs Weir EA will be submitted for public comment regarding the removal of the gauging weir located one mile upstream from Page Springs Campground.

CULTURAL RESOURCES PROGRAMS

Accomplished Work FY13

National Register Sites Managed

Seven National Register eligible or listed sites were managed in FY13. One site, Badlands Stone Circles, was nominated to the *National Register of Historic Places*.

Riddle Brothers Ranch (in the CMPA) will continue to be open to the public with caretakers in place.

Dry Creek Bone Pits site in Andrews was mapped and collected in winter 2013. Test excavation will be completed in spring 2014 under an EA completed by Carolyn Temple, Fuels Archaeologist. This site is a late prehistoric animal roasting location where many different species of birds and mammals were consumed by prehistoric Indian people. It was exposed in the 2012 Holloway Fire.

Lost Dune 3 and 4 sites were surface collected and mapped in FY13. One site is located in the CMPA and the other is located in AMU. Artifacts from these sites are prehistoric and probably associated with bison hunting and processing by Shoshone people from the Owyhee River Basin to the southeast.



View of Lost Dune 3 site with BLM Archaeological Technician Mindy Cope taking notes.

Trout Creek Paleo Camp, located in the Alvord Desert in AMU, was monitored and collected during the summer of 2013.

Also during the summer of 2013, Sheep Mountain Clovis site in Three Rivers RA was studied by geo-archaeology students during the six-week University of Oregon (U of O) Field School. A fire hearth was recovered from a trench at the site and will be analyzed for paleobotanical remains in FY14.

Excavation at Rimrock Draw Rockshelter in Three Rivers RA was continued by the six-week U of O Field School in 2013. Approximately 40 Field School students and four staff worked at the site. Oregon Archaeological Society (OAS) volunteers worked in conjunction with the Field School.

Site Restoration, Stabilization, and Protection

In partnership with the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC), the BLM was able to restore or prepare for restoration the following cultural resources on district:

- Four buildings at the Gap Ranch Civilian Conservation Corps Camp
- The Trout Creek School House
- Two buildings included in the Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District

Archaeological (Clovis Quest) Inventory

The BLM is very interested in discovering the 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 4 weeks working in Three Rivers RA in FY13 inventorying pre-selected locations and completed 1,699 acres of survey, recording 7 new sites and revisiting 7 sites.

Paleontological Inventories

Bartlett Spring (Three Rivers RA) and Reicken's Corner (Andrews RA) paleo localities, both dating to the Pliocene, were monitored and surface collected in the summer of 2013.

Interpretation Activities

An active interpretive program, consisting of presentations to local and regional avocational groups and at professional meetings, was completed in 2013. Twelve articles and presentations were presented at professional and academic venues on archaeological subjects from Burns District.

An additional seven public education products were delivered to various groups throughout 2013. BLM (or our partners) made presentations to the OAS, the Archaeological Society of Central Oregon (ASCO), and to local groups such as the Historical Society, Slater Elementary School, and the Migratory Bird Festival.

Cultural Resources Clearances for District Projects

Eighteen projects were cleared for District projects in 2013. Over 26,915 acres were inventoried and 75 sites were recorded. The majority of the acreage covered was for wildfire rehabilitation efforts. Other projects included juniper cuts, timber sales, range improvements and improvement maintenance, ROW applications, and wind energy projects.

Accomplished Work FY14

National Register Sites Managed

Eight National Register eligible or listed sites were managed in FY14.

Riddle Brothers Ranch (in the CMPA) continued to be open to the public with caretakers in place.

Test excavation at Dry Creek Bone Pits site was completed in spring 2014 under an EA completed by Carolyn Temple, Fuels Archaeologist.



Close-up of one of the bone concentrations at the Dry Creek Bone Pit site.

Eighty-one clusters of rock, probably the remains of small, temporary shelters, were mapped at Lost Dune 3. Additional surface collection and associated analysis and research were completed in 2014. The District Archaeologist is currently working on research that involves Lost Dune, Lost Dune 2, 3, and 4, and other sites in Lakeview and Vale Districts that all date to the last 500 years and are related to Bison hunting during the early and middle phases of the Little Ice Age.

Trout Creek Paleo Camp and the Broken Bases site, located in the Alvord Desert in Andrews RA, were monitored and collected during the summer of 2014.

Excavation at Rimrock Draw Rockshelter in Three Rivers RA will be continued by the six-week U of O Field School in 2015. Approximately 30 Field School students and four university staff will work at the site. OAS volunteers will work in conjunction with the Field School. The site is one of the oldest in North America, dating to 15,800 years ago when now extinct mammals such as camels, horses, mammoths, and sloths lived in this region.

A new site (Locality 10, Skull Creek Dunes) in the AMU was discovered in March 2014. It was a long-term camp site, dating to 1220 AD. It contains pottery vessel fragments and has evidence that pottery was made at the site. Nine arrow points, 81 pottery shards, a stone pipe, a stone pendant, four marine shell beads, many pieces of fire-cracked grinding stones, a stone drill, and two gaming pieces (one bone and one made of fire-clay) were found at the site in March and during the excavation in June. Important ecological information was also found. The analysis of the charred earth at the site revealed many different types of burned seeds such as wada, Atriplex, tule, chenopods, and six different species of grasses. All were edible plant seeds that fell into the fire when they were being roasted. Willow and sagebrush (firewood) charcoal were also found. Bones of the following animals were found in the site: Elk, mule deer, mountain sheep, domestic dog, coyote, jack rabbit, and goose. The paleobotanical and faunal remains from the site indicate it was occupied during a more mesic time period when standing water was common in Catlow Valley. All of this data was retrieved at a site that measures 15 by 9 feet in dimension. The site was excavated because it was in danger of disappearing within a year because of wind erosion.



Close-up photo of coyote foot bones, charcoal staining, and Rose Spring corner-notched point at Locality 10 at Skull Creek Dunes.

Another locality (#11) at Skull Creek Dunes in the AMU was discovered in June 2014. The site dates to about 4300 years ago and it is a short term camp where big game animals and rabbits were butchered and eaten. Locality 11 was located on the face of a retreating dune face. It was in danger of collapsing and being lost. So, salvage excavations at the locality were undertaken in September with help from a U of O professor and students as well as a retired professor from Washington State University. It is expected to yield ecological data similar in nature to what was found at Locality 10. Because this site was occupied during a dryer, warmer time than Locality 10, the paleobotany and faunal records are expected to be quite different from what was found at Locality 10. Bone tools, food bones, one Northern side-notched atlatl point and other stone tools and debris were recovered from Locality 11. The analysis of Locality 11 artifacts and ecological remains will be completed in FY15 and reported in FY16.

Site Restoration, Stabilization, and Protection

A rock wall and roof of one structure at Gap Ranch Civilian Conservation Corps was stabilized and restored in FY14 by a local contractor.

Archaeological (Clovis Quest) Inventories

In 2014 the BLM archaeological staff continued systematic inventory in Three Rivers and the AMU in search of Clovis spear points and associated artifacts. The OAS and local volunteers spent 3 weeks working on the survey. We completed 1,036 acres of inventory, monitored 16 sites, and recorded 18 sites. One Clovis spear point and numerous other hints of Clovis technology were discovered in the AMU.

Archaeological Site Research

See the National Register Sites Managed Section for discussion of archaeological site research above.

An undergraduate student from Southern Oregon University came to Burns District on a project to fully record rock art sites on the District. He monitored and updated the site report for six sites in the AMU and found and recorded a new site. In addition, he monitored and updated site reports for seven sites in Three Rivers.

Paleontological Inventories

One paleontological locality was visited and collected in 2014. It is a part of the Keg Springs locality in the AMU.

Interpretation Activities

One paper, one poster, and two displays were presented at the Paleoamerican Odyssey Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico in early FY14. Our partner, U of O, and the Burns District Archaeologist were invited by the organizers from Texas A&M to attend. We were able to reach hundreds of scholars working on topics related to the original inhabitants of North America. Four papers were presented at the Northwest Anthropological Conference in spring 2014. An additional two papers were presented at the Society for American Archaeology meeting in April 2014. All of these papers were focused on different aspects of Burns BLM archaeology and were presented by BLM staff and partners.

Additional presentations and tours were given at the Migratory Bird Festival in April 2014. A presentation about the new research on Shoshone bison hunters was given to the ASCO in November. A day-long tour to Skull Creek Dunes in the AMU was completed with ASCO in May of 2014. An additional site, the Roaring Butte site, was visited because time allowed. An additional pit and groove petroglyph was recorded.

Two journal articles, one on Clovis period artifacts and sites and the other on a prehistoric pottery manufacturing site in the AMU, were completed and published in journals in FY14.

Cultural Resources Clearances for District Projects

Juniper cutting, wildfire rehabilitation seedings, range improvements and maintenance, ROWs, and other fuels treatment projects dominated our clearance schedule for FY14. It is estimated that approximately 9,300 acres were inventoried in 2014.

Planned Work for FY15

National Register Sites Management

Nine National Register eligible or listed sites will be managed in FY15.

Riddle Brothers Ranch (in the CMPA) will continue to be open to the public with caretakers in place.

Additional excavation, as agreed upon with the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), will occur in spring 2014 at Locality 10, Skull Creek Dunes. It is possible that remains of a living structure, such as a wickiup, will be found in areas not excavated in 2014.

The District Archaeologist is currently working on research that involves Lost Dune, Lost Dune 2, 3, and 4, and other sites in Lakeview and Vale Districts that all date to the last 500 years and are related to Bison hunting during the early and middle phases of the Little Ice Age.

Test excavations at Lost Dune 2 and 3 are expected in summer 2015 by a U of O graduate student who is joining the BLM on this research project.

The Broken Bases site, located in the Alvord Desert in Andrews RA, will be monitored and collected during spring 2015.

A small portion of the Sheep Mountain Clovis site in Three Rivers RA will be excavated by OAS and BLM cultural staff in FY15. The excavation will be near the fire hearth recovered in 2014 and we hope to find intact Clovis artifacts at that location.

Locality 11 at Skull Creek Dunes in AMU will be monitored in spring 2015. If additional deposits are in danger of collapsing from the retreating sand dune, they will be salvaged and incorporated into the findings from FY14.



U of O graduate Amy Nelson works atop a retreating sand dune at Locality 11 at Skull Creek Dunes in September 2014. The dark soil color behind the second rung down from the top of the ladder is the exposed prehistoric midden.

Excavation at Rimrock Draw Rockshelter in Three Rivers RA will be continued by the six-week U of O Field School in 2015. Approximately 30 Field School students and four staff will work at the site. The U of O will hold three different Field School sessions during this time. Archaeology, Paleobotany, and Geoarchaeology Field Schools will run concurrently. OAS volunteers will work in conjunction with the Field School. The site is one of the oldest in North America, dating to 15,800 years ago when now-extinct mammals such as camels, horses, mammoths and sloths lived in this region.

Site Restoration, Stabilization, and Protection

The OYCC will partner with BLM cultural staff to reconstruct the willow corrals at Riddle Brothers National Historic District in summer 2015. Another structure in the historic district will be treated with preservative.

Archaeological (Clovis Quest) Inventory

In 2015, the BLM archaeological staff will continue systematic inventory of areas in Three Rivers and Andrews Management Units in search of Clovis spear points and associated artifacts. The OAS and local volunteers will spend 3 weeks working on this project. We expect to complete 1,000 acres of survey, record 10 new sites, and revisit 10 previously recorded sites.

Archaeological Site Research

See the National Register Sites Managed Section above for discussion of archaeological site research.

OSU has partnered with Burns BLM to begin exploration in Three Rivers RA in April 2015 for early locations of human habitation. We are searching for geographic locations where Pleistocene landforms have not been eroded and erased from the prehistoric record.

University of Nevada Reno and a professor from University of Utah will begin archaeological survey work in the northwest portion of Catlow Valley in the AMU. They expect to complete six weeks of work in June 2015.

An undergraduate student from Southern Oregon University will again work with Burns District on a project to fully record rock art sites on the District.

Paleontological Inventories

Paleontological localities at Bartlett Mountain Spring and near Warm Springs Reservoir will be monitored and collected in spring 2015. The Thousand Springs locality, located near Fields, Oregon, will be monitored and collected in summer 2015.

Interpretation Activities

Four papers will be presented by BLM and the U of O and other partner authors at the Northwest Anthropological Conference in spring of 2015. An additional two papers will be presented at the Society for American Archaeology meeting in April 2015. All of these papers are focused on different aspects of Burns BLM archaeology and will be presented by BLM staff and partners.

Additional presentations and tours will be given at the Migratory Bird Festival in April 2015. A day-long tour to Lost Dune sites 2 and 3 in the AMU is planned with ASCO for May 2015.

Four journal articles, one on Locality 10 at Skull Creek Dunes, one on Clovis period artifacts and sites in Three Rivers, and two on late prehistoric buffalo hunting camps in southeastern Oregon, are expected to be published in peer reviewed journals in FY15. Local interest groups such as the Historical Society and schools will be visited by BLM staff in FY15.

The District Archaeologist and 24 Burns Paiute tribal members visited Rimrock Draw Rockshelter in April 2015. The Burns Paiute Tribe was very interested to see the site of the recently reported 15,800 year old artifact and to learn more about the on-going excavation by the U of O. Rimrock Draw Rockshelter is in Three Rivers RA.

Cultural Resources Clearances for District Projects

Juniper cutting, wild fire rehabilitation seedings, range improvement and maintenance, ROWs, and other fuels treatment projects will dominate our clearance schedule for FY15. It is estimated that approximately 18,000 acres will be inventoried in 2015.

RECREATION

The following is a summary for Andrews RA, Three Rivers RA, and the Steens Mountain CMPA.

Accomplished Work FY13

Special Recreation Permits

Special Recreation Permits (SRP)	
Fiscal Year	Number of SRPs Issued
2013	18
2012	21
2011	15

Of the 18 SRPs issued in FY13, 8 of them had research objectives, 2 were for hunting and guiding, 2 were hunting related, 5 were recreational groups, and 1 was historical in nature. Six of the SRPs were specifically for the Steens Mountains Wilderness; four were specifically for the Alvord Playa. The remaining eight were spread throughout the Burns District.

Fee Campgrounds

Recreation maintenance was conducted at all recreation sites. Campground hosts were stationed at Chickahominy, Page Springs, and Riddle Brothers Ranch.

Visitors to the Campgrounds

Year	Fish Lake	Page Springs	Jackman Park	S. Steens Family	S. Steens Equestrian	Chickahominy Reservoir
2013	1,182	3,135	278	608	143	1,225
2012	948	3,883	253	584	163	1,904
2011	616	2,151	333	499	72	1,098



Page Springs Campground near Frenchglen.

Non Fee Campgrounds

There are two recognized non-fee camping sites; Mann Lake Recreation Site and Lily Lake.

At Mann Lake Recreation Site, camping is allowed in two areas near the shore. The recreation site has vault toilets and a boat ramp. It is located approximately 22 miles south of Highway 78 on the East Steens Road. The lake is stocked with hatchery Lahontan cutthroat trout. Boats with motors are permitted.

Lily Lake is a non-developed campground with two locations to camp. Routine checks are made of the area to ensure cleanliness.

Warm Springs, Moon, and Poison Creek Reservoirs have non-fee primitive camping. They have vault toilets, boat ramps, parking areas, interpretive signs, and trash collection points. Primitive camping is allowed but for no longer than 14 days at a time. BLM personnel maintain these areas by collecting garbage and cleaning the vault toilets. Since the completion of the new facilities at Moon Reservoir, public comments have been received requesting BLM install a boat dock located along the new boat ramp. Planning is currently underway with assistance from the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) to determine the feasibility of installing a dock, taking into account design constraints and budget considerations.

Winter Recreation

Winter recreation permits are issued on a first-come, first-served basis to those who want to recreate beyond the North Loop Gate. The BLM allows people to cross country ski, snow shoe, and snowmobile. Snowmobiles are required to stay on the North Loop Road, which is marked with snow poles to the Kiger Gorge turnoff. Snowmobiles are not allowed to go off-road. BLM personnel monitor the area to ensure the area is safe and that rules and regulations are being obeyed.

Individuals Recreating in the Snow

Year	Snow Shoes/Skiers	Snowmobiles	Total
2013	18	6	24
2012	7	2	9
2011	14	4	18

Byways

Steens Mountain BCB is managed in conformance with the RMP.

Other Points of Interest

Diamond Craters, located near the small ranching community of Diamond, Oregon, has some of the most diverse basaltic volcanic features in the nation clustered within a small, accessible area. This volcanic area was formed sometime in the past 25,000 years, with some of the eruptions taking place as late as 1,000 years ago. Visitors to the area are able to experience a self-guided tour where they identify craters and vents, cinder cones, spatter cones, lava tubes, driblet spires, a graben, and a water-filled maar. Routine checks are made to ensure cleanliness and maintenance is performed when needed.

Trails

Trailheads have visitor sign-in sheets which are used to determine usage and collect visitor comments. The trailhead summary below shows the number of visitors who signed the registers; the last year maintenance was performed on each trail, and the length of each trail. Due to snow levels on the Steens Mountain Loop Road, some data was inaccessible at the time of the report.

2013 Trailhead Summary

Trail Name	Length	Visitor Count	Last Maintained
Little Blitzen Trail	8.01	251	2008
Nye Trail	0.98	NA	2012
Wet Blanket Trail	0.92	NA	NA
Big Indian Trail	6.59	377	2009
Mud/Ankle Creek Trail	7.40	NA	NA
Donner und Blitzen River Trail	3.67	379	2010
Wilderness Trail	0.81	NA	2010
Kiger Gorge Trail	0.52	NA	NA
Wildhorse Lake Trail	0.69	87	2009
Pike Creek	1.30	385	NA
Oregon High Desert National Recreation Trail	159.43	NA	NA
Sagehen Hill Trail	0.50	NA	2011
WJMA Trail	1.12	0	2012
Total	191.94	1,479	NA

NA – No trail register at trailhead or no data available.

Burns District BLM has no seasonal trail crew. Trail maintenance amounts to two–four weeks a year from the Northwest Youth Corps and volunteers.

Completed Trail Maintenance

	2013	2012	2011
Little Blitzen Trail	0	0	0
Big Indian Trail	0	0	3.0
Nye Trail	0	0.50	0
Wildhorse Trail	0	0	0
Donner und Blitzen Trail	0	0	2.0
Pike Creek Trail	0	2.0	0
Wilderness Trail	0	0	0
Total Miles	0	2.50	5.00

Service First

The Zone Interagency Program between Emigrant Creek Ranger District (of USFS) and BLM Burns District continued through FY13 and will continue through FY14. 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 the guidelines of this agreement, the following was accomplished: quality recreation maintenance was provided consistently throughout the USFS facilities; health and safety needs of the visiting public have been meeting Federal and State standards; five concrete accessibility ramps were constructed at restrooms to conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and some other infrastructure repairs were completed. Additionally, better signing and organization of information boards within recreation sites and campgrounds have been established.



Mann Lake

Radar Hill

An information kiosk was installed at the site.



New kiosk installed in 2013.

Accomplished Work FY14

Special Recreation Permits

Special Recreation Permits (SRP)

Fiscal Year	Number of SRPs Issued
2014	15
2013	18
2012	21
2011	15

Of the 15 SRPs issued in FY14, 7 of them had research objectives, 2 were for hunting and guiding, 1 was hunting related without a guide, 2 were recreational groups, 2 were competitive events, and 1 was historical in nature. Nine of the SRPs were specifically for the Andrews/Steens RA, one was specifically for the Three Rivers RA, and the remaining five were spread throughout the Burns District.

Fee Campgrounds

Recreation maintenance was conducted at all recreation sites. Campground hosts were stationed at Chickahominy, at Page Springs, and at Riddle Brothers Ranch.



Page Springs Entrance Sign

Visitors to the Campgrounds

Year	Fish Lake	Page Springs	Jackman Park	S. Steens Family	S. Steens Equestrian	Chickahominy Reservoir
2014	1,410	4,180	318	818	66	1,574
2013	1,182	3,135	278	608	143	1,225
2012	948	3,883	253	584	163	1,904
2011	616	2,151	333	499	72	1,098



Page Springs Campground near Frenchglen.

Winter Recreation

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Individuals Recreating in the Snow

Year	Snowshoers/Skiers	Snowmobiles	Total
2014	10	4	14
2013	18	6	24
2012	7	2	9
2011	14	4	18

Byways

Steens Mountain BCB is managed in conformance with the RMP.

Other Points of Interest

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Trails

Trailheads have visitor sign-in sheets which are used to determine usage and collect visitor comments. The Trailhead Summary below shows the number of visitors who signed the registers; the last year maintenance was performed on each trail, and the length of each trail. Infrared Trail Counters were implemented in FY14 and more were purchased to install in FY15. These will help to collect more accurate trail use data. Due to snow levels on the Steens Mountain Loop Road, some data was inaccessible at the time of report.

2014 Trailhead Summary

Trail Name	Length	Visitor Count	Last Maintained
Little Blitzen Trail	8.01	403	2014 *
Nye Trail	0.98	NA	2014 *
Wet Blanket Trail	0.92	NA	NA
Big Indian Trail	6.59	377	2014 *
Mud/Ankle Creek Trail	7.40	NA	NA
Donner und Blitzen River Trail	3.67	412	2014 **
Wilderness Trail	0.81	NA	2010
Kiger Gorge Trail	0.52	NA	NA
Wildhorse Lake Trail	0.69	219	2009
Pike Creek	1.30	256	NA
Oregon High Desert National Recreation Trail	159.43	NA	NA
Sagehen Hill Trail	0.50	NA	2011
WJMA Trail	1.12	0	2012
Total	191.94	1,667	NA

* sections maintained by Oregon Youth Conservation Corps

** sections maintained by Northwest Youth Corps

NA – No trail register at trailhead or no data available

Burns District BLM has no seasonal trail crew. The OYCC assisted BLM for eight weeks on various projects including sign, fence, and trail maintenance, etc. Also, Northwest Youth Corps completed one week's worth of trail maintenance on the Donner und Blitzen Trail in FY14 totaling about 2.0 miles.

The 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act fell on September 3, 2014. Burns District celebrated the anniversary on September 12, 2014, with volunteers conducting light trail maintenance on the Donner und Blitzen Trail followed by an informative presentation on the weir and a barbeque for volunteers.

Completed Trail Maintenance

	2014	2013	2012	2011
Little Blitzen Trail	0.5	0	0	0
Big Indian Trail	0.5	0	0	3.0
Nye Trail	0.5	0	0.50	0
Wildhorse Trail	0	0	0	0
Donner und Blitzen River Trail	2.0	0	0	2.0
Pike Creek Trail	0	0	2.0	0
Wilderness Trail	0	0	0	0
Total Miles	3.50	0	2.50	5.00

Service First

The Zone Interagency Program between Emigrant Creek Ranger District (of USFS) and BLM Burns District continued through FY14 and will continue through FY15. The USFS wishes to terminate this program by the end of FY15. 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; however USFS is in the process of building their own recreation program and no longer needs the services of the BLM. This program proved 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 was accomplished: quality recreation maintenance was provided consistently throughout the USFS facilities; health and safety needs of the visiting public have been meeting Federal and State standards; five concrete accessibility ramps were constructed at restrooms to conform to the ADA; some other infrastructure repairs were completed; and better signing and organization of information boards within recreation sites and campgrounds were established. The BLM maintenance crew was responsible for most of the recreation maintenance at the developed and dispersed recreation sites along with overseeing water systems and assisting with water sampling in FY14.

Radar Hill

Public Lands Day, September 27, 2014, was celebrated at the Radar Hill OHV Area with volunteers doing some clean up and performing some maintenance activities. Some of the fun activities included a mini race for kids, a poker fun run with prizes, and an ATV training session. A grill was set up to feed the workers afterwards.

Additional Accomplished Work FY14

- Signing needs across the District continued to be evaluated. Outdated and/or aged signs were repaired or replaced as needed.
- Maintenance of all recreation sites, road and trail counter monitoring throughout Burns District, and completion of required NEPA analyses to accommodate new special recreation permittees such as outfitters, guides, and organized groups continued in FY14.
- Road inventories were conducted in the Three Rivers RA for a future TMP.
- WSA and WSR monitoring continued in FY14.

Planned Work for FY15

- A final decision is expected on the CRP in FY15.
- BLM will work with the facilitator funded through a grant on the Radar Hill OHV site. Initial scoping has begun and interviews will be conducted in the scoping process.
- National Public Lands Day (NPLD) will fall on September 26, 2015. It will be celebrated at the OHV Area and will include games and training sessions for kids and a presentation on future plans for the OHV Area. Volunteers will perform trash collection and a barbeque will be provided for them afterwards.
- A combined celebration event for the 15th anniversary of the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) an additional NPLD is planned in July 2015. Volunteers will convene at Willow Corral at Riddle Brothers Ranch Historic District and rebuild the corral that has been deteriorating and burned over the years.

- Phases of the NLCS Sign Plan may be implemented throughout FY15.
- Maintenance on all recreation sites, road and trail counter monitoring throughout the district, and completion of required NEPA analyses to accommodate new special recreation permittees such as outfitters, guides, and organized groups will continue in FY15.
- A Wilderness Characteristics Inventory will be completed for the Three Rivers RA in FY15.
- WSA and WSR monitoring will continue in FY15.

WOODLAND AND FOREST MANAGEMENT

Accomplished Work in FY13

The forestry program is primarily limited to Three Rivers RA except for a small number of special forest product sales and one stewardship contract in the Andrews/Steens RA.

Forest health treatments and associated hazardous fuels reduction projects continue to be the District's priority for forest management. Forest health projects include the following elements: improving aspen and mountain mahogany stands, a variable density management by commercial and non-commercial thinning using recommended basal area per acre recommendations for dry ponderosa pine stands, retaining no action areas or skips, creation of small irregular gaps and clumpy areas, maintaining older overstory trees and snags, slash piling and burning, biomass use, road relocations/closures, and underburning.

A 66-acre timber sale to expand mining operations on the Eagle Picher mine was awarded in early 2013. This sale started in fall of 2013, and is expected to be completed in spring of 2014.

Noncommercial thinning continues to be the main tool to reduce hazardous fuels in forest and woodland stands. In the Pinecraft Forest Health project area, one 100-acre non-commercial thinning and machine piling project was completed. One 84-acre non-commercial thinning and machine piling project was awarded in October 2013 in the Otis Mountain Moffet Table project area.

In Andrews/Steens RA, the Riddle Brothers Ranch juniper management project completed another 39 acres of non-commercial thinning and hand piling in 2013. Piles from the 2013 Riddle Brothers Ranch juniper management project will be burned in 2014. Younger junipers were cut to improve health of older juniper and of grasses and other species native to a mountain sagebrush plant community.

The District continues to utilize stewardship contracting as a tool for implementing forest and woodland restoration projects. There are currently two stewardship contracts in Burns District (Mill Creek stewardship contract was completed in December 2013). One is found in Three Rivers RA and one in Andrews RA. Claw Creek stewardship was awarded in 2012 and project work started in 2013. It is one of two Burns District active stewardship contracts. Claw Creek stewardship contract will treat 901 acres of ponderosa pine/juniper woodlands with hazardous fuels. Improving wildlife habitat is the primary goal. To date 28 percent of all service work or harvest has been completed in the project area. Blitzen stewardship contract was awarded in 2012 and work started in 2013. Blitzen stewardship contract uses an Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract agent by issuing task orders. All task orders awarded are expected to be completed by 2022. As of December of 2013, three task orders had been completed. Treatment includes western juniper woodland management and restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, and reduction of hazardous fuels. A 176-acre task order was completed in 2014. A 650-acre task order is currently underway and expected to be completed by 2015.

Aspen stands are important habitats that continue to be a District priority for restoration. Aspen management continues in both hazardous fuels reduction and forest health projects. This involves the removal of encroaching junipers, ponderosa pines, and firs from these sites. If necessary and if project funding is available, fencing of small aspen stands, allowing for regeneration without heavy wildlife browsing, will be done.

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

Other juniper control projects are identified in the Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management, Special Areas (WJMA), and Wildfire and Fuels Management Sections of this update.

Accomplished Work in FY14

The forestry program is primarily limited to Three Rivers RA, except for a small number of special forest product sales and one stewardship contract in the Andrews/Steens RA.

Forest health treatments and associated hazardous fuels reduction projects continue to be the District's priority for forest management. Forest health projects include the following elements: improvement of aspen and mountain mahogany stands, variable density management by commercial and non-commercial thinning using basal area per acre recommendations for dry ponderosa pine stands, retention of no action areas or skips, creation of small irregular gaps and clumpy areas, maintenance of older overstory trees and snags, slash piling and burning, biomass use, road relocations/closures, and underburning.

The 66-acre Eagle Picher timber sale was completed in May 2014.

Noncommercial thinning continues to be the main tool to reduce hazardous fuels in forest and woodland stands. There were 334 acres of non-commercial thinning and piling completed in the Three Rivers RA in 2014. Of these acres, 100 acres were within the Pinecraft Forest Health project area and completed in May of 2014. The Otis Mountain/Moffet Table project area completed 84 acres of non-commercial thinning and piling in June 2014. The BLM 70-acre portion of the Bossuet collaboration project was completed in June 2014. The BLM and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) partnership to cut 80 acres was completed in August 2014.

In Andrews/Steens RA, the Riddle Brothers Ranch juniper management project completed another 44 acres of non-commercial thinning and hand piling in 2014. Piles from the 2014 Riddle Brothers Ranch juniper management project will be burned in 2015. Younger junipers were cut to improve health of old growth juniper and to improve habitat for grasses and other species native to the mountain sagebrush plant community.

The District continues to utilize stewardship contracting for implementing forest and woodland restoration projects. There are currently two stewardship contracts in Burns District. This first one is located in Three Rivers RA and the second is in Andrews RA. Claw Creek stewardship was awarded in 2012 and project work started in 2013. Claw Creek Stewardship contract will treat 901 acres of hazardous fuel load within ponderosa pine/juniper woodlands. Improving wildlife habitat is the primary goal. To date 49 percent of all service work or harvest has been completed in the project area.

Blitzen Stewardship contract was awarded in 2012 and work started in 2013. The Blitzen Stewardship contract uses an IDIQ contract agent by issuing task orders. As of December of 2014, four task orders had been completed. Currently, task order five is 50 percent complete and expected to be finished in the summer of 2015. Treatment includes western juniper woodland management and restoration, wildlife habitat improvement, and reducing hazardous fuels.

Aspen stands are important habitats that continue to be a District priority for restoration. Aspen management continues in both hazardous fuels reduction and forest health projects. This involves the removal of encroaching junipers, ponderosa pines, and firs from these sites. If necessary, and if project funding is available, fencing of small aspen stands (allowing for regeneration without heavy wildlife browsing) will be done. The three aspen fences planned for FY14 were held up due to budget constraints.

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

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

Planned Work for FY15

Continuation of the forestry program in 2015 will see more non-commercial thinning, stewardship contracts, and sales of timber and special forest products in the Three Rivers and the Andrews/Steens RAs.

A 40-acre western juniper woodland thinning and hand piling project located in the Riddle Brothers' Ranch National Historic District is expected to be awarded in FY15. Piles from the 2015 Riddle Brothers' Ranch juniper management project will be burned in 2016. Younger junipers will be cut to improve health of old growth juniper and of grasses and other species native to the mountain sagebrush plant community.

A 94-acre noncommercial thinning located within the Otis Mountain/Moffet Table vegetation project area is planned for FY15. Piles will be burned in FY17.

Blitzen Stewardship has one current task order that is partially completed and expected to be finished in the summer of 2015. The sixth task order (for an estimated 85 acres) will be issued this summer and completed in the fall of 2015. Biomass utilization has taken place in all Blitzen Stewardship units to date. Utilization has been primarily with the bole of the juniper tree in the form of cants and some dimensional lumber. All remaining woody material will be burned in fall of FY16 or spring of FY17.

Claw Creek Stewardship continues through FY15 and is expected to be completed by fall of FY16. Biomass utilization has occurred on the Claw Creek Stewardship and is expected to increase as the contractor moves to juniper thinning units. Pile burning will start in FY15 for units cut and piled in FY13.

NEPA analysis continues for the Rattlesnake forest health and fire reduction project area. The project includes improving aspen/riparian habitats and mountain mahogany stands, improving choke cherry and bitter brush, noncommercial thinning, slash piling and burning, timber harvest, road relocations/closures, and under burning.

With the potential listing of the sage-grouse, we will look for opportunities to improve sagebrush steppe habitat. Project work would include removal of western juniper from sage-grouse habitat, while maintaining the old growth components where they naturally arise.

A 610-acre timber sale contract is expected to be advertised in FY15 for the Rattlesnake Forest and Woodlands Restoration project. This sale is expected to be a three-year contract. It will include commercial and noncommercial thinning, improvement of wildlife habitat for ungulates and Bald Eagles, restoration of aspen and riparian habitats, road maintenance, and relocations and closures.

There are two aspen enclosures planned for FY15. Both of these projects are located in the Pinecraft Forest Restoration project area.

Sales of special forest products as a service to the public will continue. Primary products sold include juniper boughs, posts and poles, and firewood. Other products include biomass, mushrooms, cones, seed, hobby wood, Christmas trees and transplants. In FY15, a green juniper cut along various Skull Creek roads is available for purchase. The permit is limited to 100 feet from the road's edge and includes posts, green firewood, and a limited amount of poles.

MINERALS

Accomplished Work in FY13

Bonding for the reclamation of mines is an ongoing process and we are in the process of documenting reclamation planned activity based upon updated mining plans. There is some interest in other mineral deposits in Harney County and we are working with others on those interests. EP Mineral is currently on schedule in implementing the sage-grouse mitigation plan, spraying weeds, fulfilling the timber sale contract conditions, and preparing for opening up the North Kelly Field.

The Celatom Mine processes approximately 350,000 cubic yards of processed material to its mill in Vale, Oregon however moves about 950,000 cubic yards per year. They are working on stabilizing some slope failure issues at their Kelly Field area of the complex. They are also backfilling material as part of their normal operation for concurrent reclamation work; however, an alternative plan is being developed with the coordination of Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). The common/uncommon variety exam is underway; however, the furlough set the project back due to the timing of the field season. We are looking to see if the material has pozzolanic characteristics, among other things.

The Burns District has been working with the Vale, Oregon District on bonding for the storage facility for the Celatom Mine (which is located on the Vale District). The agreement between the districts is that Burns performs the work, but reporting is included in that for the Vale District. The Vale District provided the needed information on the portion of the road that should be reclaimed and the bonding should be updated in February of 2014.

In the fall of 2010, Ormat, Inc. filed an application with BLM to begin exploratory drilling for geothermal resources in the Glass Buttes area. The Burns District approved an EA for the Midnight Point project (lease OR-65726). Following the approval, Ormat submitted information for two wells to be changed to smaller diameter wells, along with a submittal to DOGAMI. BLM has completed its review and provided a draft condition of approval to Ormat (with no negative feedback); however, DOGAMI has not finalized their review and is waiting comments from Ormat. The drilling approval from BLM is pending action from Ormat and BLM has clearly outlined the information

needed to provide the final approvals. BLM is working closely with DOGAMI, however, it appears that the market has slowed and Ormat is hesitant to spend money without a market. It appears that Ormat may not be able to get all funds from the Department of Energy (DOE), based upon timing restrictions of drilling and not completing the drilling applications and conditions for final drilling approval.

The Ormat approval included a rock quarry and stipulations include protection of sage-grouse core habitat, eagles, and air and ground water quality, as well as a reclamation plan. Harney County received approval from a rock quarry and we are in the final stages of confirming details and adjusting the mining plan for reclamation and compliance. There is very good cooperation between the Harney County Road District and BLM.

The Minerals Program has also been involved with two geothermal requests and possible projects, one by the State of Oregon and one in the Alvord Desert. Both of these have significant technical issues with one likely to require Congressional approval to proceed. The State of Oregon has performed drilling on State Land, however, is just over the border on Vale District.

Removal of small volumes of sand and gravel and flat rock for personal use is permitted by sales from 42 designated open pits (5,889 acres). We are monitoring as many as 19 closed pits (1,502 acres) and performing required inspections on approximately 77 Federal Title 23 pits or quarries. The District has 3 pits that are not documented, 2 of which are in use, and 1 pit may be relinquished in 2014. The District 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, however, in the past few years several exceeding 1,000 yards have occurred. Removal of large volumes of gravel by public entities such as Harney County Road Department is permitted by Free Use Permits (FUP) from community and one Free Use pit. The BLM averages five or more FUPs a year that are between 5,000 and 75,000 cubic yards to other government agencies. The number of FUPs has been increasing as the District is holding to the BLM policy and requiring permits from all eligible parties. In 2011 and 2012, nearly 100 miles of roadway were reconstructed each year using material obtained from Federal lands and 2014 appears to also have significant road upgrades (which improves safety). Road reconstruction will likely be less than 100 miles in 2014.

The District is working on reviewing where the mineral needs are within the district (so that there is material in the areas where it is needed) and on closing pits that are not needed. The plan is to make the material pits more efficient and effective in road maintenance while reducing the footprint and impacts of pits. In this effort, we are working with other agencies to improve efficient use of public funds and resources for the benefit of the public. This effort is part of the long-term planning process and the material is needed for not only road maintenance and reconstruction, but is also important in agriculture and cattle operations. In short, the mineral material provides needed infrastructure to support a prosperous and economically viable County community.

There are two pits that need to have their boundaries adjusted, and one pit is in use, but has never been designated as a pit, thus work has begun to bring the pit into compliance. Another significant pit in the Skull Creek area (north of the City of Burns) was put on hold due to defunding of the road project.

The District has had a great deal of trespass issues in active as well as closed mineral material sites with greater than 60,000 yards documented. Site inspections (as well as community outreach efforts) have increased in the areas where there are higher trespass concerns in an effort to curb the rate and frequency of mineral trespass. The District has signs for the pits, however, due to work load demands, likely will not be able to install them until at least 2015. We will continue working on a BLM closed pit connected to a private pit and trespass issues that exceed 30,000 yards from a reclaimed area. Additionally, inspections are finding equipment in mineral pits that do not have an authorized reason for being in the mineral pits. Although Burns District is taking a tougher stance on trespass of minerals, due to work loads, it is not highly effective in curbing it.

The District has been active in developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Highway Administration and the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to fully utilize their mineral resources. The goal would be to become more efficient and work cooperatively with other agencies to site mineral sources where they are needed and close sites that are not needed. Our efforts are focused on filling a legal requirement in this joint effort.

We are actively working on the abandoned mine inventory, site screening, and documentation for possible environmental issues. We have found an abandoned retort for mercury containing rock (Cinnabar). Additionally, preliminary screening using a portable XRF (X-ray fluorescence) has found that there may be material left over from an abandoned Cinnabar mine which has elevated mercury levels. This area is the subject of geothermal exploration, wind development, and increased use for recreation by the public, thus is considered a priority. It should be noted that many of the most elevated areas of environmental concerns have been addressed prior to 2010. It should be noted, due to possible health and safety issues, field screening for mercury was initiated in

FY13. As such, the quality assurance\quality control (QA\QC) plan will be developed to account for assuring safety and quality of work (i.e., defensible); funding has been received (in 2014) for work that will include laboratory testing for quality control. The District continues to add Abandoned Mines Lands (AML) to its database in a format that is conducive to field site screening for environmental concerns.

The minerals program is working closely with the cultural resources program within BLM in determining the sources of artifacts while at the same time collecting information that can be utilized for educational purposes. There are plans to work together on Paleontology sites and incorporate them into the GIS system.

Recreational rock hounding is prevalent as well as an increase in recreational mineral exploration within the District. There are annual obsidian events within the District, with one at Glass Buttes that draws from the region and includes "Obsidian Days" in Burns on the second weekend in June.

Accomplished Work in FY14

The Celatom Mine processes approximately 356,000 cubic yards of processed material to its mill in Vale, Oregon, however, it moves approximately 1,171,000 cubic yards per year. They are working on stabilizing the past slope failure issues at their Kelly Field area of the complex with waste from the North Kelly Field. They are also backfilling material as part of their normal operations for concurrent reclamation work. Financial assurance for the reclamation of mines is an ongoing process and bonding was completed in FY14 for the Celatom Mine complex, however, it will require some changes in FY15. The Burns District, in cooperation with the Vale, Oregon District, completed the bonding for the Celatom Mine storage facility (which is located in the Vale District). The agreement between the districts is that Burns performs the work, but reporting is included in that for the Vale District. EP Mineral is currently on schedule in implementing the sage-grouse mitigation plan and in spraying weeds, and has completed the timber sale contract and started opening up the North Kelly Field.

ZeoCorp (owner of some local area zeolite mining claims) was provided notice that their bonding and Plan of Operations need to be revisited. They are currently not actively mining their claims and their plant in Burns, Oregon has been inactive with the exception of a few tons of material per year. There is some interest in other mineral deposits in Harney County and we are working with others on those interests. The common\uncommon variety exam is underway at the Malheur Flatstone claims and the issue of cost recovery was resolved in FY14.

Ormat completed the exploratory geothermal well 52-33 near Glass Buttes to a depth of 3,000 feet. The depth of the well was less than targeted as Ormat determined that the temperature did not meet expectations at that location and they would like to drill closer to a fault zone. Several sundry notices were issued and the well is ready for testing. Groundwater and downhole geophysical is expected to be completed in FY15.

The minerals program has also been involved with other geothermal issues dealing with Borax Lake. There appears to be a group that includes the USFWS that will start further discussion as the geothermal issues will likely determine if the Borax Chub will be delisted as an endangered species or not.

Removal of small volumes of mineral materials and flat rock for personal use is permitted by sales from 42 designated community pits (5,889 acres). We are monitoring as many as 19 closed pits (1,502 acres) and working with approximately 77 Federal Title 23 pits or quarries. The District has 3 pits that are not documented, 2 of which are in use, and 1 pit may be relinquished in 2015. The District 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, however, in the past few years several exceeding 1,000 yards each have occurred. Removal of large volumes of gravel by public entities such as Harney County Road Department is permitted by FUP from a community pit and from one Free Use pit. The BLM averages five or more FUPs a year, each typically between 5,000 and 75,000 cubic yards, to other government agencies. The number of FUPs has been increasing as the Burns District is holding to the BLM policy and requiring permits from all eligible parties. Harney County started crushing on Federal land for a road south of Buchanan.

The District continues to work on reviewing where the mineral needs are within the district (so that there is material in the areas where it is needed) and on closing pits that are not needed. The plan is to make the material pits more efficient and effective for road maintenance while reducing the footprint and impacts of pits, thus reducing costs while continuing to provide for mineral material requirements for needed infrastructure to support a prosperous and economically viable county community. This effort is part of the long-term planning process; the material is needed for not only road maintenance and reconstruction, but is also important to agriculture and cattle operations. Work toward an MOU with the Federal Highway Administration and ODOT is proceeding slowly. The goal would be to become more efficient and work cooperatively with other agencies to site mineral sources where they are needed and close sites that are not needed. Our efforts are focused on filling a legal requirement in this joint effort.

The district has had a great deal of trespass issues in active as well as closed mineral material sites with greater than 60,000 yards documented. Site inspections have increased in the areas where there are greater trespass concerns (as well as community outreach efforts) in an effort to curb the rate and frequency of mineral trespass. The district has signs for the pits, however, due to work load demands; they likely will not be installed until at least 2016. We will continue working on a BLM closed pit that is connected to a private pit and on trespass issues that exceed 30,000 yards from a reclaimed area. Additionally, inspections are finding equipment in mineral pits that has no reason for being there other than for trespass on mineral materials. The Burns District is taking a tougher stance on trespass of minerals; however, due to work load demands, is not highly effective in curbing it.

We are actively working on the abandoned mine inventory, site screening, and documentation for possible environmental issues. Preliminary screening using a portable XRF (X-ray fluorescence), soil samples, and a few water samples found that there may be elevated mercury left over from an abandoned Cinnabar mine. In FY15, work will continue on determining the risk level acceptable for several abandoned mine locations. One location is within an area in which geothermal exploration and wind development are being considered, and has also seen an increase in recreational use by the public, thus is being considered a priority. It should be noted that many of the most elevated areas of environmental concerns have been addressed prior to 2010. It should also be noted, due to possible health and safety issues, field screening for mercury was initiated in FY13. The district continues to add Abandoned Mines Lands to its database in a format that is conducive to field site screening for environmental concerns.

The Minerals program is working closely with the Cultural Resources program within BLM in determining sources of artifacts, while at the same time collecting information that can be utilized for educational purposes. There are plans to work together on Paleontology sites and incorporate them into the GIS.

Recreational rock hounding is prevalent within the district, and there has also been an increase in recreational mineral exploration. There are annual obsidian events within the district, including one at Glass Buttes (that draws from the region) and 'Obsidian Days' in Burns (which is the second weekend in June).

Planned Work for FY15

The Celatom Mine will continue to be a major workload in the minerals program through FY15 that will include inspections, bonding, and a Plan of Operation amendment as well as monitoring of the past slope failures and water quality. The paved access road is anticipated to be reconstructed which will require coordination with the State Transportation Department and the Harney County Road Department.

It is expected that the Plan of Operation changes for the ZeoCorp mines will be completed in FY15 as well as updating of the bonding.

Removal of small volumes of mineral materials and flat rock for personal use will continue to be permitted as well as removal of larger volumes by government entities. The MOU will likely not be addressed again until 2016 due to work loads. Early in FY16, the NEPA process is planned to be initiated on up to five mineral material sites. Inspections will be critical as some sites have compliance issues for the Mining Plan or for NEPA compliance. Trespass is expected to remain a time consuming issue and public outreach will continue to stress the need for permits. A 3-D documentation on volumetric calculations will not likely be initiated until at least 2016 due to the current and expected workload, even though this is highly desired by the Washington DC office.

The minerals program will continue to work with other disciplines and districts within BLM and in cooperation with other agencies as well as local and state governments toward a more effective and efficient distribution of mineral materials throughout the district. There are several land use requests that will need mineral material and these will be addressed through the NEPA process.

The geothermal project at Glass Buttes will require a significant amount of time for dealing with the change of drilling method for the next hole as well as for other likely changes to the approved plans. Drilling of the second hole is expected in FY15.

Initial work to start a mineral potential study was begun in FY14, however, will not be completed until FY16. The work is for more than 400,000 acres.

The issue of sage-grouse has taken a considerable amount of time in 2013 and 2014 and likely will continue to in FY15. This workload does not have specific funding and meeting this demand is a drain on other resources.

The minerals program is working to document the paleontological (i.e., historic) environments to aid in the public education of why and how our landscape looks as it does. This effort will eventually lead to public education documents for where to find different types of rocks and may possibly include a geology self-guided tour. Thin rock sections and scanning electron microscope images were collected in 2012 and 2013 for this effort which was initiated in 2011 and will continue through 2016.

The minerals program will continue working with colleges, conservation groups, and government agencies throughout the western United States on issues relating to the preservation of petrified wood sources, geologic mapping, geologic risk management, recreational rock hounding, and geothermal issues in an attempt to plan for possible future land uses or natural disasters.

LANDS TENURE ADJUSTMENTS, ACCESS, AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Accomplished Work for FY13 and FY14

Burns District BLM continued to work with the public and the utility companies in FY13 to ensure access needs and utility ROWs were handled in a timely manner. FY13 saw an increase in requests for easements for timber purposes which the realty staff worked diligently on (with the workload continuing through to FY14).

2013 kept the Burns District busy with energy projects. We worked with attorneys to prepare for oral arguments for the North Steens Transmission Line, developed cost recovery agreements and began tribal consultation for the Wagonire Wind Development, and coordinated with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Warm Springs Dam Power Project.

In FY13, Burns District worked hard on the cost recovery agreement with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to conduct maintenance on an existing power line, in addition to working with the FERC to ensure that the NEPA conducted will not have to be duplicated when BLM ultimately receives a ROW application from the Warm Springs Irrigation District for the transmission line emerging from their power project.

During the beginning part of FY13, the District spent a great deal of time working with attorneys to prepare for oral arguments on the North Steens Transmission Line. After oral arguments, the call for the District to complete work on this case came to a virtual standstill. The BLM won on all counts in District court.

Burns District has seen a drastic shift in workload for FY13 and moving into FY14. For the past few years much of our work load has been taken up with wind testing applications and development applications. However, as FY13 wound down it became clear that was going to change.

2014 kept the Burns District busy with a wide variety of projects. We continued to help attorneys with appeal information on the North Steens Transmission Line, responded to information requests from FERC on the Warm Springs Project, investigated and attempted to resolve new and long standing trespasses and worked closely with private landowners to ensure inholder access was developed where needed.

Burns District continued to see the trend of less emphasis on renewable energy and more emphasis on private landowner access in FY14. The beginning of FY15 looks as though that will continue to hold true. At the beginning of FY14 all the wind companies had either filed for relinquishment or expressed their intent to file.

Public utilities and private landowners are becoming increasingly concerned with their future access needs (to power lines and private lands and improvements) and are looking at ways to ensure they maintain their access in light of the fears of roads being either closed or seasonally restricted in the ROD for the Sage-grouse RMP. These fears over access led to a slight increase in minor ROW applications in FY13.

Reciprocal ROWs/Easements saw a slight increase in FY14 and the trend is expected to continue in FY15. Landowners come to BLM needing to ensure access to their private lands and BLM will use the opportunity, when available and advantageous, to also secure either administrative or public access.

In the land tenure realm, BLM Burns District is always looking for acquisition opportunities in the Steens Wilderness and this will continue. In FY13, there were two land exchanges the Burns District moved forward with. The Diamond Craters Land Exchange was moved forward to the State Office for review. In addition, Burns District worked hard with the Division of State Lands (DSL) to attempt to finalize an exchange package that will fulfill the requirement of the Steens Act to acquire all mineral rights from the State of Oregon within the Steens Mineral Withdrawal Area; in FY14, the DSL mineral exchange stalled due to a lack of funding on both the State

and Federal sides. Any other exchanges brought forward will be dealt with on a case by case basis. FY14 also brought a donation of a parcel of land in the Andrews/Steens RA just outside of the CMPA.

BLM Burns District resolved one long-term trespass in FY13 and two long-term trespass cases in FY14

Planned Work for FY15

The District expects to be processing a large transmission and distribution line renewal as well as an amendment requesting the use of weedblast and sk-26 on all power poles owned by Harney Electric Cooperative, Inc. in the district. These will both be accomplished with full cost recovery. In addition, Burns District will process a wind test ROW application as well as individual requests for ROWs for inholder access.

Burns District is currently working on an exchange to acquire the remainder of the private land near the Diamond Craters; the report is being reviewed at the Washington Office level and, upon concurrence, the Burns District will continue to move forward with this project.

The Andrews/Steens RA of the Burns District continues to look for opportunities for land tenure adjustments. Acquisitions in the CMPA in the forms of purchases, exchanges, or public easements will be sought as willing landowners come forward. The Burns District continues to have an active easement acquisition program. With the need for water and an active timber program it is vital that BLM continues to address its access needs where possible.

Sage-grouse planning has increased anxiety with private landowners and public utilities regarding their access as we move into the future. The realty staff expects to spend a significant amount of time in discussions with the public in an attempt to help them understand what the alternatives mean for them and could see an increase in ROW applications due to landowners' efforts to protect their access moving forward.

FY15 will continue to see realty staff trying to work through a large trespass case load one case at a time. There are many long-term cases on the Burns District; in addition to that, new cases are reported continually.

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 adherence to terms and conditions of authorizations.

WILDFIRE AND FUELS

Accomplished Work for FY13

Preparedness Program

The Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ or Zone) is comprised of State and Federal Agencies from across southeast Oregon including Burns District BLM, USFS Emigrant Creek Ranger District, USFS MNF and Malheur NWR and Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). The BIFZ annually staffs a mixture of firefighting resources consisting of 18 engines, 1 helicopter, a 20-person hand crew, 1 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 (BICC) 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 the 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.

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 four years and Regional/State-level reviews are conducted every two years. A combined State/National review of the Zone's Suppression and Fire Business functions occurred in June 2013. The next State/National review will tentatively occur in spring of 2017.

The Fire Program Analysis (FPA) is underway. 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: the USFS, the BLM, the National Park Service (NPS), the USFWS, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The FPA replaces the initial attack preparedness systems used by these five agencies prior to 2006. Phase 1 of FPA for the Burns Fire Planning Unit (FPU) was accomplished in 2006. The FPA had no activity occur in 2007 or 2008. Phase 2 of FPA began in 2009 and included updates to the program which analyzed long-term effects of fuels treatments, as well as large fires. Final analysis for the 2012 budget year was not completed in April 2010 as planned. As an interim solution to aid in budget allocation, National Interagency Fire Center has developed the Fire Program Decision Support System (FPDSS). The FPA and FPDSS require many of the same inputs and are very similar in operation. Data was requested from FPU planners in the fall of 2009 and is being used in continued development of the program.

Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plans

A new Emergency Stabilization or Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan was initiated in 2013 for the House Creek Fire. Plans were submitted and approved for the following large fires from 2012: Miller Homestead, Holloway, and Slope fires. These recovery efforts will continue in future years.

Agreements

Updated fire agreements were put in place during 2005 and have since been updated annually. These agreements provide mutual assistance to ODF; Oregon Division of State Lands (ODSL); Burns and Hines Volunteer Fire Departments; County 911 dispatch center; and Crane-Drewsey, Silver Creek, and Fields-Andrews Rural Fire Protection Associations (RFPA). In 2013 two new RFPA's were formed within the BIFZ borders. These include the Lone Pine and Frenchglen Associations. Agreements with these RFPA's provide suppression assistance, coordinated fire prevention planning and joint training opportunities amongst participants. In 2009, a Service First Agreement with the Malheur NWR was forged to create a joint BLM and NWR Fuels Planner Position. This position was filled in the fall of 2009 and is servicing both programs. This shared position continues to this day.

Fire Suppression Efforts for FY07-FY13

FY*	Agency	Total Number of Fires	Total Acres	Lightning Caused (Number/Acres)	Human Caused (Number/Acres)
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
2009	BLM	20	520	14/483	6/37
	FS	26	28	19/16	7/12
	USFWS		0	0	0
2010	BLM	13	361.95	8/327.05	5/34.9
	FS	41	18.45	32/16.9	9/1.55
	USFWS	0	0	0	0
2011	BLM	65	12703	58/12604.45	7/98.55
	FS	38	18.54	32/17.39	6/1.15
	USFWS	2	0.6	1/0.05	1/0.1
2012	BLM	28	179,710	22/179,377	6/333
	FS	18	8.39	6/6.26	12/2.13
	USFWS	2	1209	2/1209	0
2013	BLM	58	15,039	47/15,008	11/31
	FS	32	9	31/8.5	1/0.5
	USFWS	9	44.5	3/44	6/0.5

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. Reduced 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 few 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 reduction 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 30,000 acres in 2009. 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 and planned 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
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
2009	3,351	1,145	237	0	2,833	179	23,321	31,066
2010	2,781	2,735	771	0	0	1,805	15,970	24,062
2011	2,068	2,524	75	0	1,400	2,500	12,796	21,363
2012	2,647	412	347	0	0	3,000	8,941	15,347
2013	367	167	200	0	0	3,000	4,131	7,865
Planned 2014	4,141	1,064	1,420	763	0	2,500	4,475	14,363

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 project efforts taking place such as the Lake Creek/Boone Canyon Forest Restoration, Three Rivers Under Burning CX, Forks of Poison Creek/Devine Ridge Vegetation Management Restoration Projects, Camp Harney/Cow Creek Ecological Restoration Project (located north of Harney), the Silvies, Hopper, Emigrant, and Mill Creek Forest Restoration Project (SHED), Dry Lake Ecological Restoration Project, and Slickear/Claw Creek Restoration Project. The following provides an update for each project:

Three Rivers Underburning Project

The planning was completed in 2006 and implementation began the same year. Current projects underway are: Rattlesnake, Cricket, and Pinecraft underburns. Approximately 131 acres of Rattlesnake underburn were accomplished in 2013. Planned underburning in 2014 includes: 150 acres at Cricket and 325 acres at Pinecraft.

Forks of Poison Creek/Devine Ridge Vegetation Management Restoration

The project planning was completed in 2005 and implementation began the same year. A cooperative agreement with Tyler Brothers 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 in fall of 2008. In the winter of 2009-2010, approximately 189 acres of previously cut juniper were machine piled and burned. The prescribed fire, in cooperation with the Tyler Brothers, Harney Soil and Water Conservation District, and Burns BLM, was completed in October 2010. Total acres treated were 686 acres for Tyler Brothers and 1,223 acres for BLM. The burned area was seeded in spring 2011. Ongoing work includes maintaining several aspen fences in the burn area.

Slick Ear/Claw Creek Forest Restoration Project

Planning for the Slick Ear/Claw Creek Forest Restoration Project began the winter of 2008. The goals 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. Further reconnaissance and physical layout of treatment units occurred through summer of 2011. Three hundred acres of thinning and machine piling were accomplished under the Claw Creek Stewardship. A cooperative partnership with OWEB is paying for 70 acres of thinning and hand piling on BLM land in conjunction with the Bossuet's. Work on the project is ongoing.

The SHED Forest Restoration Project

Thinning and hand piling near Seneca was completed in 2009 and early 2010. Future implementation plans include further thinning, piling, pile burning, and implementing a forest under burn. The 251-acre Big Pumpkin Thinning and Machine Pile were completed in 2012. The last piles in this project will be burned in 2014.

Camp Harney/Cow Creek Ecological Restoration Project

Planning was completed in 2007. Unit planning and layout were accomplished in 2008. Implementation began in 2009 with juniper cutting, thinning, and hand piling. In FY11, 377 acres were machine piled and burned at Camp Harney. In 2012, 247 acres were thinned and hand piled. The piles were burned in 2014.

Dry Lake Ecological Restoration Project

Planning was completed in 2006. In fall 2008, work began with thinning and machine piling in conjunction with the SHED project (as discussed above) and was completed in 2009. Pile burning was completed in 2011. Further thinning and piling are planned if budget allows.

Other fuels management projects being conducted are in sagebrush plant communities that have been, or are being, converted to western juniper woodlands. The 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. These projects include Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project (see specifically titled sections 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; 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, WJMA (projects located within the Steens Mountain Area), and Frenchglen Community Wildland Protection (located near Frenchglen, Oregon). The following provides an update for each project.

Otis Mountain/Moffet Table Vegetation Management Project

Planning was completed in 2008. Implementation began in 2009 with thinning and piling in the Squaw Creek and Blue Bucket Creek Areas and reconnaissance and layout of other treatment areas for future years. In FY11, the first phases of cutting and piling were completed and piles were burned in FY12. One hundred acres were thinned and hand piled in 2012. Phase I broadcast burn preparation is underway under a cooperative partnership with OWEB and the Howards. Fuel breaks in the form of 200 acres of thinning and hand piling, and 167 acres of thinning and machine piling were accomplished in 2013. Preparatory juniper cutting of 2000 acres on Broadcast Burn Unit 1 is planned for 2014.

Wyoming Big Sagebrush Fuel Break Project

Phases 1 through 4 were completed between 2003 and 2007. Approximately 2,950 acres were mowed. No work occurred in 2009. Maintenance mowing on 604 acres in Phase 1 began September 2010 and was completed. Another 763 acres of maintenance mowing is planned for 2014.

Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project

During the seventh year of project implementation, Healthy Lands Initiative (HL) - Soil Water and Air (1010), Wildlife (1110,) and Riparian (1040) funds supported work throughout the Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project. In 2013, burning, seeding, planting, weed eradication, and monitoring occurred to various degrees throughout the project area. The following is a detailed account of all project activities occurring in 2013.

- 209 previously piled acres - burned
- 209 previously piled acres - seeded
- Cottonwood planted and protected - 1 mile
- Bitterbrush seedlings planted and protected - 200 acres
- Upland Post Fire Monitoring - 18,107 acres
- Canadian Thistle Biological Control Release
- Weed Treatments on 75 acres
- Weed Surveys on 30,000 acres
- Post treatment riparian monitoring on 6 miles
- Water Quality Inventory on 4 miles
- Coordination with ARS on research in the Project area resulting in accepted paper with the Journal of Environmental Management

North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project

This project is a landscape-level project to improve ecological health of the area, reduce juniper-related fuel loading, and encourage a healthy, functioning ecosystem through appropriate land uses. This is a multiyear project and each year the extent of implementation varies depending on variables such as staff limitations, resource considerations, and climatic and operational conditions.

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

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.

In 2008, work began on the North Steens Project with the cutting of juniper in the Moon Hill Area to prepare for the first phase of prescribed burning.

Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center (EOARC) has worked cooperatively with the BLM by placing intensive research sites on selected areas within the Project area. The EOARC is jointly operated by OSU and USDA ARS. The BLM has worked closely with EOARC to monitor project results.

Subsequent to IBLA's decision in 2008, the project decision was appealed to U.S. District Court. On November 15, 2011, Judge Garr King granted in part and denied in part ONDA's motion for Summary Judgment and BLM's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. ONDA's motion for Temporary Restraining Order/Motion for Preliminary Hearing was denied as moot and its Motion to Supplement the Administrative Record was granted. He went on to state that BLM was not required to issue a supplemental EIS with respect to sage-grouse, but was required to evaluate the significance of the Greater Echanis Project in light of the East and West Ridge portions of the project. Judge King also prohibited vegetative manipulation when not a pretreatment for prescribed burning within WSA. Finally, the IBLA decision was remanded to the Department to address ONDA's argument that off-road motorized use in WSAs contemplated by the project was in violation of the Steens Act. The parties were to agree on a form of judgment.

A judgment was filed on December 15, 2011, stating until IBLA issues a final determination, BLM will not authorize the use of off-road vehicles (OHV) in WSAs in connection with this project except: 1) in emergency situations; 2) for the use of an excavator to put into piles juniper cut for the purpose of prescribed burning within a WSA on up to no more than 200 acres cumulatively, and only after providing ONDA a two weeks' notice before such work is carried out to allow ONDA to observe, and 3) if ONDA agrees in writing to a specific exception.

In 2012, the remaining units were cut. Landscape-scale burning is scheduled to begin in 2013. In 2010, juniper cutting was also started in the Tombstone Canyon Area to prepare for Phase 2 of prescribed burning. Due to ongoing sage-grouse concerns, the plan to conduct the Phase 2 prescribed burns was dropped in favor of piling and burning. In 2012, 458 acres of juniper cutting and hand piling started off the Tombstone cleanup efforts. Another 200 acres will be cut and hand piled in 2013. In 2013, the Blitzen Stewardship will be started on the South Loop Road with a 64 acre machine pile unit. As part of the North Steens project, 200 acres of juniper were being cut and machine piled in WSA as a demonstration unit. For 2014, approximately 384 acres for Blitzen Stewardship is planned, as well as another 1,100 acres of hand piling to clean up the Tombstone area.

The Moon Hill prescribed fire was weathered out in September 2013. Plans are to attempt it again in September 2014.

On November 25, 2014, IBLA concluded that the exception stated in 112(b)(2)(A) of the Steens Act, 16 U.S.C. 460nnn-22(b)(2)(A)(2006), authorized BLM to use motorized or mechanized vehicles off-road on Federal lands in the CMPA, including WSAs, if BLM determines that such use is needed for administrative purposes. The judicial remand of 174 IBLA 341 (2008) for further consistent of the November 15, 2011, Opinion and Order issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon in ONDA v. McDaniel, No. 08-1271-KI, 2001 WL 5830435 the Decision is affirmed.

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.

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Accomplished Work for FY14

Preparedness Program

The BIFZ is comprised of State and Federal Agencies from across southeast Oregon including Burns District BLM, the USFS Emigrant Creek Ranger District, USFS MNF and Malheur NWR and ODF. The BIFZ annually staffs a mixture of firefighting resources consisting of 17 engines, 1 helicopter, a 20-person hand crew, 1 Single Engine Air Tanker, 1 dozer, and 5 fire lookouts.

Prevention Program

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

The IFPL is a mandated function performed by BICC in coordination with the USFS MNF and the Burns BLM 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 notification of 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 minimal level. Noteworthy, however, is the Red Flag Program. This program is a communication program in which 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 the Bear appearances at local schools and public events (such as the Harney County Fair) and maintaining a recorded phone message at (541) 573-4555 to provide updated IFPLs, fire danger information, 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.

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 four years and Regional/State-level reviews are conducted every two years. A combined State/National review of the Zone's Suppression and Fire Business functions occurred in June 2013. The next State/National review will tentatively occur in the spring of 2017.

In the fall of 2014, FPA was officially closed out as a budget tool to the USFS and the Department of the Interior (DOI). Some components to FPA will be maintained for use in other programs. The primary components to be maintained are: FSim (large fire generator), FIG (Fire Ignition Generator), FOD (Karen Short's fire occurrence database), and IRS (Initial Response Simulator). Some local input will be required for data calls regarding maintenance of these components. FPA replacement budget allocation planning tools are currently in the planning phase for the USFS and DOI. Currently the USFS is alpha-testing WFIPS (Wildland Fire Investment Planning System) and, on the DOI side, the BLM is testing UIA (Unit Initial Attack).

Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plans

A new Emergency Stabilization or Burned Area Rehabilitation Plan was initiated in 2014 for the Buzzard Complex. Plans were submitted and approved for the following large fires from 2012 and 2013: House Creek, Miller Homestead, Holloway, and Slope fires. These recovery efforts will continue in future years.

Agreements

Updated fire agreements were put in place during 2005 and have since been updated annually. These agreements provide mutual assistance between ODF; ODSL; Burns and Hines Volunteer Fire Departments; County 911 dispatch center; and Crane-Drewsey, Silver Creek, and Fields-Andrews RFPAs. In 2013, two new RFPAs were formed within the BIFZ borders. These include the Lone Pine and Frenchglen Associations. Agreements with these RFPAs provide suppression assistance, coordinated fire prevention planning, and joint training opportunities amongst participants. In 2009, a Service First Agreement with the Malheur NWR was forged to create a joint BLM and NWR Fuels Planner Position. This position was filled in the fall of 2009 and is serving both programs. This shared position continues to this day.

Fire Suppression

Fire Suppression Efforts for FY07-FY14

FY*	Agency	Total Number of Fires	Total Acres	Lightning Caused (Number/Acres)	Human Caused (Number/Acres)
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
2009	BLM	20	520	14/483	6/37
	FS	26	28	19/16	7/12
	USFWS		0	0	0
2010	BLM	13	361.95	8/327.05	5/34.9
	FS	41	18.45	32/16.9	9/1.55
	USFWS	0	0	0	0
2011	BLM	65	12703	58/12604.45	7/98.55
	FS	38	18.54	32/17.39	6/1.15
	USFWS	2	0.6	1/0.5	1/0.5
2012	BLM	28	179,710	22/179,377	6/333
	FS	18	8.39	6/6.26	12/2.13
	USFWS	2	1209	2/1209	0
2013	BLM	58	15,039	47/15,008	11/31
	FS	32	9	31/8.5	1/0.5
	USFWS	9	44.5	3/44	6/0.5
2014	BLM	64	147473.4	55/147433.9	9/39.5
	FS	45	20.75	39/18.63	6/2.12
	USFWS	3	13	2/12	1/1

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. Reduced 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, as well as the 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 few obvious impacts of fire suppression efforts. In the early 1980s, there appeared to be an increase in the number of acres burned and the 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 HFRA. The HFRA provides improved statutory processes for hazardous fuels reduction projects on BLM lands and also provides other authorities and direction to help reduce hazardous fuels 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 30,000 acres in 2009. 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. Accomplishments and planned accomplishments are 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
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
2009	3,351	1,145	237	0	2,833	179	23,321	31,066
2010	2,781	2,735	771	0	0	1,805	15,970	24,062
2011	2,068	2,524	75	0	1,400	2,500	12,796	21,363
2012	2,647	412	347	0	0	3,000	8,941	15,347
2013	367	167	200	0	0	3,000	4,131	7,865
2014	4,141	1,064	1,420	759	0	2,500	11,020	20,904
Planned 2015	2,623	1,371	1,352	0	2,200	2,200	4,901	14,647

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 Resource Area (RA) has numerous project efforts taking place such as the Lake Creek/Boone Canyon Forest Restoration, Three Rivers Underburning CX, Forks of Poison Creek/Devine Ridge Vegetation Management Restoration Projects, Camp Harney/Cow Creek Ecological Restoration Project (located north of Harney), the SHED Forest Restoration Project, Dry Lake Ecological Restoration Project, and Slick Ear/Claw Creek Restoration Project. The following provides an update for each project:

Three Rivers Underburning Project

The planning was completed in 2006 and implementation began the same year. Current projects underway are: Rattlesnake, Cricket, and Pinecraft underburns. Approximately 131 acres of Rattlesnake underburn were

accomplished in 2013. Planned underburns in 2014 were completed: 150 acres at Cricket and 325 acres at Pinecraft. Planned underburning in 2015 includes up to 400 acres throughout the project area in units available as weather and on-site conditions allow.

Forks of Poison Creek/Devine Ridge Vegetation Management Restoration

The project planning was completed in 2005 and implementation began the same year. A cooperative agreement with Tyler Brothers Ranches was developed to treat an additional estimated 1,500 acres of commingled public and private lands. Juniper cutting to prepare for a prescribed fire began in the fall of 2008. In the winter of 2009-2010, approximately 189 acres of previously cut juniper were machine piled and burned. The prescribed fire (in cooperation with the Tyler Brothers, Harney Soil and Water Conservation District, and Burns BLM) was completed in October 2010. Total acres treated were 686 acres for Tyler Brothers and 1,223 acres for the BLM. The burned area was seeded in the spring of 2011. Ongoing work includes maintaining several aspen fences in the burn area.

Slick Ear/Claw Creek Forest Restoration Project

Planning for the Slick Ear/Claw Creek Forest Restoration Project began in the winter of 2008. The goals of the project are to reduce hazardous fuels, restore plant communities, and improve wildlife habitat diversity. The emphasis on treatments is in forested areas. Further reconnaissance and physical layout of treatment units occurred through the summer of 2011. Three hundred acres of thinning and machine piling were accomplished under the Claw Creek Stewardship. A cooperative partnership with the OWEB paid for 70 acres of thinning and hand piling on BLM land in conjunction with the Bossuet's. This was completed in 2014. More thinning and hand piling throughout the unit is planned to take place in 2015.

The SHED Forest Restoration Project

Thinning and hand piling near Seneca were completed in 2009 and early 2010. Future implementation plans include further thinning, piling, pile burning, and implementing a forest underburn. The 251-acre Big Pumpkin Thinning and Machine Pile were completed in 2012. The last piles in this project were burned in 2014.

Camp Harney/Cow Creek Ecological Restoration Project

Planning was completed in 2007. Unit planning and layout were accomplished in 2008. Implementation began in 2009 with juniper cutting, thinning, and hand piling. Three hundred and seventy-seven acres were machine piled and burned at Camp Harney in FY11. Two hundred and forty-seven acres were thinned and hand piled in 2012; the piles were burned in 2014.

Dry Lake Ecological Restoration Project

Planning was completed in 2006. In fall 2008, work began with thinning and machine piling in conjunction with the SHED project (as discussed above) and was completed in 2009. Pile burning was completed in 2011. Further thinning and piling are planned if budget allows.

Other fuels management projects being conducted are in sagebrush plant communities that have been, or are being, converted to western juniper woodlands. The 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. These projects include Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project, located in the vicinity of Riddle Mountain; Dry Lake Ecological Restoration Project, located west of Silver Creek in the northwestern quarter of the RA; 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; the North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project and WJMA (both projects located within the Steens Mountain Area); and the Frenchglen Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) (located near Frenchglen, Oregon) (see specifically titled sections below). The following provides an update for each project.

Otis Mountain/Moffet Table Vegetation Management Project

Planning was completed in 2008. Implementation began in 2009 with thinning and piling in the Squaw Creek and Blue Bucket Creek Areas and reconnaissance and layout of other treatment areas for future years. In FY11 the first phases of cutting and piling were completed and those piles were burned in FY12. One hundred acres were

thinned and hand piled in 2012. Preparation is underway for a 4,000-acre Phase I broadcast burn, under a cooperative partnership with OWEB and the Howards, which will take place in the fall of 2015 as weather and site conditions permit. Fuel breaks in the form of 200 acres of thinning and hand piling and 167 acres of thinning and machine piling were accomplished in 2013. Preparatory juniper cutting of 2,000 acres on Broadcast Burn Unit 1 was accomplished in 2014. Numerous acres are planned to be thinned and hand or machine piled throughout the project area and burned later (in upcoming years).

Wyoming Big Sagebrush Fuel Break Project

Phases 1 through 4 were completed between 2003 and 2007. Approximately 2,950 acres were mowed. No work occurred in 2009. Maintenance mowing on 604 acres in Phase 1 began September 2010 and was completed. Another 763 acres of maintenance mowing was accomplished in 2014. At this time no funding has been allocated for FY15 maintenance mowing. However, with the possible listing of sage-grouse, money could be distributed in these areas for more maintenance.

Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project

During the seventh year of project implementation, Healthy Lands Initiative (HL) - Soil Water and Air (1010), Wildlife (1110), and Riparian (1040) funds supported work throughout the Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project. In 2013, burning, seeding, planting, weed eradication, and monitoring occurred to various degrees throughout the Project area. The following is a detailed account of all project activities occurring in 2013.

- 209 previously piled acres - burned
- 209 previously piled acres - seeded
- Cottonwood planted and protected - 1 mile
- Bitterbrush seedlings planted and protected - 200 acres
- Upland post fire monitoring - 18,107 acres
- Canadian Thistle biological control release
- Weed treatments on 75 acres
- Weed surveys on 30,000 acres
- Post-treatment riparian monitoring on 6 miles
- Water quality inventory on 4 miles
- Coordination with Agriculture Research Station (ARS) on research in the Project area resulting in accepted paper with the Journal of Environmental Management

North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project

This project is a landscape-level project to improve ecological health of the area, reduce juniper-related fuel loading, and encourage a healthy functioning ecosystem through appropriate land uses. This is a multiyear project and each year the extent of implementation varies depending on variables such as staff limitations, resource considerations, and climatic and operational conditions.

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

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.

In 2008, work began on the North Steens Project with the cutting of juniper in the Moon Hill Area to prepare for the first phase of prescribed burning.

The EOARC has worked cooperatively with the BLM by placing intensive research sites on selected areas within the Project area. The EOARC is jointly operated by OSU and USDA-ARS. The BLM has worked closely with EOARC to monitor project results.

Subsequent to IBLA's decision in 2008, the project decision was appealed to U.S. District Court. On November 15, 2011, Judge Garr King granted in part and denied in part ONDA's Motion for Summary Judgment and BLM's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. ONDA's Motion for Temporary Restraining Order/Motion for Preliminary Hearing was denied as moot and its Motion to Supplement the Administrative Record was granted. He went on to state that BLM was not required to issue a supplemental EIS with respect to sage-grouse, but was required to evaluate the significance of the Greater Echanis Project in light of the East and West Ridge portions of the project. Judge King also prohibited vegetative manipulation when not a pretreatment for prescribed burning within

WSAs. Finally, the IBLA decision was remanded to DOI to address ONDA's argument that off-road motorized use in WSAs contemplated by the project was in violation of the Steens Act. The parties were to agree on a form of judgment.

A judgment was filed on December 15, 2011, stating that until IBLA issues a final determination, BLM will not authorize the use of off-road vehicles in WSAs in connection with this project except: 1) in emergency situations; 2) the use of an excavator to pile juniper cut for the purpose of prescribed burning within a WSA on up to no more than 200 acres cumulatively, and only after providing ONDA a two weeks' notice before such work is carried out to allow ONDA to observe, and 3) if ONDA agrees in writing to a specific exception.

In 2012, the remaining units were cut. Landscape-scale burning was scheduled to begin in 2013. In 2010, juniper cutting was also started in the Tombstone Canyon Area to prepare for Phase 2 of prescribed burning. Due to ongoing sage-grouse concerns, the plan to conduct the Phase 2 prescribed burns was dropped in favor of piling and burning. In 2012, 458 acres of juniper cutting and hand piling started off the Tombstone cleanup efforts. Another 200 acres was cut and hand piled in 2013. In 2013, the Blitzen stewardship started on the South Loop Road with a 64-acre machine pile unit; as the year progressed into FY14, 84- and 100-acre units were tasked. In the latter part of FY14, the Blitzen stewardship contract moved its operation to the North loop road where 176 acres were tasked and completed. In FY15, 650 acres are underway to be cut and piled; burning of the piles will take place at a later date. The Blitzen contract is written such that minimal disturbance will be made to the land by machine piling and that the contractor has the right to remove biomass from the project area. Also, as part of the North Steens project, 200 acres of juniper was cut, machine piled, and burned in WSA as a demonstration unit. One thousand and one hundred acres of hand piling were accomplished to clean up the Tombstone area in 2014 with pile burning to follow. In 2015, more cutting and piling in the Tombstone project area (along with many acres of pile burning) will take place.

The Moon Hill prescribed fire was weathered out in September 2013. However conditions lined up in September of 2014 and burning of the project was successfully completed. Seeding of the burn area will take place in 2015.

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Planned Work for FY15

- Per policy, all treatments have permanent monitoring plots and plots are measured annually. Annual treatment monitoring will continue through 2015.
- Planned work for FY15 is detailed in the above mentioned projects.

Highlights:

- Planned work as stated in the above areas for 2015 includes burning several hand and machine pile units and effectiveness monitoring of the previous cut and prescribed burns across a majority of the project areas. Inventory and treatment of noxious weeds in the project areas will be occurring.
- In the Otis Mountain/Moffet Table Fuels Management Project, preparation is underway for the upcoming prescribed fire.
- Work continues with juniper cutting and machine/hand piling in the Tombstone area. This will be accomplished with significant funding contributions from the ODFW. The Blitzen Stewardship continues in the Tombstone and Frazier Field areas.
- More underburns are planned for spring 2015 in the Three Rivers Underburning Project area.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Accomplished Work for FY13

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 FY13 included the following:

- Responding to and investigating natural resource crimes throughout the District
- Responding to wildfire, evacuations, and search and rescue
- Responding to emergencies, OHV accidents, and aviation incidents, injuries, and deaths
- Investigating occupancy trespass cases and fire trespass cases
- Investigating drug/narcotic offenses
- Conducting Fire Cause and Origin Investigations for the ODF and the USFWS
- 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, and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)

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

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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 58 incidents/cases into the BLM IMARS system in 2014.

Planned Work for FY15

Through an agreement, Burns District Law Enforcement will continue to use the Harney County Sheriff's Office for specific BLM patrols. Also, specific enforcement activities will be targeted in the CMPA, Alvord Desert WSA, and Pueblo WSA. The focus is enforcement of OHV regulations and monitoring of Native American archaeological sites. Marijuana cultivation reconnaissance will continue throughout the District.

WILD HORSE AND BURRO PROGRAM

Accomplished Work for FY13

Burns District is responsible for the Oregon and Washington (OR/WA) wild horse adoption and population management program. The District solely administers 6 HMAs and provides support for the management of 11 other HMAs in the Lakeview, Vale, and Prineville Districts. In addition, the Big Summit Wild Horse Territory near Prineville is managed by the Ochoco National Forest and the Murderers Creek Wild Horse Territory near Dayville is jointly managed by the Prineville District BLM and the Malheur National Forest. All wild horses and burros gathered and removed from the range in Oregon are brought to Oregon's Wild Horse Facility to be prepared for adoption.

Each HMA is generally gathered every 3-5 years depending on range conditions and population numbers determined by range studies and inventory flights. During FY13, a total of 264 horses were gathered and removed from USFS, BLM, and privately owned lands within and adjacent to the Murderers Creek Wild Horse Territory. As a result of national budget constraints, no other gathers or removals for population management or inventory flights occurred within Oregon in FY13. In fall of 2013, twelve horses ranging within the portion of Warm Springs HMA burned in the 2012 Miller Homestead Fire were relocated (via helicopter-driving) to the unburned portion of the HMA in accordance with the Miller Homestead Fire ES&R Plan.

All removed horses were transferred to Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines to be prepared for public adoption. During FY13, the horse inventory at the corrals accounted for 255,652 animal feed days. In FY13, 207 horses were placed in private care from OR/WA adoption events at Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines as well as events in Cle Elum, Washington and at the High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon and from four internet based adoption events. In addition, Burns District staff hosted an adoption compliance class which trained 17 new volunteer compliance inspectors at the Washington State Horse Expo and staffed a Wild Horse and Burro (WHB) booth at the Northwest Horse Expo in Albany, Oregon. Burns District staff also partnered with the Central Oregon Wild Horse Coalition to host the "Teaching and Achieving Mustang Excellence" program in Bend, Oregon.

The Burns District continued its partnership with the Mustang Heritage Foundation (MHF) through hosting the inaugural "Mustang Million" adoption event at Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility. This highly publicized event successfully adopted 69 Oregon horses, via live-bid adoption, which were eligible to compete at the Mustang Million Competition in Fort Worth, Texas. Out of over 550 horses competing at the event, a sorrel gelding from Beatty's Butte HMA, adopted and trained by Tom Hagwood, took home top honors at the competition! In addition to the Mustang Million adoptions, another 35 horses were adopted through the Oregon Teens and Mustangs and the Washington Youth and Yearling events.

In late summer 2013, Burns District began a partnership (called the Platero Project) with the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to promote the training and adoption of wild burros. We also continue to make every effort to photograph all mustangs available for adoption at the Corral Facility and place pictures online for viewing across the nation (www.blm.gov/adoptahorse/onsitegallery). This effort started in FY09 and has consistently generated interest for Oregon mustangs from adopters as far away as Maine and Florida!

Accomplished Work for FY14

During FY14, a total of 47 horses were captured and removed from private lands adjacent to Murderers Creek Wild Horse Territory via bait trapping operations. Eight burros were captured and removed from private lands adjacent to Warm Springs HMA, and one wild horse was captured and removed from private land adjacent to Sheepshead-Heath Creek HMA. In July, Porcine zona pellucida (PZP) fertility control was applied to 24 mares returned to Jackies Butte HMA on Vale District.

In February, Burns District staff, as well as wild horse staff from Vale, Lakeview, Prineville, and the Malheur National Forest was trained by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) on the use of the Simultaneous Double Count aerial inventory method for estimating wild horse populations. Following this training, Simultaneous Double Count inventories were completed on Kiger, Riddle Mountain, Stinkingwater, and Warm Springs HMAs in Burns District.

Oregon's Wild Horse Facility participated in five internet based adoption events, as well as "The Great Burro Turnaround" and the "Oregon Teens and Mustangs" adoption events in McMinnville, Oregon. We continued our partnership with MHF through the Trainer Incentive Program as well as supplying Oregon horses for MHF competitions throughout the country. During FY14, these adoption events and our facility adoptions placed 164 horses and burros into private care. In addition, our wild horse staff manned promotional booths at the Washington State Horse Expo, Northwest Horse Expo, and the High Desert Museum in Bend, Oregon.

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:

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/whbprogram.html>

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

Planned Work for FY15

For FY15, Burns District is planning to capture and remove approximately 130 excess wild horses from Kiger and Riddle Mountain HMAs, plus an additional 30 horses from South Steens HMA. Burns District staff will complete a new 10 year Population Management Plan for South Steens HMA, as well as NEPA compliance for the Kiger and Riddle Mountain gather plan. An HMA evaluation will also be completed for Kiger and Riddle Mountain HMAs which will include an analysis of the current Appropriate Management Levels (AML) for both HMAs. Aerial inventories will also be completed on South Steens and Palomino Buttes HMAs in Burns District.

Oregon's Wild Horse Facility plans to participate in five internet based adoption events during 2015. Additional adoption events are scheduled for "The Wild Mustang Competition" in Klamath Falls, Oregon; the Washington State Horse Expo; the Northwest Horse Expo; the Central Oregon Horse Expo; and the Oregon Teens and Mustangs event in Albany, Oregon. We will also continue our partnership with MHF through the Trainer Incentive Program as well as supplying Oregon horses for MHF competitions throughout the country.

VOLUNTEERS AND OUTREACH

Accomplished Work for FY13

The Burns District enjoyed nearly 100 volunteers and hosted workers in FY13. Individuals, groups, and partners across the northwest donated over 16,000 hours of service at an estimated value of \$356,000! As with most years, the majority of the volunteer and hosted worker hours were contributed in the recreation program through campground hosting and the archaeology program through cultural surveys. Other outstanding jobs include:

The WHB Program enjoyed generous volunteer support in FY13. Of note, Josh and Erica Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald Farms hosted their 5th annual Teens and Oregon Mustangs competition and adoption event, which is a partnership effort with the BLM and the MHF that showcases the adaptability of yearling mustangs through youth trainers. Each year, 20-30 Oregon teens train a yearling mustang for 60-90 days and then compete in a show for

a variety of prizes; at the end of the competition, the gentled mustangs are adopted into permanent, private care. Also in the WHB Program, a handful of dedicated volunteers spent countless hours in the Kiger, Riddle, and South Steens HMAs following and photographing wild horses in their natural environment. These volunteers are compiling a documented line of genealogy that will help both the BLM and adopters know the bloodlines and family history of mustangs in their care.

The OYCC continued its annual hosted worker effort with the Burns District in FY13. Five youth and a crew leader spent over 320 hours each working on projects in the recreation, wilderness, and cultural resources programs. The OYCC is organized through Harney County's Training and Employment Consortium and has proven to be a great means for youth hiring and field work experience for over a decade.

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED or DONATED WORKERS	TOTAL
	85	6	91
NUMBER OF HOURS	VOLUNTEER HOURS	HOSTED or DONATED WORKER HOURS	TOTAL
Recreation	6,328	1,920	8,248
Biological Resources	34	1,800	1,834
Wild Horse & Burro	3,247	0	3,247
Wilderness/WSA	32	0	32
Cultural/Historical	2,984	0	2,984
Riparian/Watershed	90	0	90
Total	12,715	3,720	16,435
Funds Expended	\$7,670.00	0	\$7,670.00
Value of Work (based on value of \$21.76/hour as calculated by Independent Sector)	\$276,678.40	\$80,947.20	\$357,625.60
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (age 25 and under)			
	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED WORKERS	TOTAL
Number of Youth Volunteers	2	5	7
	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED WORKERS	TOTAL
Hours Contributed by Youth Volunteers	32	1,600	1,632

Accomplished Work for FY14

The Burns District appreciated nearly 140 volunteers and hosted workers in FY14. Individuals, groups and partners across the northwest donated almost 14,000 hours of service at an estimated value of \$300,000! Outstanding programs with great volunteer service in FY14 included:

- Wild Horse and Burro

Each year the WHB Program is served by dozens of volunteers across Oregon and Washington. Volunteers often provide foster care for repossessed or unwanted horses; complete compliance checks at adopter facilities; mentor new adopters or assist them in the mustang gentling process; promote adoption opportunities, etc. Volunteer Beverly Shafer amassed over 200 hours photographing mustangs available for adoption at Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility and posting those pictures to social media for the entire world to see. Shafer's efforts have helped at least a dozen horses get adopted this year! Volunteer Krissy Matterson moved to Harney County specifically because of the mustangs and immediately set to volunteering at the Facility as a feeder, program clerk, veterinary care assistant, etc. Matterson's work contributed greatly to the success of Oregon/Washington BLM's very accomplished WHB Program.

- Recreation

Campground hosts donated hundreds of hours to the recreation program this year, assisting visitors with their travel experiences and monitoring for site compliance and user safety. The 6-person OYCC was busy with sign installation, recreation site clean-up and maintenance, trail work and snow pole removal, among other things. The Radar Hill OHV play area received some much needed attention on NPLD—volunteers collected garbage, learned about OHV safety and participated in a motorized "Fun Run." Also, an 11-member Northwest Youth Corps spent several weeks in the Burns District completing intense trail maintenance along the popular Blitzen River Trail.

- Cultural

Volunteers from OAS, ASCO, and Harney County were very busy in 2014. Several volunteer crews spent three weeks at the Clovis Quest survey site in Catlow Valley and the northwestern portion of Burns District looking for Clovis archaeological sites and artifacts dating as far back as 13,000 years ago. One Clovis spear point (13,000+ years old) was found, as were a number of related artifacts dating to that ancient time. Two teams of OAS volunteers excavated at Rimrock Draw Rockshelter in preparation for the U of O Archaeology Field School. The teams excavated in the top five feet of fill (dating to the period 5000 to 0 years before present). The site is likely the oldest west of the Rocky Mountains and one of 10 sites in North America dating to before 15,000 years ago. Also, ASCO volunteers spent a day working at the Skull Creek Dunes Site. Skull Creek Dunes is a 240-acre site in Catlow Valley with cultural material spanning the last 9,000+ years.

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED or DONATED WORKERS	TOTAL
	118	16	134
NUMBER OF HOURS	VOLUNTEER HOURS	HOSTED or DONATED WORKER HOURS	TOTAL
Recreation	5,988	1,920	7,908
Biological Resources	32	240	272
Wild Horse & Burro	2,716		2,716
Wilderness/WSA	40		40
Cultural/Historical	2,856		2,856
Minerals	40		40
Total	11,672	2,160	13,832
Funds Expended	\$5,453.00	\$21,000.00	\$26,453.00
Value of Work (based on value of \$21.76/hour as calculated by Independent Sector)	\$253,982.72	\$47,001.60	\$300,984.32
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (age 25 and under)			
	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED WORKERS	TOTAL
Number of Youth Volunteers	8	16	24
	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED WORKERS	TOTAL
Hours Contributed by Youth Volunteers	72	1,920	1,992

Planned Work for FY15

In FY15, volunteers and hosted workers will continue serving in similar capacities.

NEPA REGISTER

NEPA Register FY13

The following is a list of EAs, Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) and CXs completed or initiated in FY13 and planned NEPA work for FY14. 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/plans/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 a NEPA document for review, note the NEPA 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.

FY13 EA REGISTER NUMBER/ PRIMARY CONTACT	PROJECT NAME	PROPOSED ACTION	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	AFFECTED SPECIAL AREA	INITIATION DATE/ COMPLETION DATE Status: On-going; On-hold; Cancelled
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2006-0029-EA (EA OR-06-025-029)	Pine Creek AMP	Develop AMP and renew 10-year grazing permit.	Pine Creek Allotment	Biscuitroot ACEC	EA Initiated: 01/12/2006 FONSI Signed: 07/09/13
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2006-0030-EA (EA OR-06-026-030)	Basque Hills AMP	Develop AMP and renew 10-year grazing permit.	Basque Hills Allotment	Basque Hills WSA	EA Initiated: 01/13/2006 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2006-00060-EA (EA OR-06-027-060)	South Steens AMP	Develop AMP and renew 10-year grazing permit.	CMPA, South Steens Allotment	Several WSAs	EA Initiated: 03/09/2006 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2007-0058-EA (EA OR-07-027-058)	Page Spring Fish Passage Project	Modify/reconstruct Page Springs Weir.	Donner und Blitzen River at Page Springs	Wilderness, WSR, CMPA	EA Initiated: 05/15/2007 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0058-EA	Steens Mountain CRP	Develop a comprehensive recreation management plan.	CMPA	CMPA	EA Initiated: 03/09/2009 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0013-EA	Cote Grade Quarry	Provide 250,000 cubic yards of mineral materials to Harney County and authorize road ROW.	Double OO Road	None	EA Initiated: 12/21/2010 FONSI Signed: 04/12/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0041-EA	Vegetation Management - Burns District	Implement different methods of treatments to control unwanted vegetation.	Burns District	Wilderness, WSA, CMPA	EA Initiated: 05/31/2011 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0019-EA	Alder Creek Restoration	Restore Alder Creek associated wet meadow, and uplands of the watershed.	W.M., T. 24 S., R. 34 E., sections 24 and 25; W.M., T. 24 S., R. 35 E., sections 17-20 and 29-32.	None	EA Initiated: 01/19/2012 FONSI Signed: On-going

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0025-EA	Grazing Permit Transfer, Season of Use, Percentage of Public Land - Cold Springs	Issue a new 10-year grazing permit with a change to season of use and percentage of public land.	Cold Springs Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/10/2012 FONSI Signed: 11/20/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0035-CX	Road Maintenance - East and West Warm Springs, Capehart Lake, Silver Lake, and Cluster Allotments	Perform road work on existing BLM roads.	East and West Warm Springs, Capehart Lake, Silver Lake, and Cluster Allotments	None	CX Initiated: 06/7/2012 CX Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0041-CX	Road Maintenance - Sagehen/Palomi no Butte Area/Double OO	Perform road work on existing BLM roads.	Sagehen/Palomi no Butte Area/Double OO	None	CX Initiated: 07/13/2012 CX Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0045-CX	Idaho Power ROW, ORE-012080; ORE-012391; and OR-67536	Consolidate and renew two existing transmission line ROWs.	W.M., T. 20-22 S., R. 33-35 E.	None	CX Initiated: 08/16/2012 CX Signed: 06/11/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0050-EA	Adrian Well	Drill a new water well in an existing crested wheatgrass seeding to utilize existing storage tank and existing pipeline.	Tule Springs Allotment and Keg Springs Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 09/18/2012 FONSI Signed: 06/20/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0001-CX	Evers Easement, OR-67397	Obtain an easement across an existing private road to access Federal land.	Mill Creek	None	CX Initiated: 10/2/2012 CX Signed: 05/13/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0002-CX	Slope Fire Emergency Stabilization Aerial Seeding	Aerially seed 500 acres within the fire perimeter.	CMPA	WSA	CX Initiated: 10/16/2012 CX Signed: 10/29/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0003-EA	Holloway Fire ES&R	Aerially seed, drill seed, construct temporary fencing, and apply chemical treatments within the fire perimeter.	South End of District	WSA	EA Initiated: 10/19/2012 FONSI Signed: 03/01/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0004-CX	Acquisition of ODOT Princeton Quarry Parcel, OR-67291	Purchase property from State of Oregon with road access to larger Federal parcel.	Princeton	None	CX Initiated: 10/26/2012 CX Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0005-EA	Relief Grazing - Upton Mountain Allotment	Provide relief forage for permittees.	Upton Mountain Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 10/29/2012 FONSI Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0006-CX	Harney Electric Company (HEC)	Authorize FLPMA ROW to construct a	Jack Mountain Communication	None	CX Initiated: 12/06/2012

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	ROW, OR-67572	new overhead powerline and then a new buried 14.4kV (225 feet long) powerline from existing HEC line to the existing American Tower Communication Site.	Site		CX Signed: 01/23/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0007-CX	Maintain Range Improvements - Palomino Butte Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Palomino Butte Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 12/11/2012 CX Signed: 12/13/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0008-CX	Maintain Range Improvements - Horton Mill Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Horton Mill Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 12/14/2012 CX Signed: 01/25/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0009-DNA	Restore and Maintain Sage-Grouse Year Round Habitat and Deer Winter Range - Griffen Creek Pasture, Moffet Table Allotment	Remove western juniper to reduce fuels and restore sage-steppe ecosystems on 2,500 acres.	Griffen Creek Pasture, Moffet Table Allotment	None	DNA Initiated: 12/19/2012 DNA Signed: 04/11/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0010-DNA	Alvord Wilderness Rehabilitation	Perform rehabilitation on a non-willful trespass.	Steens Mountain Wilderness	Wilderness	DNA Initiated: 01/3/2013 DNA Signed: 03/28/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0011-CX	Bridge Replacement - Cottonwood/ Fields Road	Remove bridge structure with two 48" culverts.	Cottonwood/Fields Road	None	CX Initiated: 01/07/2013 CX Signed: 01/29/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0012-CX	HEC ROW Renewal, OR-67553	Renew ROW for distribution powerline.	Wagontire	None	CX Initiated: 01/07/2013 CX Signed: 01/16/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0013-CX	Long Hollow Guzzler #4 Maintenance/ Reconstruction	Reconstruct guzzler which was damaged in Pueblo Fire of 2006.	Between Alvord Peak and Long Hollow Road	Wilderness	CX Initiated: 01/11/2013 CX Signed: 03/11/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0014-CX	Maintain range improvements - Badger Spring	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Badger Spring	None	CX Initiated: 01/22/2013 CX Signed: 01/30/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0015-CX	Maintain range improvements - Silver Lake	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Silver Lake	None	CX Initiated: 01/23/2013 CX Signed: 01/30/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0016-CX	Maintain range improvements - Round Top Butte	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and	Round Top Butte	None	CX Initiated: 01/23/2013 CX Signed:

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		reservoirs.			01/30/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0017-CX	Maintain range improvements - Juniper Ridge	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Juniper Ridge	None	CX Initiated: 01/23/2013 CX Signed: 01/30/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0018-EA	Rattlesnake Forest Health	Removal of commercial timber.	Rattlesnake/Coffee Pot/Onion Flat	None	EA Initiated: 01/30/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0019-EA	River Allotment AMP	Develop AMP and renew 10-year grazing permit.	River Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0020-EA	Egli Division Fence	Construct fence for livestock management.	East Wagontire Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0021-EA	Upton Mountain AMP	Develop AMP.	Upton Mountain Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0022-CX	Maintain Spring - Pinto Springs	Maintain existing spring.	Mountain Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 02/04/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0023-EA	Keg Springs Well	Construct new water well with 2 new troughs and 600' of new pipeline.	Keg Springs Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/05/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0024-DNA	Back Country Llama Rendezvous	Authorize special recreation permit for guided overnight trip.	South Steens Wilderness	Wilderness	DNA Initiated: 02/11/2013 DNA Signed: 03/12/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0025-CX	Maintain range improvement - Forks Poison Creek/395 Corridor Devine Ridge within the Forks Poison Creek Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Forks Poison Creek/395 Corridor Devine Ridge within the Forks Poison Creek Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 02/21/2013 CX Signed: 03/11/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0026-CX	Maintain range improvement - Cooler, Newell Field, Rocky Basin, and Tub Springs-Hart Allotments	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Cooler, Newell Field, Rocky Basin, and Tub Springs-Hart Allotments	None	CX Initiated: 02/28/2013 CX Signed: 03/06/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0027-EA	South Steens HMA Gather	Gather wild horses for range management.	South Steens	Wilderness, WSA, and CMPA	EA Initiated: 03/04/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0028-EA	Dry Bone Complex	Archeological excavation.	Holloway Fire on Dry Creek	WSA	EA Initiated: 03/18/2013

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			Drainage by Cottonwood Ranch		FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0029-CX	Maintain Seeding - Princeton Allotment	Brush treatment and re-seeding.	Princeton Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 03/20/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0030-CX	Road Maintenance - Riddle Mountain Look-out Road	Perform road work on existing BLM roads.	Riddle Mountain Look-out Road	None	CX Initiated: 03/20/2013 CX Signed: 06/25/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B020-2013-0031-DNA	Vegetation Management - Burns District	Implement different methods of treatments to control unwanted vegetation.	District Wide	Wilderness, WSA, and CMPA	DNA Initiated: 04/08/2013 DNA Signed: 05/13/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B020-2013-0032-DNA	Vegetation Management - HEC ROW in Miller Homestead and Holloway Fire Analysis Area	Bare Ground Treatments to Control Vegetation Around Power Poles for Powerline Structural Protection.	HEC ROW in Miller Homestead and Holloway Fire Analysis Area	Wilderness, WSA, and CMPA	DNA Initiated: 04/16/2013 DNA Signed: 05/13/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B020-2013-0033-CX	Maintain range improvement - Lone Pine Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Lone Pine Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 04/26/2013 CX Signed: 06/25/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0034-CX	Road Maintenance - Upton Mountain Allotment	Perform road work on existing BLM road by Permittee under Cooperative Range Improvement Agreement.	Upton Mountain Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 04/30/2013 CX Signed: 05/13/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0035-CX	Juniper Ranch ROW, OR-067577	Authorize FLPMA ROW to construct a buried powerline and pipeline in an existing ditch (pre-FLPMA).	Fifteen Cent Lake	CMPA	CX Initiated: 05/01/2013 CX Signed: 05/23/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0036-CX	Maintain Seeding - Sandhills Allotment	Re-seeding 2 fire rehabilitation seedings with rangeland drills.	Sandhills Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 05/03/2013 CX Signed: 05/07/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0037-CX	Maintain range improvement - Upton Mountain Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs. The work is required due to trespass on existing range improvements.	Upton Mountain Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 05/16/2013 CX Signed: 06/19/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0038-EA	Ankle Creek Livestock Crossing Permit	Issuance of a grazing bill/crossing permit to allow livestock to cross BLM-managed land (specifically Steens Mountain Wilderness	Ankle Creek	Wilderness and CMPA	EA Initiated: 05/20/2013 FONSI Signed: 06/20/2013

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		No Livestock Grazing Area (NLGA)) to access private inholdings within the Ankle Creek area for cattle grazing.			
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0039-CX	Williams Creek Pasture Temporary Fence	Install temporary fence next to existing fence for management of livestock.	Fields Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 05/21/2012 CX Signed: 06/12/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0040-CX	Maintain range improvement - Silvies River Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on existing cattleguard.	Silvies River Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 05/21/2013 CX Signed: 08/27/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0041-CX	Pueblo Slough Wetlands Restoration	Rehabilitate portions of the historic excavated ponds to restore quality habitat and straighten fence line to provide wildlife movement.	Pueblo Slough Allotment; 5 miles NE of Denio, NV; W.M., T. 42 S., R. 35 E., sections 2 and 11.	None	CX Initiated: 06/03/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0042-CX	Wagontire Mountain Wind Testing ROW Renewal, OR-066227	Renew ROW for wind testing.	Wagontire Mountain	None	CX Initiated: 06/12/2013 CX Signed: 08/02/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0043-CX	Maintain range improvement - East Sagehen Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on reservoir.	East Sagehen Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 06/24/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0044-DNA	Riddle Mountain Medusahead Rehabilitation	Perform seeding of crested wheatgrass using rangeland drills.	South Base of Riddle Mountain	None	DNA Initiated: 06/28/2013 DNA Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0045-EA	Unnamed Spring Pipeline ROW, OR-67666	Authorize ROW for unnamed pipeline in settlement of unauthorized improvement.	Approximately 5 miles north of Denio, Oregon	Pueblo WSA	EA Initiated: 07/02/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0046-CX	Buckskin Mountain Wind Testing ROW Renewal, OR-066225	Renew ROW for wind testing.	Buckskin Mountain	None	CX Initiated: 07/29/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0047-EA	Buckskin Mountain Wind Development ROW, OR-67859	Authorize Wind Development ROW.	Buckskin and Red Mountains	None	EA Initiated: 07/29/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0048-CX	Maintain Range Improvements - Chimney Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance of waterholes.	Chimney Allotment	None; partially in CMPA	CX Initiated: 08/05/2013 CX Signed: 09/03/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-	Absolute Land	Authorize a vehicle to	Alvord Desert	WSA	DNA

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2013-0049-DNA	Speed Record	run tests up to 600 miles an hour.			Initiated:08/07/2013 DNA Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0050-DNA	East Sandhills Well	Construct new water well (drill and case).	East Sandhills Allotment, Road #2 Pasture	None	DNA Initiated:08/13/2013 DNA Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0050-CX	CenturyLink Buried Telephone Line ROW, OR-34940	Renew ROW for Buried Telephone Line.	Silver Creek Road	None	CX Initiated: 09/05/2013 CX Signed: 10/21/2013

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DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2006-0030-EA (EA OR-06-026-030)	Basque Hills AMP	Develop AMP and renew 10-year grazing permit.	Basque Hills Allotment	Basque Hills WSA	EA Initiated: 01/13/2006 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2006-00060-EA (EA OR-06-027-060)	South Steens AMP	Develop AMP and renew 10-year grazing permit.	CMPA, South Steens Allotment	Several WSAs	EA Initiated: 03/09/2006 FONSI Signed: 05/30/2014 Final Decision: 07/16/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2007-0058-EA (EA OR-07-027-058)	Page Spring Fish Passage Project	Modify/reconstruct Page Springs Weir.	Donner und Blitzen River at Page Springs	Wilderness, WSR, CMPA	EA Initiated: 05/15/2007 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0058-EA	Steens Mountain CRP	Develop a comprehensive recreation management plan.	CMPA	CMPA	EA Initiated: 03/09/2009 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B000-2011-0041-EA	Vegetation Management - Burns District	Implement different methods of treatments to control unwanted vegetation.	Burns District	Wilderness, WSA, CMPA	EA Initiated: 05/31/2011 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0019-EA :	Alder Creek Restoration	Restore Alder Creek and associated wet meadow and uplands of the watershed.	W.M., T. 24 S., R. 34 E., sections 24 and 25; W.M., T. 24 S., R. 35 E., sections 17-20 and 29-32.	None	EA Initiated: 01/19/2012 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0018-EA	Rattlesnake Forest Health	Removal of commercial timber.	Rattlesnake/Coffee Pot/Onion Flat	None	EA Initiated: 01/30/2013 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0019-EA	River Allotment AMP	Develop AMP and renew 10-year grazing permit.	River Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0020-EA	Egli Division Fence	Construct fence for livestock management.	East Wagontire Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0021-EA	Upton Mountain AMP	Develop AMP.	Upton Mountain Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0022-CX	Maintain Spring - Pinto Springs	Maintain existing spring.	Mountain Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 02/04/2013 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-	Population	Gather wild horses for	South Steens	Wilderness,	EA Initiated:

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2013-0027-EA	Management Plan for South Steens HMA	range management.		WSA, and CMPA	03/04/2013 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0028-EA	Dry Bone Complex	Archeological excavation.	Holloway Fire on Dry Creek Drainage by Cottonwood Ranch	WSA	EA Initiated: 03/18/2013 FONSI Signed: 01/06/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0045-EA	Unnamed Spring Pipeline ROW, OR-67666	Authorize ROW for unnamed pipeline in settlement of unauthorized improvement.	Approximately 5 miles north of Denio, Oregon	Pueblo WSA	EA Initiated: 07/02/2013 FONSI Signed: 04/15/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0046-CX	Buckskin Mountain Wind Testing ROW Renewal, OR-066225	Renew ROW for wind testing.	Buckskin Mountain	None	CX Initiated: 07/29/2013 CX Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0047-EA	Buckskin Mountain Wind Development ROW, OR-67859	Authorize Wind Development ROW.	Buckskin and Red Mountains	None	EA Initiated: 07/29/2013 FONSI Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2014-0001-CX	Maintain Seeding - Mann Lake Allotment	Brush treatment and re-seeding.	Mann Lake Allotment	CMPA, WSA	CX Initiated: 10/30/2013 CX Signed: 12/04/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0002-CX	Maintain Seeding - Pollock Allotment	Brush treatment and re-seeding.	Pollock Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 10/30/2013 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0003-EA	Catlow and Reynolds Springs Development	Develop 2 springs with up to 4 troughs and associated pipeline.	Pueblo Mountain	None	EA Initiated: 11/04/2013 FONSI Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0004-CX	Mann Fire ES&R	Drill and seed approximately 300 acres within the fire perimeter.	East of Mann Lake Ranch on the east side of Steens Mountain	None	CX Initiated: 11/18/2013 CX Signed: 12/16/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2014-0005-CX	House Creek ES&R	Aerially seed approximately 500 acres within the fire perimeter.	House Creek next to Mann Lake Ranch	None	CX Initiated: 11/25/2013 CX Signed: 12/16/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0006-CX	Coyote Gap ES&R	Aerially seed approximately 500 acres within the fire perimeter.	South Catlow Allotment	Basque Hills WSA	CX Initiated: 11/25/2013 CX Signed: 01/02/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0007-CX	Iron Triangle LLC Road Use Agreement, OR-67943	Haul Timber from FS Sale.	FS 3130 Road on Road on BLM Public Lands	None	CX Initiated: 11/25/2013 CX Signed: 12/10/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0008-CX	Devine Ridge Powerline, OR-67881	Authorize ROW renewal for 1.05 miles of powerline.	Devine Ridge	None	CX Initiated: 11/25/2013 CX Signed:

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					12/09/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0009-CX	Olympus Fire ES&R	Aerial seed approximately 2000 acres within the fire perimeter.	South of Warm Springs Reservoir; Buck Mountain and Stinkingwater Allotments	Stinkingwater HMA	CX Initiated: 12/02/2013 CX Signed: 12/17/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0010-CX	ODOT ROW Renewal, OR-067912	Terminating 1958 Act existing road ROW and renewing under a FLPMA ROW.	Hwy 395 South of Riley, Oregon	None	CX Initiated: 12/03/2013 CX Signed: 02/04/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0011-DNA	Summit Creek Water Development Source Route Modification	Relocation of a water source and modification of the proposed route of the Summit Creek Pipeline from a route proposed in the 2009 Stonehouse Seeding #2 Pipeline Extension EA.	Pollock Allotment, Stonehouse Seeding	CMPA	DNA Initiated: 12/17/2013 DNA Signed: 02/21/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0012-CX	Road Maintenance on Gap Ranch - Wagontire Road	Perform road work on existing county road on BLM Land.	Gap Ranch and Wagontire	None	CX Initiated: 01/08/2014 CX Signed: 03/14/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0013-DNA	Lone Pine Juniper Removal	Restore and maintain sage-grouse year round habitat and big game winter range from post settlement establishment of juniper woodlands and/or encroachment.	Lone Pine Area - Lone Pine and Silvies River Allotments	None	DNA Initiated: 01/10/2014 DNA Signed: 03/12/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0014-CX	Road Maintenance - Wagontire Riley Area	Perform road work on existing BLM roads.	Wagontire and Riley	None	CX Initiated: 01/13/2014 CX Signed: 05/28/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0015-DNA	Landing Creek SE Boundary Fence	Remove a portion of Landing Creek Allotment Boundary Fence and construct about 1050 feet of segment fence.	Landing Creek Allotment, W.M., T. 21 S., R. 30 E., section 17.	None	DNA Initiated: 01/22/2014 DNA Signed: 04/17/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0016-CX	Road Maintenance - Pipeline Network Crested Wheat Seeding Pastures	Perform road work on existing BLM roads accessing stock water pipeline network.	Princeton, Double O, and East Wagontire Seeding Pastures.	None	CX Initiated: 02/07/2014 CX Signed: 05/08/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0017-DNA	Maintain Spring - Cherry Springs	Maintain and reconstruct existing spring.	Cherry Springs at: W.M., T. 21 S., R. 29 E., section 13.	None	DNA Initiated: 03/28/2014 DNA Signed: 07/07/2014

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DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0018-CX	Stergen Meadow Temporary Fence	Install a 20-acre, 3-wire electric fence.	Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment, Stergen Meadows, W.M., T. 40 S., R. 34 E., section 1, 12.	WSA	CX Initiated: 04/14/2014 CX Signed: 05/06/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0019-EA	Alvord AMP	Develop AMP, analyze range improvement projects, and renew 10-year grazing permit.	Alvord Allotment	WSAs, ACECs, RNAs, Wilderness	EA Initiated: 04/16/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0020-CX	Pitless Cattleguards and Gates for Wild Horse Management	Install 3 pitless cattleguards and 3 gates.	Kiger and Riddle Mountain HMAs	HMA, CMPA	CX Initiated: 04/17/2014 CX Signed: 06/09/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0021-DNA	Party on the Playa	Authorize a special recreation permit for a party in excess of 12 people.	Alvord Playa	WSA	DNA Initiated: 04/21/2014 DNA Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0022-CX	Maintain Range Improvements - Camp Harney Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Camp Harney Allotment Gully Plug Reservoir-T22S R32E, section 10 NESE and Reed Draw Reservoir-T22S R32E, section 2 SESE	None	CX Initiated: 04/28/2014 CX Signed: 10/20/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0023-DNA	Olympus Fire Weed Treatment	Perform weed treatment on up to 3,000 acres of medusahead and other noxious weeds.	Buck Mountain Allotment in the Stinkingwater	None	DNA Initiated: 05/08/2014 DNA Signed: Cancelled
DOI-BLM-OR-B000-2014-0024-CX	Burns District Wild Horses and Burros Removal from Non-Federal Land	Removal of Wild Horses and Burros from Non-Federal Land.	Districtwide	None	CX Initiated: 05/27/2014 CX Signed: 07/28/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0025-DNA	Strategic Fuel Breaks in the Three Rivers Resource Area	Perform mechanical fuel treatments such as brush beating; non-commercial understory thinning; overstory reduction; and thinning, hand piling, and fall burning of slash piles within road sides.	Three Rivers Resource Area	None	DNA Initiated:06/12/2014 DNA Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0026-CX	Coffeepot Creek Dam Trespass	Removing unauthorized dam;	Coffeepot Creek	None	CX Initiated: 06/23/2014

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		installing rock crossing in stream; reclaiming pond area; restoring stream bed; and repairing road.			CX Signed: 10/20/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0027-CX	Yellowspot Well Maintenance	Perform maintenance on existing well.	West Warm Springs Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 06/25/2014 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0028-DNA	Road Maintenance - Holloway Fire Perimeter	Perform road work on existing BLM roads accessing spring developments and reservoirs.	Trout Creek Mountain Allotment; Grassy Basin Allotment; Sand Hills Allotment	None - Road Buffered from WSA	DNA Initiated: 07/14/2014 DNA Signed: 08/04/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0029-EA	Riddle Mountain AMP	Develop AMP, analyze range improvement projects, and renew 10-year grazing permit.	Riddle Mountain Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 07/14/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0030-EA	Dutch Oven AMP	Develop AMP, analyze range improvement projects, and allow for annual grazing authorizations.	Hammond Allotment	Bridge Creek WSA	EA Initiated: 07/30/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0031-CX	Tudor Lake Donation	Authorize land tenure action of donation for 120 acres.	Tudor Lake	None	CX Initiated: 08/21/2014 CX Signed: 11/18/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0032-EA	Buzzard Burns ES&R	Perform ESR seedings, weed treatments, fence maintenance, biological thinning, and range improvement maintenance.	Stinkingwater/ Warm Springs Area	Stinkingwater HMA	EA Initiated: 08/25/2014 FONSI Signed: 10/07/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0033-EA	West Warm Springs Mountain AMP	Develop AMP, analyze range improvement projects and renew 10-year grazing permit.	West Warm Springs Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 08/26/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0034-EA	Fish Creek Inholder Access	Authorize access within the Wilderness for Inholder	Fish Creek	Steens Mountain Wilderness	EA Initiated: 09/08/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0035-CX	Maintain Range Improvements - School House	Perform cleanout and maintenance on reservoirs and springs.	School House Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 09/10/2014 CX Signed: 10/27/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0036-DNA	Gumboot ESR	Perform ESR seedings, weed treatments, and range	Northwest of Riley, Oregon	None	DNA Initiated: 09/11/2014 DNA Signed:

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		improvement maintenance.			09/19/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0037-CX	Coal Pit Springs Reciprocal Road ROW/Easement	Authorize Reciprocal ROW/Easement for Road Access.	Coal Pit Springs Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 09/16/2014 CX Signed: Ongoing

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DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2006-0030-EA (EA OR-06-026-030)	Basque Hills AMP EA	Develop AMP and renew 10-year grazing permit.	Basque Hills Allotment	Basque Hills WSA	EA Initiated: 01/13/2006 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2007-0058-EA (EA OR-07-027-058)	Page Spring Fish Passage Project EA	Modify/reconstruct Page Springs Weir.	Donner und Blitzen River at Page Springs	Wilderness, WSR, CMPA	EA Initiated: 05/15/2007 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0058-EA	Steens Mountain CRP EA	Develop a comprehensive recreation management plan.	CMPA	CMPA	EA Initiated: 03/09/2009 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B000-2011-0041-EA	Vegetation Management Burns District EA	Implement different methods of treatments to control unwanted vegetation.	Burns District	Wilderness, WSA, CMPA	EA Initiated: 05/31/2011 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0019-EA	Alder Creek Restoration EA	Restore Alder Creek and associated wet meadow and uplands of the watershed.	W.M., T. 24 S., R. 34 E., sections 24 and 25; W.M., T. 24 S., R. 35 E., sections 17-20 and 29-32.	N/A	EA Initiated: 01/19/2012 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0018-EA	Rattlesnake Forest Health EA	Removal of commercial timber.	Rattlesnake/Coffee Pot/Onion Flat	N/A	EA Initiated: 01/30/2013 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0019-EA	River AMP EA	Develop AMP and renew 10-year grazing permit.	River Allotment	N/A	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0020-EA	Egli Division Fence EA	Construct fence for livestock management.	East Wagontire Allotment	N/A	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0021-EA	Upton Mountain AMP EA	Develop AMP.	Upton Mountain Allotment	N/A	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0022-CX	Maintain Pinto Springs CX	Maintain existing spring.	Mountain Allotment	N/A	CX Initiated: 02/04/2013 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0027-EA	Population Management Plan for South	Gather wild horses for range management.	South Steens	Wilderness, WSA, and CMPA	EA Initiated: 03/04/2013 FONSI Signed:

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	Steens HMA EA				Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0002-CX	Maintain Seeding Pollock Allotment CX	Brush treatment and re-seeding.	Pollock Allotment	N/A	CX Initiated: 10/30/2013 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0003-EA	Catlow and Reynolds Springs Development EA	Develop 2 springs with up to 4 troughs and associated pipeline.	Pueblo Mountain	N/A	EA Initiated: 11/04/2013 FONSI Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0019-EA	Alvord AMP EA	Develop AMP, analyze range improvement projects, and renew 10-year grazing permit.	Alvord Allotment	WSAs, ACECs, RNAs, Wilderness	EA Initiated: 04/16/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0022-CX	Maintain Range Improvements Camp Harney Allotment CX	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Camp Harney Allotment Gully Plug Reservoir - T22S R32E, section 10 NESE and Reed Draw Reservoir - T22S R32E, section 2 SESE	N/A	CX Initiated: 04/28/2014 CX Signed: 10/20/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0025-DNA	Strategic Fuel Breaks in the Three Rivers Resource Area DNA	Perform mechanical fuel treatments such as brush beating; non-commercial understory thinning; overstory reduction; and thinning, hand piling, and fall burning of slash piles within road sides.	Three Rivers Resource Area	N/A	DNA Initiated: 06/12/2014 DNA Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0026-CX	Coffeepot Creek Dam Trespass CX	Removing unauthorized dam; installing rock crossing in stream; reclaiming pond area; restoring stream bed; and repairing road.	Coffeepot Creek	N/A	CX Initiated: 06/23/2014 CX Signed: 10/20/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0027-CX	Yellowspot Well Maintenance CX	Perform maintenance on existing well.	West Warm Springs Allotment	N/A	CX Initiated: 06/25/2014 CX Signed: 01/06/15
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0029-EA	Riddle Mountain AMP EA	Develop AMP, analyze range improvement projects, and renew 10-year grazing permit.	Riddle Mountain Allotment	N/A	EA Initiated: 07/14/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0030-EA	Dutch Oven AMP EA	Develop AMP, analyze range improvement projects, and allow for annual grazing authorizations.	Hammond Allotment	Bridge Creek WSA	EA Initiated: 07/30/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2014-0031-CX	Tudor Lake Donation CX	Authorize land tenure action of donation for	Tudor Lake	N/A	CX Initiated: 08/21/2014

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		120 acres.			CX Signed: 11/18/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0032-EA	Buzzard Burns ES&R EA	Perform ESR seedings, weed treatments, fence maintenance, biological thinning, and range improvement maintenance.	Stinkingwater/ Warm Springs Area	Stinkingwater HMA	EA Initiated: 08/25/2014 FONSI Signed: 10/07/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0033-EA	West Warm Springs Mountain AMP EA	Develop AMP, analyze range improvement projects, and renew 10-year grazing permit.	West Warm Springs Allotment	N/A	EA Initiated: 08/26/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2014-0034-EA	Nature Advocate LLC Inholder Access EA	Authorize access within the Wilderness for Inholder.	Fish Creek	Steens Mountain Wilderness	EA Initiated: 09/08/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0035-CX	Maintain Range Improvements School House Allotment CX	Perform cleanout and maintenance on reservoirs and springs.	School House Allotment	N/A	CX Initiated: 09/10/2014 CX Signed: 10/27/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2014-0037-CX	Coal Pit Springs Reciprocal Road ROW/Easement CX	Authorize reciprocal ROW/Easement for road access.	Coal Pit Springs Allotment	N/A	CX Initiated: 09/16/2014 CX Signed: 02/18/2015
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0001-CX	Wagontire Wind Testing Enerfin CX	Authorize ROW for Meteorological Tower Testing.	Wagontire Mountain Area	N/A	CX Initiated: 10/02/2014 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2015-0002-EA	Alvord Desert, Mann Lake, Steens Mountain Wilderness Film Permit EA	Authorize Film Permit for Renegade Projections.	East Side Steens Mountain, Mann Lake, and Alvord Desert	Wilderness and WSA	EA Initiated: 10/14/2014 FONSI Signed: 12/15/2014
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0003-DNA	Weaver Lake Wells DNA	Construct 2 new wells with solar panels, troughs, and fences.	Weaver Lake Allotment	HMA	DNA Initiated: 10/15/2014 DNA Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2015-0004-CX	Pueblo Lone Mountain Ranch Trespass CX	Cultivation trespass rehabilitation.	Starr FFR	N/A	CX Initiated: 10/31/2014 CX Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2015-0005-CX	Bone Creek Road Closure CX	Closing the road for resource protection.	East side Steen Mountain	Steens Wilderness	CX Initiated: 10/31/2014 CX Signed: 01/07/2015
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2015-0006-EA	Bone Creek Basin Fire ES&R EA	Perform weed treatments and biological thinning.	East side Steen Mountain	Steens Wilderness	EA Initiated: 10/31/2014 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2015-0007-CX	Road ROW Renewal OR-050412 CX	Renew Road ROW off from Tule Springs Road.	Tule Springs	Alvord WSA	CX Initiated: 11/12/2014 CX Signed: 12/18/2014

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DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2015-0008-EA	Steens Reciprocal Rights of Way OR-66244_PT/FD and OR-66245 EA	Authorize ROW and reciprocal ROW with Private Landowner.	Steens Mountain CMPA	Three Springs WSA	EA Initiated: 11/17/2014 FONSI Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2015-0009-DNA	Kiger and Riddle Mountain HMA Wild Horse Gather DNA	Gather wild horses for range management.	Steens Mountain CMPA; Three Rivers RA	Stonehouse WSA, Kiger ACEC	DNA Initiated: 11/17/2014 DNA Signed: 03/04/2015
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0010-DNA	Lower Hat Butte Well DNA	Construct 3 miles of service road; new water well; 2 troughs; approximately 3600' of new pipeline; storage tank; overflow ponds; power will be either windmill, generator or solar; and the area will be fenced.	Hat Butte Allotment, Three Rivers Resource Area, West of Riley, Oregon	N/A	DNA Initiated: 11/17/2014 DNA Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2015-0011-CX	Maintain Range Improvements Fields Basin Allotment CX	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs.	Fields Basin Allotment	N/A	CX Initiated: 11/21/2014 CX Signed: 01/08/2015
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2015-0012-DNA	Neuschwander Well DNA	Construct new water well with 1 new trough and approximately 500' of new pipeline; power will be either generator or solar and will be fenced.	Reickens Corner Allotment	N/A	DNA Initiated: 12/15/2014 DNA Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0013-CX	Road Easement Acquisition OR-67407 CX	Acquire road easement 30' X 660' across private property for administrative access; will include road widening, upgrading, and spot rocking.	Coffeepot Creek W.M., T.21 S., R.32 E., sec.36, S½N½NE¼.	N/A	CX Initiated: 01/05/2015 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0014-CX	Road Maintenance East and West Warm Springs Area Road Maintenance Area CX	Perform road work on existing BLM roads.	East-West Warm Springs Allotments	West Warm Springs WIM; Foster Flat RNA; South Narrows ACEC	CX Initiated: 01/08/2015 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0015-DNA	South Pasture Well DNA	Construct new water well with new 2 troughs and approximately 5,280' of new pipeline; power will be either generator or solar and	Riddle Mountain and Happy Valley Allotments	N/A	DNA Initiated: 01/08/2015 DNA Signed: 02/18/2015

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		will be fenced.			
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0016-CX	Dietrich Field Federal Fenced Range Livestock Grazing Permit Renewal CX	Renew Grazing Permit.	Dietrich Field FFR	N/A	CX Initiated: 01/08/2015 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0017-CX	Lone Pine Allotment Grazing Permit Renewal CX	Renew Grazing Permit (Transfer).	Lone Pine Allotment	N/A	CX Initiated: 01/08/2015 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2015-0018-CX	Road Easement Acquisition OR-68300 CX	Acquire road easement across private property for administrative access.	Wild Horse Canyon	N/A	CX Initiated: 01/08/2015 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0019-CX	East Silvies Allotment Grazing Permit Renewal CX	Renew grazing permit (transfer).	East Silvies Allotment	N/A	CX Initiated: 01/12/2015 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2015-0020-EA	Steens Wilderness No Livestock Grazing Area Fence EA	Authorize fence between federal and private land within the no livestock grazing area NLGA.	NLGA	Steens Mountain Wilderness	EA Initiated: 01/15/2015 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2015-0021-CX	Bone Creek Basin Fire ES&R CX	Perform ESR seedings maintenance, fence maintenance; install erosion control devices, range improvement maintenance, and road maintenance.	East Side Steens Mountain	Steens Wilderness	EA Initiated: 01/15/2015 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2015-0022-DNA	House Creek Fire ES&R Plan DNA.	Perform aerial weed treatment for approximately 520 acres.	South of Mann Lake Ranch	N/A	EA Initiated: 01/15/2015 FONSI Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0023-DNA	Hay Creek Priority Area of Conservation (PAC) Restoration DNA	Perform various methods of prescribed fire and mechanical treatments to reduce hazardous fuel loads, restore plant communities, and improve wildlife habitat.	Hay Creek Area	N/A	DNA Initiated: 01/26/2015 DNA Signed: Ongoing

FY15 (planned and in process) EA REGISTER NUMBER/ PRIMARY CONTACT	PROJECT NAME	PROPOSED ACTION	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	AFFECTED SPECIAL AREA	INITIATION DATE/ COMPLETION DATE Status: Ongoing; On hold; Cancelled
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2015-0024-DNA	Reicken's Corner Allotment Permitted Use DNA	Authorize 452 Temporary Non-Renewable (TNR) Animal Unit Months (AUM) to Permitted AUMs.	Reicken's Corner	N/A	DNA Initiated: 02/02/2015 DNA Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2015-0025-CX	Reimers Valley and Little Butte Wells Solar Project	Installing solar systems on 2 existing wells including fencing and replacing 1 trough.	Tulle Springs Allotment	N/A	DNA Initiated: 02/09/2015 DNA Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0026-CX	Coal Pit-Long Hollow Road Reciprocal ROW CX	Acquire road easement administrative access and issue road ROW both in perpetuity; OR-68325-FD-PT.	Coal Pit-Long Hollow Road ESMT; W.M., T. 21 S., R 30 E., secs. 17 and 18. ROW; W.M., T. 21 S., R. 30 E., secs. 10 and 17.	N/A	CX Initiated: 02/10/2015 CX: Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0027-DNA	Merlie Table Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Restoration DNA	Perform various methods of prescribed fire and mechanical treatments to reduce hazardous fuel loads, restore plant communities, and improve wildlife habitat.	Merlie Table portion of the Drewsey PAC	N/A	DNA Initiated: 02/20/2015 DNA Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0028-CX	Hazard Tree Removal Hwy 395 CX	Fell and remove hazard trees.	Devine Canyon Highway 395 within ODOT ROW	N/A	CX Initiated: 03/09/2015 CX: Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0029-CX	Road Maintenance Three Rivers Recreation Access CX	Perform road work on existing BLM roads with higher volume of public use in association with recreation facilities.	Three Rivers Resource Area	N/A	CX Initiated: 03/11/2015 CX Signed: Ongoing
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0030-CX	Glass Buttes Adit #2	Perform rehabilitation of hazardous test site by collapsing adit.	Little Glass Buttes Abandon Mine Lands Complex	N/A	CX Initiated: 03/11/2015 CX Signed: Ongoing

FY15 (planned and in process) EA REGISTER NUMBER/ PRIMARY CONTACT	PROJECT NAME	PROPOSED ACTION	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	AFFECTED SPECIAL AREA	INITIATION DATE/ COMPLETION DATE Status: Ongoing; On hold; Cancelled
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0031-CX	Mary Oard Homestead Road Use Agreement, OR-68371 CX	Issue Road Use Agreement for timber hauling from private land.	Mary Oard Homestead area. T. 21 S., R 33 E., Secs. 28, 33, 34 and 34. T. 22 S., R. 33 E., Secs. 2 and 4., WM.	N/A	CX Initiated: 3/17/2015 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2015-0032-CX	Robbers Roost Drift Fence and Rincon Pipeline Extension	Construction of temporary let down/draft fence and above ground pipeline extension	Pueblo Lone Mtn Allotment	N/A	CX Initiated: 03/31/2015 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0033-DNA	Alkali Forage Reserve Well DNA	Construct new water well; replacing 2 troughs (maintenance); approximately 3000' of new pipeline; storage tank; overflow ponds; power will be solar; and, the area will be fenced; and maintain existing roads as minimally necessary.	Alkali Allotment	N/A	DNA Initiated: 03/31/2015 DNA Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2015-0035-DNA	Celatom Mine Plan of Operations Modification DNA	Install water well and add the Mill Gulch Mining Area.	Celatom Mine Complex East of Drewsey, Oregon	N/A	DNA Initiated: 04/02/2015 DNA Signed: On-going

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 LUPs.

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 achieved, 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 FY15 the District plans on completing a Standards and Guidelines assessment on allotments as for management. Since 1998, the District has completed a total of 256 Standards and Guidelines assessments (95 percent) on 3,230,114 acres (99 percent of the acres).

Three Rivers Resource Area - Accomplished Work for FY13

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress¹
0010	Malheur Lake Fenced Federal Range (FFR)	C	Nothing to report.
0040	East Vickers FFR	C	Nothing to report.
0046	East Wagontire FFR	C	Nothing to report.
2246	Camp Curry FFR	C	Nothing to report.
2249	Hamilton FFR	C	Nothing to report.
2252	Dietrich Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
4096	Hi Desert	C	Nothing to report.
4097	Trout Creek	I	Utilization.
4098	East Creek-Pine Hill	M	Utilization.
4126	Abraham’s Draw	C	Nothing to report.
4138	White	C	Nothing to report.
4143	Silvies	I	New Ranch Manager, Colby Marshall; Utilization; Weed monitoring.
5003	Malheur Slough	C	Nothing to report.
5101	Devine Ridge	M	Nothing to report.
5102	Prather Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5103	Lime Kiln & Sec. 30	M	Materials purchased for fence construction.
5104	Soldier Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5105	Camp Harney	M	Annual Utilization was recorded.
5106	Cow Creek	I	Utilization.
5202	Hunter	M	Utilization.
5203	Catterson FFR	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.

¹ Use supervision and utilization are completed on each allotment yearly and not necessarily noted in this column.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
5221	West Davies	I	Utilization.
5223	East Davies	I	Utilization.
5300	Alkali	M	Maintained troughs on pipeline and utilization.
5301	Princeton	M	CX done for seeding rehabilitation. Work to continue in 2014. Utilization.
5302	Big Bird	M	Nothing to report.
5303	Dry Lake	M	Utilization.
5305	Crow's Nest	M	Utilization and pipeline repair.
5306	Rocky Ford	M	A portion of this allotment was used as staging for fire support during a wildfire. Road maintenance CX.
5309	Happy Valley	I	First year of new AMP implementation.
5310	Riddle Mountain	I	Utilization. Horse monitoring.
5314	Baker FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5316	Virginia Valley	M	Utilization.
5317	Hatt Butte FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5318	Black Butte	C	Nothing to report.
5320	Kegler FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5322	Briggs FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5323	Clemens FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5324	Riddle FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5325	Marshall Diamond FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5326	Jenkins N Lake FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5327	Jenkins B Flat FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5328	Fisher FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5329	Riddle/Coyote	I	Nothing to report.
5331	Smyth/Kiger	I	Post 5-Creeks vegetation monitoring and shrub plantings.
5501	East Cow Creek	M	Utilization.
5502	Rock Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5503	Pine Creek	I	AMP/ EA completed for the allotment. Pre-work began on spring construction as outlined in the EA. Utilization.
5504	State Field	M	Nothing to report.
5505	Little Muddy Creek	M	Annual utilization and use supervision.
5506	Muddy Creek	I	Utilization.
5507	Wolf Creek	M	Annual utilization and use supervision.
5508	Baker-Knowles	M	Nothing to report.
5509	Williams Dripp	M	Trend read in 2013.
5510	Jones Dripp	M	Nothing to report.
5511	Moffet Table	I	Otis Moffet Table fuels project lay out.
5512	Clarks River FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5513	Shelley	I	Utilization.
5514	Coal Mine Creek	I	Utilization.
5515	Mule Creek	I	Nothing to report.
5516	Birch Creek	M	Utilization.
5517	Otis Mountain	I	Utilization.
5518	Newell Field	C	Nothing to report.
5519	Big Upton Field	C	Nothing to report.
5520	Little Upton	C	Nothing to report.
5521	Rocky Basin	M	Nothing to report.
5522	Cottonwood Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5523	Tub Springs/Hart	I	Utilization.
5524	Dawson Butte	I	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
5525	Mill Gulch	M	Utilization.
5526	Chalk Hills	M	Utilization.
5527	Riverside FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5528	Cooler	M	Nothing to report.
5529	House Butte	M	Utilization.
5530	River	I	Utilization.
5531	Stinkingwater	I	Utilization.
5532	Mountain	I	Spring CX in process.
5533	Buchanan	M	Nothing to report.
5534	Mahon Creek	I	Utilization.
5535	Miller Canyon	I	Utilization.
5536	Alder Creek	I	Riparian project is under way. Pre-work/EA started. Permit transfer completed. Trend read.
5537	Buck Mountain	M	Utilization. Olympus Fire ES&R plan.
5538	Riverside	I	Utilization.
5539	W&C Blaylock FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5540	Luce Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5541	Home Ranch Enclosure	C	Utilization.
5542	Marshall FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5543	Devine Flat Field	C	Nothing to report.
5545	Sunshine Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5546	Druit Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5548	Griffin FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5549	Howards FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5552	Miller FFR A	C	Nothing to report.
5553	Miller FFR B	C	Nothing to report.
5554	J. Francis Miller FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5555	Ott FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5556	Pine Creek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5557	J & G Kane FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5558	J & G FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5559	Swords FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5560	West Vickers FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5561	Wilber FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5563	Arnold FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5564	Wheeler Basin	M	Trend read in 2013. Utilization.
5565	Upton Mountain	I	Trend was completed. AMP in process. Winter grazing trial in progress. Utilization.
5566	Texaco Basin	I	Trend was completed. Utilization.
5567	Miler FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5570	River FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5571	Lamb Ranch	I	Nothing to report.
5573	Beaver FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5574	Muddy Creek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5575	School House	M	Annual utilization was recorded.
5576	Lower Pine	M	Annual utilization was recorded.
5578	C&D FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5584	Poison Creek	C	Utilization.
5585	Harney Crane	C	Nothing to report.
5587	Manning Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5588	Reed FFR	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
5589	Temples FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5590	Smith FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5592	Coleman Creek	M	Utilization.
5593	Slocum	M	Utilization.
5594	Venator	I	Utilization.
5595	Coyote Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5596	Emmerson	M	Nothing to report.
5597	Crane	M	Nothing to report.
5598	Beckley Home	C	Nothing to report.
5599	Mahon Ranch	M	Nothing to report.
5600	Beaver Creek	M	Utilization.
5601	Hamilton	I	Utilization.
5602	Quier FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5604	Burnt Flat	I	Utilization. Horse monitoring.
7001	East Warm Springs	I	Grazing still excluded due to Miller-Homestead fire until approximately July 2014. Seeding.
7002	West Warm Springs	I	Utilization.
7003	East Wagontire	I	Utilization.
7004	West Wagontire	I	Nothing to report.
7005	Second Flat FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7006	Rimrock Lake	I	Trend was completed. Utilization.
7007	Hat Butte	I	Utilization.
7008	Sheep Lake-Shields	I	Utilization.
7009	Ryegrass	I	Utilization. Work on AMP.
7010	Claw Creek	I	Utilization.
7012	Packsaddle	I	Utilization.
7013	Zoglman FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7014	Badger Springs	M	Recorded project inspection data.
7015	Second Flat	I	Utilization.
7016	Juniper Ridge	M	Utilization.
7017	Cluster	M	Utilization.
7018	Silver Lake	M	Utilization.
7019	Palomino Butte	I	Utilization.
7020	Sand Hollow	M	Nothing to report.
7021	Weaver Lake	I	Utilization.
7022	Dog Mountain	I	Nothing to report.
7023	West Sagehen	I	Utilization.
7024	East Sagehen	I	Bill Peila transferred preference to Chris and Dani Gregg.
7025	Gouldin	I	Nothing to report.
7026	Horton Mill	I	Nothing to report.
7028	Stinger Creek	C	Nothing to report.
7029	Spring Creek	C	Nothing to report.
7030	Skull Creek	I	The OYCC reconstructed Burnt Basin Headbox Spring Enclosure.
7031	Hay Creek	I	Utilization.
7032	Hotchkiss Individual	C	Nothing to report.
7033	Silvies River	I	Cleaned out-Plateau Cattleguard. Established additional trend site; annual utilization was recorded. Fence/road trespass issue ongoing. Initiated cause for Silvies River Ditch and Weir ROW.
7034	Scat Field	C	Annual utilization was recorded.
7035	Silvies Meadow	M	Annual utilization was recorded.
7036	Hayes	I	Utilization.
7037	Coal Pit Springs	C	EA; grazing permit transfer - fully processed; annual utilization was recorded.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
7038	Curry Gordon	C	Annual utilization was recorded. PFC was conducted/recorded on Curry Gordon Creek.
7039	Cave Gulch	M	Grazing permit transfer was authorized. Maintenance of Mud Ball Reservoir spillway was completed. Rehabilitation of the 2009 unauthorized road surface disturbance was finished by filling dirt tanks and by installing/reconstructing rock cribs and gates in the pasture division fence. Annual utilization was recorded.
7040	Landing Creek	I	Annual utilization was recorded. Use supervision of riparian area was recorded. Ground disturbance trespass issue ongoing; Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) to relocated 1ml southern allotment/private property boundary fence to resolve trespass issue. DNA-Cherry Spring Maintenance.
7041	East Silvies	I	Annual utilization recorded. Project inspections were recorded.
7042	Dole Smith	C	Trend data was recorded and analyzed. Annual utilization was recorded.
7043	Lone Pine	I	Maintenance of Taylor Turnoff Reservoir. OYCC Crew cut and piled juniper trees/other vegetation on six reservoir dams and one enclosure. Annual utilization was recorded. Trespass issue for horses resolved. Transfer of one grazing permit.
7045	Whiting FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7046	Baker Hill Field	C	Nothing to report.
7047	Peabody	C	Nothing to report.
7048	Varien Canyon	C	Nothing to report.
7049	Forks of Poison Creek	I	Utilization.
7051	Sawtooth - MNF	M	Nothing to report.
7052	Lone Pine Field	C	Nothing to report.
7053	Silvies Canyon	M	Utilization was recorded.
7054	Cricket Creek	C	Nothing to report.
7056	Double O	M	Was used by Larry Dunn in 2013 and will be again in 2014 grazing season
7058	Narrows	I	Nothing to report.
7061	Bulger	C	Compliance inspection completed.
7062	Capehart Lake	I	Capehart Lake well was completed in the Capehart Lake pasture per the AMP/EA.
7063	Roundtop Butte	I	Nothing to report.
7088	Sunset Valley	C	Nothing to report.

Three Rivers Resource Area - Accomplished Work for FY14

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0010	Malheur Lake	C	Nothing to report.
0040	East Vickers FFR	C	Nothing to report.
0046	East Wagontire FFR	C	Nothing planned.
2246	Camp Curry FFR	C	Nothing planned.
2249	Hamilton FFR	C	Nothing to report.
2252	Dietrich Field FFR	C	Grazing permit renewal application.
4096	Hi Desert	C	Nothing to report.
4097	Trout Creek	I	Nothing to report.
4098	East Creek-Pine Hill	M	Nothing planned.
4126	Abraham's Draw	C	Nothing planned.
4138	White	C	Nothing planned.
4143	Silvies	I	Utilization monitoring.
5003	Malheur Slough	C	Nothing to report.
5101	Devine Ridge	M	Nothing planned.
5102	Prather Creek	M	Nothing planned.
5103	Lime Kiln	M	Nothing to report. Utilization.
5104	Soldier Creek	M	Nothing to report. Utilization.
5105	Camp Harney	M	Annual utilization was recorded; CX for maintenance on Gully Plug and Reed Draw Reservoirs.
5106	Cow Creek	I	Utilization.
5202	Hunter	M	Wildfire. Nothing to report.
5203	Catterson FFR	C	Wildfire Occurred.
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	Wildfire; rehabilitation surveys begun.
5223	East Davies	I	Wildfire; rehabilitation surveys begun.
5300	Alkali	M	Utilization and Forage Reserve Restoration OWEB Grant.
5301	Princeton	M	Nothing to report. Utilization.
5302	Big Bird	M	Nothing planned.
5303	Dry Lake	M	Utilization.
5305	Crow's Nest	M	Utilization.
5306	Rocky Ford	M	Blading of the road used during fire suppression activities in 2013 was completed.
5309	Happy Valley	I	Utilization.
5310	Riddle Mountain	I	Utilization.
5314	Baker FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5316	Virginia Valley	M	A transfer of one permit in this allotment was completed; no allotment activities to report. Livestock trespass monitoring.
5318	Black Butte	C	Nothing to report.
5320	Kegler FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5322	Briggs FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5325	Marshall Diamond FFR	C	A transfer of this permit was completed, no allotment activities to report.
5326	Jenkins N Lake FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5327	Jenkins B Flat FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5328	Fisher FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5329	Riddle/Coyote	I	Utilization and Range Line Agreement added as a pasture to Riddle Mt. Allotment.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
5331	Smyth/Kiger	I	Utilization; post 5-Creeks monitoring; Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) implemented; also treated 3,200 acres of phase I juniper.
5501	East Cow Creek	M	Utilization.
5502	Rock Creek	M	Nothing to report. Utilization.
5503	Pine Creek	I	Construction completed of the Deer Camp Spring development per the AMP/EA. Utilization completed.
5504	State Field	M	Nothing planned.
5505	Little Muddy Creek	I	Annual utilization was recorded; written CCA request received.
5506	Muddy Creek	I	Utilization.
5507	Wolf Creek	M	Annual utilization was recorded; written CCA request received.
5508	Baker-Knowles	M	Nothing planned.
5509	Williams Dripp	M	Nothing to report. Utilization.
5510	Jones Dripp	M	Nothing to report. Utilization.
5511	Moffet Table	I	Utilization. Otis/Moffet Table fuels treatment layout. Cut juniper for Moffet Table; Sept. 2015 prescribed burn.
5512	Clark's River FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5513	Shelley	I	Utilization.
5514	Coal Mine Creek	I	Utilization.
5515	Mule Creek	I	Utilization.
5516	Birch Creek	M	Utilization.
5517	Otis Mountain	I	Utilization. Otis/Moffet Table fuels treatment layout. Began juniper cutting.
5518	Newell Field	C	Nothing planned.
5519	Big Upson Field	C	Nothing planned.
5520	Little Upson	C	Nothing planned.
5521	Rocky Basin	M	Utilization.
5522	Cottonwood Creek	M	Sage-grouse habitat mitigation*; Utilization.
5523	Tub Springs/Hart	I	Trend is to be completed. *
5524	Dawson Butte	I	Utilization. *
5525	Mill Gulch	M	Nothing to report. Utilization.
5526	Chalk Hills	M	Fencing out Dead Cow Spring; running pipeline to a trough; possibly extending pipeline from 3Cs to trough near the Juntura Cutoff Road.*
5527	Riverside FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5528	Cooler	M	Nothing planned.
5529	House Butte	M	*Nothing to report. Utilization.
5530	River	I	*Nothing to report. Utilization.
5531	Stinkingwater	I	Wildfire. Utilization.
5532	Mountain	I	Wildfire - rehab has begun. Utilization.*
5533	Buchanan	M	Nothing to report.
5534	Mahon Creek	I	*Nothing to report. Utilization.
5535	Miller Canyon	I	*Nothing to report. Utilization.
5536	Alder Creek	I	Wildfire. New maintenance co-op agreement. Utilization.*
5537	Buck Mountain	M	Seeding and weed control.*
5538	Riverside	I	Utilization monitoring.*
5539	W&C Blaylock FFR	C	Transfer of this permit was not completed. No allotment activities to report.
5540	Luce Field FFR	C	Transfer of this permit was not completed. No allotment activities to report.
5541	Home Ranch Enclosure	C	Nothing to report.
5542	Marshall FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5543	Devine Flat	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
	Field		
5545	Sunshine Field FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5546	Druit Field FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5548	Griffin FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5549	Howards FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5552	Miller FFR A	C	Nothing to report.
5553	Miller FFR B	C	Nothing to report.
5554	J. Francis Miller FFR	C	Received written CCA request.
5555	Ott FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5556	Pine Creek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5557	J&G Kane FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5558	J&G FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5559	Swords FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5560	West Vicker's FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5561	Wilber FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5563	Arnold FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5564	Wheeler Basin	M	Nothing to report. Utilization.
5565	Upton Mountain	I	Monitored winter grazing project. Recorded project inspections data. Wildfire. Utilization. CCA and AMP underway.
5566	Texaco Basin	I	*Wildfire - rehabilitation has begun. Utilization.
5567	Miler FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5570	River FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5571	Lamb Ranch	I	Trend completed. Utilization. Wildfire.*
5573	Beaver FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5574	Muddy Creek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5575	School House	M	CX - School House Reservoir and Spring maintenance. Barfu Spring/Reservoir and Upper Mountain/BLM Spring were maintained by permit holder. Written CCA request.
5576	Lower Pine	M	Annual Utilization was recorded; written CCA request.
5578	C&D FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5584	Poison Creek	C	Nothing planned.
5585	Harney Crane	C	Nothing planned.
5587	Manning Field FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5588	Reed FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5589	Temple's FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5590	Smith FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5592	Coleman Creek	M	Transfer of grazing permit completed. Wildfire; rehabilitation surveys and planning started.
5593	Slocum	M	Wildfire - rehabilitation planning started.
5594	Venator	I	Wildfire - rehabilitation planning started.
5595	Coyote Creek	M	Wildfire - rehabilitation planning started.
5596	Emmerson	M	Nothing planned.
5597	Crane	M	Nothing to report.
5598	Beckley Home	C	Wildfire. Nothing to report.
5599	Mahon Ranch	M	Wildfire - rehabilitation planning started.
5600	Beaver Creek	M	Wildfire - rehabilitation planning started.
5601	Hamilton	I	Wildfire - rehabilitation planning started.
5602	Quier FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5604	Burnt Flat	I	Utilization.
7001	East Warm Springs	I	Utilization completed. Erenos Reservoir bentonite.
7002	West Warm Springs	I	New AMP/EA; collect trend.*
7003	East Wagontire	I	Utilization completed.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
7004	West Wagontire	I	Utilization completed.
7005	Second Flat FFR	C	Wildfire - rehab planning started.
7006	Rimrock Lake	I	Nothing to report.
7007	Hat Butte	I	Pre-work on Hat Butte Well #2 began.
7008	Sheep Lake-Shields	I	Nothing to report.
7009	Ryegrass	I	Utilization.
7010	Claw Creek	I	Utilization completed.
7012	Packsaddle	I	Utilization completed.
7013	Zoglman FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7014	Badger Springs	M	Wildfire - rehab planning started.
7015	Second Flat	I	Wildfire - rehab planning started.
7016	Juniper Ridge	M	Reservoir cleanout *
7017	Cluster	M	Rangeland health evaluation. Collect trend.*
7018	Silver Lake	M	Reservoir cleanout. CCA.
7019	Palomino Butte	I	Reservoir cleanout. CCA.*
7020	Sand Hollow	M	Nothing planned.
7021	Weaver Lakes	I	Utilization completed. Pre-work on three wells.
7022	Dog Mountain	I	Nothing planned.
7023	West Sagehen	I	Utilization completed.
7024	East Sagehen	I	Reservoir maintenance; trend collection; rangeland health evaluation.*
7025	Gouldin	I	Nothing planned.*
7026	Horton Mill	I	Record project inspections data.*
7028	Stinger Creek	C	Nothing planned.
7029	Spring Creek	C	Nothing planned.
7030	Skull Creek	I	Record project inspections data.*
7031	Hay Creek	I	Utilization.
7032	Hotchkiss Individual	C	Nothing planned.
7033	Silvies River	I	Appropriate project data completed and filed to resolve suspected trespass Silvies River Ditch and Weir ROW issue; fence/road trespass issue ongoing; written CCA requested.
7034	Scat Field	C	Annual utilization was recorded.
7035	Silvies Meadow	M	Nothing planned.
7036	Hayes	I	Utilization.
7037	Coal Pit Springs	C	Verbal CCA request.
7038	Curry Gordon	C	Annual utilization was recorded.
7039	Cave Gulch	M	Annual utilization was recorded; written CCA requested.
7040	Landing Creek	I	DNA to relocate and construct Landing Creek SE Boundary fence; construction completed. DNA Cherry Springs maintenance completed. Modified grazing schedule. Written CCA request received.
7041	East Silvies	I	Annual utilization recorded.*
7042	Dole Smith	C	Analyzed trend data. Project inspection - entered metadata in GPS and Rangeland Improvement Project System (RIPS).
7043	Lone Pine	I	DNA regarding Lone Pine Juniper Removal; written CCA requested.*
7045	Whiting FFR	C	Written CCA request.
7046	Baker Hill Field	C	Written CCA request.
7047	Peabody	C	Nothing planned.
7048	Varien Canyon	C	Written CCA request; utilization was recorded.
7049	Forks of Poison Creek	I	Utilization.
7051	Sawtooth-MNF	M	Nothing planned.
7052	Lone Pine Field	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
7053	Silvies Canyon	M	Modified grazing schedule; utilization was recorded; written CCA requested.
7054	Cricket Creek	C	Nothing planned.
7056	Double O	M	Grazed by Dunn.
7058	Narrows	I	Nothing planned.
7061	Bulger	C	Nothing planned.
7062	Capehart Lake	I	CCA.*
7063	Roundtop Butte	I	Reservoir cleanout; CCA.*
7088	Sunset Valley	C	Nothing planned.

*Utilization monitoring is planned at the end of each pasture use period on all I and some M allotments.

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Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0010	Malheur Lake	C	Nothing planned.
0040	East Vickers FFR	C	Nothing planned.
0046	East Wagontire FFR	C	Nothing planned.
2246	Camp Curry FFR	C	Nothing planned.
2249	Hamilton FFR	C	Rangeland health planned.
2252	Dietrich Field FFR	C	Grazing Permit Renewal.
4096	Hi Desert	C	Nothing planned.
4097	Trout Creek	I	Utilization monitoring.
4098	East Creek-Pine Hill	M	Utilization monitoring
4126	Abraham's Draw	C	Nothing planned.
4138	White	C	Nothing planned.
4143	Silvies	I	Utilization monitoring.
5003	Malheur Slough	C	Nothing planned.
5101	Devine Ridge	M	Reservoir cleanouts, dependent on funding.
5102	Prather Creek	M	Reservoir cleanouts, dependent on funding.
5103	Lime Kiln	M	Utilization monitoring.
5104	Soldier Creek	M	Utilization monitoring.
5105	Camp Harney	M	Approval for permit holder to commence maintenance work on Gully Plug & Reed Draw Reservoirs.
5106	Cow Creek	I	Nothing planned.
5202	Hunter	M	Utilization monitoring.
5203	Catterson FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5206	Stockade FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5217	Thompson FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5218	Bennett FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5221	West Davies	I	Wildfire drill seeding completed; aerial seeding planned in Beaver Creek fire area.
5223	East Davies	I	Wildfire drill seeding completed; aerial seeding planned in Beaver Creek fire area.
5300	Alkali	M	If OWEB grant for \$180,775 is approved, a new well and two tire troughs will be installed and West and East Alkali pastures will be seeded with forage kochia; Moffet Table permittees will be using the forage reserve during the Moffet Table prescribed burn. Trend.
5301	Princeton	M	Utilization monitoring. Nothing planned.
5302	Big Bird	M	Utilization monitoring.
5303	Dry Lake	M	Utilization. Trend.
5305	Crow's Nest	M	Utilization. Trend.
5306	Rocky Ford	M	Utilization planned.
5309	Happy Valley	I	CCA. Eight hundred acres Phase I juniper treated around Dollar Lake Lek.
5310	Riddle Mountain	I	CCA.
5314	Baker FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5316	Virginia Valley	M	Utilization planned.
5318	Black Butte	C	Nothing planned.
5320	Kegler FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5322	Briggs FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5325	Marshall Diamond FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5326	Jenkins N Lake FFR	C	Nothing planned.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
5327	Jenkins B Flat FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5328	Fisher FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5329	Riddle/Coyote	I	CCA.
5331	Smyth/Kiger	I	CCA Annual Report, 2400 acres Phase I juniper treated around Little Kiger lek.
5501	East Cow Creek	M	Utilization monitoring.
5502	Rock Creek	M	Utilization monitoring.
5503	Pine Creek	I	CCA planning. Trend and utilization planned.
5504	State Field	M	Utilization monitoring.
5505	Little Muddy Creek	I	CCA requested. Annual utilization pending. Collect/analyze trend data and establish additional trend site.
5506	Muddy Creek	I	CCA.
5507	Wolf Creek	M	Annual utilization pending. Collect/analyze trend data and establish additional trend site. CCA pending.
5508	Baker-Knowles	M	Utilization monitoring.
5509	Williams Dripp	M	Utilization monitoring.
5510	Jones Dripp	M	Utilization monitoring.
5511	Moffet Table	I	CCA. Prescribed burn in September of 2015.
5512	Clark's River FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5513	Shelley	I	Utilization.
5514	Coal Mine Creek	I	CCA.
5515	Mule Creek	I	Utilization.
5516	Birch Creek	M	Utilization. Trend.
5517	Otis Mountain	I	CCA, juniper cut and pile, Utilization, Trend.
5518	Newell Field	C	Nothing to report.
5519	Big Upson Field	C	Nothing planned.
5520	Little Upson	C	Nothing planned.
5521	Rocky Basin	M	Utilization.
5522	Cottonwood Creek	M	Utilization.
5523	Tub Springs/Hart	I	Utilization.
5524	Dawson Butte	I	Utilization monitoring. Trend monitoring.
5525	Mill Gulch	M	Utilization monitoring.
5526	Chalk Hills	M	Utilization monitoring.
5527	Riverside FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5528	Cooler	M	Utilization.
5529	House Butte	M	Utilization monitoring.
5530	River	I	Utilization monitoring.
5531	Stinkingwater	I	Utilization monitoring.
5532	Mountain	I	Utilization monitoring, trend monitoring, fire rehabilitation.
5533	Buchanan	M	CCA in progress. Utilization planned.
5534	Mahon Creek	I	Utilization monitoring.
5535	Miller Canyon	I	Utilization monitoring.
5536	Alder Creek	I	Utilization monitoring, fire rehabilitation, Alder Creek riparian project.
5537	Buck Mountain	M	Wildfire. Fence repairs in Riley Field fire area. Utilization planned. Trend/fire monitoring planned.
5538	Riverside	I	Wildfire. Fence repairs in Riley Field fire area. Utilization planned. Trend/fire monitoring planned.
5539	W&C Blaylock FFR	C	Transfer grazing permit.
5540	Luce Field FFR	C	Transfer grazing permit.
5541	Home Ranch	C	Nothing planned.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
	Enclosure		
5542	Marshall FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5543	Devine Flat Field	C	Nothing planned.
5545	Sunshine Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5546	Druit Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5548	Griffin FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5549	Howards FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5552	Miller FFR A	C	Nothing planned.
5553	Miller FFR B	C	Nothing planned.
5554	J. Francis Miller FFR	C	CCA pending. Collect/analyze trend data and establish additional trend site.
5555	Ott FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5556	Pine Creek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5557	J&G Kane FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5558	J&G FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5559	Swords FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5560	West Vickers FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5561	Wilber FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5563	Arnold FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5564	Wheeler Basin	M	Utilization monitoring.
5565	Upton Mountain	I	Utilization monitoring, CCA, and AMP.
5566	Texaco Basin	I	Utilization monitoring. Fire Rehabilitation.
5567	Miler FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5570	River FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5571	Lamb Ranch	I	Utilization monitoring.
5573	Beaver FFR	C	Rangeland health planned.
5574	Muddy Creek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5575	School House	M	Annual utilization pending. CCA pending. Project inspection/compliance pending.
5576	Lower Pine	M	CCA pending. Annual utilization pending.
5578	C&D FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5584	Poison Creek	C	Nothing planned.
5585	Harney Crane	C	Nothing planned.
5587	Manning Field FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5588	Reed FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5589	Temple's FFR	C	CCA in progress.
5590	Smith FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5592	Coleman Creek	M	Fire rehabilitation fencing in Riley Field fire area; trend/fire monitoring planned.
5593	Slocum	M	Fire rehabilitation fencing in Riley Field fire area.
5594	Venator	I	Fire rehabilitation fencing in Riley Field fire area.
5595	Coyote Creek	M	Fire rehabilitation fencing in Riley Field fire area.
5596	Emmerson	M	Utilization monitoring.
5597	Crane	M	Utilization monitoring.
5598	Beckley Home	C	Utilization monitoring.
5599	Mahon Ranch	M	Utilization planned.
5600	Beaver Creek	M	Fire rehabilitation fencing in Riley Field fire area.
5601	Hamilton	I	Wildfire drill seeding completed; aerial seeding planned in Beaver Creek fire area.
5602	Quier FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5604	Burnt Flat	I	Utilization.
7001	East Warm Springs	I	Reservoir maintenance, utilization monitoring, trend, CCA.
7002	West Warm	I	Utilization monitoring, CCA, AMP.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
	Springs		
7003	East Wagontire	I	Utilization monitoring. Putting in Egli Ridge fence in the fall if EA is completed.
7004	West Wagontire	I	Utilization monitoring.
7005	Second Flat FFR	C	Aerial plateau application completed in Gumboot fire area; seeding planned.
7006	Rimrock Lake	I	Utilization planned.
7007	Hat Butte	I	Trend monitoring and utilization planned.
7008	Sheep Lake-Shields	I	Trend monitoring and utilization planned.
7009	Ryegrass	I	CCA, utilization.
7010	Claw Creek	I	Utilization planned.
7012	Packsaddle	I	Trend monitoring and utilization planned.
7013	Zoglman FFR	C	Nothing planned.
7014	Badger Springs	M	Aerial plateau application completed in Gumboot fire area; seeding planned.
7015	Second Flat	I	Aerial plateau application completed in Gumboot fire area; seeding planned.
7016	Juniper Ridge	M	Utilization monitoring.
7017	Cluster	M	Utilization monitoring.
7018	Silver Lake	M	Utilization monitoring.
7019	Palomino Butte	I	Utilization monitoring, trend.
7020	Sand Hollow	M	Utilization monitoring.
7021	Weaver Lakes	I	Utilization monitoring, trend, well DNA, well installation.
7022	Dog Mountain	I	Utilization monitoring.
7023	West Sagehen	I	Trend monitoring and utilization planned.
7024	East Sage Hen	I	Utilization monitoring.
7025	Gouldin	I	Nothing to report.
7026	Horton Mill	I	Utilization monitoring.
7028	Stinger Creek	C	Nothing planned.
7029	Spring Creek	C	Nothing planned.
7030	Skull Creek	I	CCA and utilization.
7031	Hay Creek	I	CCA and utilization, DNA to SES to treat Hay Cr. PAC.
7032	Hotchkiss Individual	C	CCA.
7033	Silvies River	I	Collect/analyze trend data and establish additional trend site; trespass fence/road ongoing; CCA pending.
7034	Scat Field	C	Annual utilization pending.
7035	Silvies Meadow	M	Annual utilization pending; grazing permit transfer pending.
7036	Hayes	I	Nothing to report.
7037	Coal Pit Springs	C	Verbal CCA.
7038	Curry Gordon	C	Conduct PFC Thousand Springs; collect/analyze trend data, and establish additional trend site.
7039	Cave Gulch	M	CCA pending.
7040	Landing Creek	I	CCA pending; collect/analyze trend data, and establish additional trend site.
7041	East Silvies	I	Annual utilization pending; CX; grazing permit transfer pending.
7042	Dole Smith	C	Annual utilization pending; grazing permit transfer pending.
7043	Lone Pine	I	CCA is pending; Lone Pine Juniper removal flagging; grazing permit transfer pending.
7045	Whiting FFR	C	CCA pending.
7046	Baker Hill Field	C	CCA pending.
7047	Peabody	C	Nothing planned.
7048	Varien Canyon	C	CCA is pending; annual utilization pending.
7049	Forks of Poison Creek	I	Reservoir cleanouts, dependent on funding.
7051	Sawtooth-MNF	M	CCA.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
7052	Lone Pine Field	C	Nothing to report.
7053	Silvies Canyon	M	Annual utilization is pending; CCA pending.
7054	Cricket Creek	C	Nothing planned.
7056	Double O	M	Utilization monitoring (being used by Broken Circle).
7058	Narrows	I	Utilization monitoring.
7061	Bulger	C	Nothing planned.
7062	Capehart Lake	I	Utilization monitoring.
7063	Roundtop Butte	I	Utilization monitoring.
7088	Sunset Valley	C	Utilization monitoring.

Andrews/Steens Resource Area – Accomplished Work for FY13

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress²
0032	South Catlow	I	Completed ESR plan for the Coyote Gap Fire. Worked with UNR on study focusing on grazing cheatgrass to promote perennial vegetation.
2690	Turkey FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6001	North Catlow	I	Completed ES&R projects such as seeding and fence repair on Miller Homestead Fire. Completed trend monitoring in the burned areas of the Allotment.
6002	South Steens	I	Continued work on South Steens AMP, including numerous discussions with the SMAC, ONDA, and the grazing permittee. Put the AMP out for comments and worked on addressing comments and the proposed decision. Completed some utilization monitoring. Completed monitoring as required for Burnt Car in the Tombstone Pasture. Reopened Tombstone Pasture for grazing following discussions with ONDA and permittee concerning the Burnt Car Settlement. Completed PFC monitoring on Home Creek. Completed numerous task orders to remove juniper, specifically cutting and piling activities.
6005	Mud Creek	I	Nothing to report.
6006	Frazier Field	I	Completed clearances and laid out 200 acres in the WJMA for cut and machine pile.
6007	Ruby Springs	I	Completed utilization monitoring and use supervision activities. Continued to plan for the Moon Hill RX, which was postponed due to no good burn window. Planned for additional fuel/juniper treatments within the allotment. Cleaned out numerous cattleguards.
6008	Krumbo	M	Completed use supervision activities and utilization.
6010	East Ridge	I	Completed use supervision activities. Continued gathering knowledge for allotment evaluation and ideas for future AMP.
6011	Pollock	I	Flagged off fence in Stonehouse Pasture.
6012	Alvord	I	Worked on Alvord evaluation.
6014	Tum Tum	M	Nothing to report.
6015	Trout Creek Mountain	I	Completed ES&R projects such as seeding and fence repair on Holloway Fire. Completed trend monitoring.
6016	Sandhills	M	Completed ES&R projects such as fence installation and repair on Holloway Fire. Completed trend monitoring in burned area. Completed CX to re-seed the Winter Seeding Pasture.
6017	Grassy Basin	M	Completed ES&R projects, such as fence repair, on Holloway Fire. Completed trend monitoring within the burned area.
6018	Tule Springs	I	Completed EA to allow the drilling of Adrian Well to occur.
6019	Serrano Point	I	Completed new permit transfer.
6020	Pueblo-Lone Mountain	I	Nothing to report.
6023	Hammond	I	Nothing to report.
6024	South Fork	M	Completed ES&R projects, such as fence repair, on Holloway Fire.
6025	Hardie Summer	M	Nothing to report.
6026	Mann Lake	I	Completed ES&R plans for House and Mann fires.
6027	Carlson Creek	I	Nothing to report.
6028	Fields	I	Nothing to report.
6029	Keg Springs	I	Drilled a well in Keg Springs. Completed ES&R projects such as seeding and fence repair on Miller Homestead Fire. Completed trend monitoring in the burned areas of the allotment.

² Use supervision and utilization are completed on each allotment yearly and not necessarily noted in this column.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress²
6030	Reicken's Corner	I	Completed ES&R projects such as seeding and fence repair on Miller Homestead Fire. Completed trend monitoring in the burned areas of the allotment.
6031	LaVoy Tables	I	Completed ES&R projects such as seeding and fence repair on Miller Homestead Fire. Completed trend monitoring in the burned areas of the allotment.
6032	Krumbo Mountain	I	Completed prep work on Moon Hill Rx.
6033	Chimney	I	Continued to work on evaluation and preparation for AMP. Cleaned out all waterholes through a cooperative agreement.
6035	Fields Basin	I	Completed CX for O'Keeffe Well solar project.
6038	Alvord Peak	I	Nothing to report.
6040	Stonehouse	I	Nothing to report.
6042	Basque Hills	I	Continued to work on the AMP.
6043	Pueblo Slough	I	Nothing to report.
6044	Lower Antelope	I	Nothing to report.
6100	Hammond FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6101	Waldirch FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6102	Oregon End FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6103	Wiley FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6104	Defenbaugh FFR	C	Completed ES&R projects such as fence repair on Holloway Fire.
6105	Wrench Ranch FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6106	Orlando FFR	C	Completed ES&R projects, such as fence repair, on Holloway Fire.
6107	Crump/ Calderwood FFR	C	Completed ES&R projects, such as fence repair, on Holloway Fire.
6108	Henricks FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6109	Casey FFR	C	Completed ES&R projects, such as fence repair, on Holloway Fire.
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	Completed ES&R projects, such as fence repair, on Holloway Fire.
6119	Pollock FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6120	Mann Lake FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6121	Neuschwander FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6122	Starr FFR	C	Nothing to report.
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	Nothing to report.
6129	Alvord FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6130	Scharff FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6131	South Pocket FFR	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress²
6133	Otley Brothers FFR	C	Completed use supervision and collected information for evaluation and AMP.

Andrews/Steens Resource Area - Accomplished Work for FY14

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0032	South Catlow	I	Completed utilization/use supervision activities. Completed aerial seeding activities for the Coyote Gap Fire, including CX and associated monitoring. Worked on a CCA for Greater Sage-Grouse.
2690	Turkey FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6001	North Catlow	I	Completed the Allotment Evaluation. Trend monitoring of burned areas within the Miller Homestead Fire perimeter. Weed treatments within Miller Homestead Fire as needed.
6002	South Steens	I	Issued Proposed and Final Decisions. Renewed the grazing permit. Protected springs not meeting S&Gs. Utilization/use supervision activities. Increased monitoring of wild horses due to being over AML. Continued fuels treatments, mainly cutting and piling, to remove juniper; burned and seeded piles as appropriate. Worked on a CCA for Greater Sage-Grouse.
6005	Mud Creek	I	10-year permit expires.
6006	Frazier Field	I	Cut and machine piled 229 acres of juniper within the WJMA.
6007	Ruby Springs	I	Completed Moon Hill RX, established monitoring for associated treatments and prescribed burn. Completed utilization/use supervision activities. Planned for future fuels/juniper treatments. Began GPS-ing pipeline.
6008	Krumbo	M	Completed utilization/use supervision. Pipeline maintenance as needed.
6010	East Ridge	I	Completed utilization/use supervision. Completed allotment evaluation and prepared for AMP.
6011	Pollock	I	Completed DSL ES&R seeding project. Completed water projects and riparian fence as part of Stonehouse EA. Completed monitoring for DSL fire as part of ESR.
6012	Alvord	I	Alvord evaluation completed and signed.
6014	Tum Tum	M	Nothing planned.
6015	Trout Creek Mountain	I	Trend monitoring of burned areas within the Holloway Fire. Repaired pastures fences and exclosure fences. Maintained existing range developments. Miscellaneous seeding within the burnt area.
6016	Sand Hills	M	Trend monitoring of burned areas within the Holloway Fire. Repaired pastures fences and exclosure fences. Maintained existing range developments. The DNA was completed to allow the drilling of East Sandhills Well. Completed Re-seeding the Winter Seeding Pasture.
6017	Grassy Basin	M	Trend monitoring of burned areas within the Holloway Fire. Repaired pastures fences and exclosure fences. Maintained existing range developments.
6018	Tule Springs	I	Utilization and compliance.
6019	Serrano Point	I	Nothing to report.
6020	Pueblo-Lone Mountain	I	Completed allotment evaluation.
6023	Hammond	I	10-year permit expires.
6024	South Fork	M	Nothing planned.
6025	Hardie Summer	M	10-year permit expires.
6026	Mann Lake	I	Completed seeding projects on both House fire and Mann fire ESR projects. Established trend plots on Mann Fire as part of ESR monitoring. Completed rangeland seeding projects in Mann Lake seeding's
6027	Carlson Creek	I	Completed Bone Creek basin Fire ESR part of south Steens Complex.
6028	Fields	I	Completed transfer for Pueblo Mountain Ranch LLC

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
6029	Keg Springs	I	Trend monitoring of burned areas within the Miller Homestead Fire. Repaired the division fence between 3 Rivers and Andrews RAs. Completed Keg Springs Well Project; Solar Well and 2 bottomless troughs (one in Keg Springs Allotment and one in E. Warm Springs Allotment).
6030	Reicken's Corner	I	Trend monitoring of burned areas within the Miller Homestead Fire. Aerial sprayed herbicide to reduce invasive annual grasses.
6031	LaVoy Tables	I	Trend monitoring of burned areas within the Miller Homestead Fire.
6032	Krumbo Mountain	I	Completed Moon Hill Rx. Completed utilization/use supervision. Completed PFC on Krumbo Creek.
6033	Chimney	I	Completed utilization/use supervision.
6035	Fields Basin	I	Completed O'Keeffe Well solar project.
6038	Alvord Peak	I	Completed utilization/use supervision.
6040	Stonehouse	I	Nothing planned.
6042	Basque Hills	I	Continued to work on AMP.
6043	Pueblo Slough	I	Nothing planned.
6044	Lower Antelope	I	Nothing planned.
6100	Hammond FFR	C	10-year permit expires.
6101	Waldrich FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6102	Oregon End FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6103	Wiley FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6104	Defenbaugh FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6105	Wrench Ranch FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6106	Orlando FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6107	Crump/ Calderwood FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6108	Henricks FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6109	Casey FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6110	Still FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6111	Dunbar FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6112	Long Hollow FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6114	Rock Creek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6115	Dixon FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6116	Northrup FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6117	Kaser FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6118	Lupher FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6119	Pollock FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6120	Mann Lake FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6121	Neuschwander FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6122	Starr FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6123	Culp FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6124	Windmill FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6125	Roaring Springs FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6126	CM Otley FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6127	Kuney FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6128	Konek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6129	Alvord FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6130	Scharff FFR	C	Nothing planned.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
6131	South Pocket FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6133	Otley Brothers FFR	C	Nothing planned.

Andrews/Steens Resource Area - Planned Work for FY15

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0032	South Catlow	I	Nothing planned.
2690	Turkey FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6001	North Catlow	I	Complete draft of AMP. Complete final year of ESR monitoring of Miller Homestead Fire. Complete utilization and use supervision. Complete CCA.
6002	South Steens	I	AMP completed.
6005	Mud Creek	I	AMP in process.
6006	Frazier Field	I	Machine Pile 339 acres of juniper in the WJMA. Cut and hand pile 60 acres. Burn 229 acres of machine piles and seed the areas. Complete trend monitoring and Standards and Guides for the allotment.
6007	Ruby Springs	I	Nothing planned.
6008	Krumbo	M	Complete utilization and use supervision. Pipeline maintenance as needed.
6010	East Ridge	I	Nothing planned.
6011	Pollock	I	Complete Allotment Evaluation, complete final year of ESR monitoring of DSL Fire, and plant Cottonwoods in Stonehouse Seeding pasture riparian enclosure.
6012	Alvord	I	Rebuild Table mountain District boundary fence, finish DNA to cleanout water holes on Table Mountain, finish Alvord AMP EA, aerially weed treat Medusa Head on Foothills pasture.
6014	Tum Tum	M	Trend monitoring and S&G assessment.
6015	Trout Creek Mountain	I	Complete final year of ESR monitoring of Holloway Fire. Repair spring developments. Complete S&G assessment. Road maintenance.
6016	Sand Hills	M	Complete final year of ESR monitoring of Holloway Fire. Repair spring developments. Complete S&G assessment.
6017	Grassy Basin	M	Complete final year of ESR monitoring of Holloway Fire. Repair spring developments. Complete S&G assessment.
6018	Tule Springs	I	Drill Adrian Well, install a solar system on Little Butte Well and replace trough, establish new trend plots. And complete S&G assessment. Road maintenance.
6019	Serrano Point	I	Aerially weed treat Medusa Head sites on Allotment. Complete new lease transfer with Roaring Spring Ranch.
6020	Pueblo-Lone Mountain	I	Establish new trend plots. Repair Rincon Pipeline. Complete S&G assessment. Spring maintenance. Start AMP.
6023	Hammond	I	AMP in process.
6024	South Fork	M	Nothing to report.
6025	Hardie Summer	M	Nothing to report.
6026	Mann Lake	I	Aerially weed treat House Creek Fire seeding, complete ESR monitoring for Mann Fire, and complete permanent enclosure fence at Mann Lake recreation site.
6027	Carlson Creek	I	Complete Bone Creek Basin Fire ESR NEPA followed by rehabilitation projects such as aerially seeding, Carlson Creek Riparian restoration Antelope bitter brush seed planting and aerial weed treatments. Complete trend monitoring and establish new trend plots for ESR.
6028	Fields	I	Complete portions of the Bone Creek Basin Fire ESR plan that fall within this allotment. Complete trend monitoring and establish new trend plots for ESR.
6029	Keg Springs	I	Complete final year of ESR monitoring of Miller Homestead Fire.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
6030	Reicken's Corner	I	Complete NEPA and start construction of Neuschwander Well. Complete utilization and use supervision.
6031	LaVoy Tables	I	Complete final year of ESR monitoring of Miller Homestead Fire. Complete utilization and use supervision. Complete CCA.
6032	Krumbo Mountain	I	Aerial seed and monitor Moon Hill Rx. Complete utilization and use supervision.
6033	Chimney	I	Complete allotment evaluation and prepare for AMP.
6035	Fields Basin	I	Clean out and maintain approximately 10 reservoirs across the allotment. NEPA is complete
6038	Alvord Peak	I	Work on a CCA for Greater Sage-Grouse.
6040	Stonehouse	I	Complete repair work to Stonehouse Allotment road.
6042	Basque Hills	I	Complete Basque Hills AMP, put out for comments, addresses comments, and issue a Proposed Decision. Work on a CCA for Greater Sage-Grouse.
6043	Pueblo Slough	I	Complete S&G Assessment.
6044	Lower Antelope	I	Maintain pipeline.
6100	Hammond FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6101	Waldrich FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6102	Oregon End FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6103	Wiley FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6104	Defenbaugh FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6105	Wrench Ranch FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6106	Orlando FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6107	Crump/ Calderwood FFR	C	Nothing to report.
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 planned.
6112	Long Hollow FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6114	Rock Creek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6115	Dixon FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6116	Northrup FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6117	Kaser FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6118	Lupher FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6119	Pollock FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6120	Mann Lake FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6121	Neuschwander FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6122	Starr FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6123	Culp FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6124	Windmill FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6125	Roaring Springs FFR	C	Work on a CCA for Greater Sage-Grouse.
6126	CM Otley FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6127	Kuney FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6128	Konek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6129	Alvord FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6130	Scharff FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6131	South Pocket FFR	C	Nothing planned.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
6133	Otley Brothers FFR	C	Nothing planned.

ACRONYM/ABBREVIATION GUIDE

The following acronyms, listed in alphabetical order, are used throughout this Planning Update.

Acronym	Definition
ACEC	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AMP	Allotment Management Plan
AML	Abandoned Mines Land (in Minerals chapter)
AML	Appropriate Management Level (in Wild Horse and Burro Program chapter)
AMU	Andrews Management Unit
Andrews/ Steens	Andrews Management Unit/ Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
ARS	Agricultural Research Service
ASCO	Archaeological Society of Central Oregon
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle
AUM	Animal Unit Month
BCB	Backcountry Byway
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BICC	Burns Interagency Communication Center
BIFZ	Burns Interagency Fire Zone
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BPA	Bonneville Power Administration
CMPA	Cooperative Management and Protection Area
CRP	Comprehensive Recreation Plan
CWMA	Cooperative Weed Management Area
CWRE	Certified Water Rights Examiner
CX	Categorical Exclusion (from NEPA analysis)
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration
DNA	Determination of NEPA Adequacy
DOE	Department of Energy
DOGAMI	Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
DOI	Department of the Interior
DSL	Division of State Lands
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EOARC	Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center
EP	Estimated Population
ES&R	Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Acronym	Definition
FFR	Fenced Federal Range
FIG	Fire Ignition Generator
FNAWS	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
FOD	Karen Short's fire occurrence database
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FPA	Fire Program Analysis
FPDSS	Fire Program Decision Support System
FPU	Fire Planning Unit
FSim	Large Fire Generator
FUP	Free Use Permit
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service
FY	Fiscal Year
GAO	General Accounting Office
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPM	Gallons per Minute
GPS	Global Positioning System
GSHIP	Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Improvement Project
HC	Harney County
HFRA	Healthy Forest Restoration Act
HL	Healthy Lands Initiative
HMA	Herd Management Area
HSUS	Humane Society of the United States
IBLA	Interior Board of Land Appeals
IDIQ	Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity
IFPL	Industrial Fire Precaution Level
IMARS	Incident Management and Reporting System
IMP	Interim Management Plan
IRS	Initial Response Simulator
LUP	Land Use Plan
mbf	1,000 Board Feet
MHF	Mustang Heritage Foundation
MNF	Malheur National Forest
MRDG	Minimum Requirements Decision Guide
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MSE	Mechanically Stabilized Earth
NAIP	National Agriculture Imagery Program
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NLCS	National Landscape Conservation System
NPLD	National Public Lands Day

Acronym	Definition
NPS	National Park Service
NWR	Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
OAS	Oregon Archaeological Society
ODA	Oregon Department of Agriculture
ODEQ	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
ODOT	Oregon Department of Transportation
ODSL	Oregon Division of State Lands
OHV	Off-Highway Vehicle
ONDA	Oregon Natural Desert Association
OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board
OSU	Oregon State University
OWEB	Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
OWRD	Oregon Water Resources Department
OYCC	Oregon Youth Conservation Corps
PFC	Proper Functioning Condition
POD	Point of Diversion
PZP	Porcine zona pellucida
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quality Control
RA	Resource Area
RAF	Route Analysis Form
RFPA	Rural Fire Protection Association
RMEF	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
RMP	Resource Management Plan
RNA	Research Natural Area
ROD	Record of Decision
ROW	Right-of-Way
RSC	Rattlesnake, Squaw Creek, Coffeepot Thinning Project
SAA	Society for American Archaeology
SHED	Silvies, Hopper, Emigrant and Detrick Forest Restoration Project
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
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

Acronym	Definition
SWAT	Strategic Weed Attack Team
T&E	Threatened and Endangered
TIP	Trainer Incentive Program
TMP	Travel Management Plan
TP	Transportation Plan
U of O	University of Oregon
UIA	Unit Initial Attack
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey
WFIPS	Wildland Fire Investment Planning System
WHB	Wild Horse and Burro
WJMA	Wildland Juniper Management Area
WQ	Water Quality
WSA	Wilderness Study Area
WSR	Wild and Scenic River
WUI	Wildland Urban Interface
YAY	Youth and Yearling
YCC	Youth Conservation Corps

PLAN MAINTENANCE SHEETS

Burns District has no plan maintenance sheets for FY13.

Burns District has one plan maintenance sheet for FY14; AMU-15.

Burns District has four plan maintenance sheets for FY15; AMU-16 and TR-5, 6, and 7.

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-15

Plan Name: Andrews/Steens Resource Management Plan, August 2005

Planning Unit: Andrews Management Unit

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Chapter: Appendix J

Heading: Starr FFR #6122

CHANGE: Public Land Acres from 194 to 239
Total Acres from 778 to 823

Add one line to Pasture/Area Table:

<u>Pasture/Area</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>% Public Domain</u>	<u>Objective</u>
Sherburn Field	45	100	E

REASON: Range Line Agreement dated 1/29/2014 added Sherburn Field Pasture to Starr Fenced Federal Range (FFR) Allotment #6122.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with Existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist Richard King Date 2/3/14

Planning & Environmental Coordinator Holly Orr Date 2/3/14

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist Deirdre A. L. Date 2-3-14

Field Manager Donna Hager Date 2/2/14

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

RANGE LINE AGREEMENT

State Office	OR
District Office	Burns
Date	1/29/14

In accordance with the provisions of Grazing Regulations (43 CFR 4120.1), we, the undersigned, hereby agree to the establishment or adjustment of our respective range allotment boundaries as shown on the attached map and further described as follows:

The described lands below will be added to The Starr FFR Allotment. The portion of land fenced east of the Fields-Denio Road within T39S R35E Sec 21. Within Section 21 property is located within the NESE, SESE, and SENE 1/4 sections

It is further agreed that the above-described allotment boundary constitutes a fair, equitable, and practical range division, based on the respective qualifications of our dependent base property under the Grazing Regulations, and as such shall be binding upon our respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors in interest or assigns.

Lois Herber

(Signature of Permittee/Lessee)

1-29-14

(Date)

(Signature of Permittee/Lessee)

(Date)

APPROVED:

Shanda Karges

(Signature of Authorized Officer)

1/29/14

(Date)

(Continued on reverse)

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-16

Plan Name: Andrews/Steen Resource Management Plan, August 2005

Planning Unit: Andrews Management Unit

Page: J-24 & J-43

Chapter: Appendix J

Heading: Pueblo-Lone Mountain #6020 and Pueblo Slough #6043

CHANGE:

Currently in Appendix J, page 43, Pueblo Slough Allotment #6043 Active Animal Unit Months (AUMs) and Total Permitted AUMs are 1,400 AUMs and Suspended AUMs are 0. This allocation didn't take into account the 14% voluntary non-use agreement dated November 13, 1989.

The change that needs to be made is in Appendix J, page 43, Pueblo Slough Allotment #6043. Change Active AUMs to 972 AUMs, Total Permitted AUMs to 1,112 AUMs, and there are 140 AUMs voluntary non-use. The over allocated AUMs in the Pueblo Slough Allotment will be reapplied to the Starr Winter Pasture in the Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment where they were originally.

Currently in Appendix J, page 24, Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment #6020 Active Animal Unit Months (AUMs) and Total Permitted AUMs are 13,149 AUMs and Suspended AUMs are 0. This allocation took into account roughly 27% non-use which is nearly double what the voluntary non-use agreement dated November 13, 1989 called for based on Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment Management Plan Environmental Assessment #EA OR-026-93-030, pages 1 and 2.

The change that needs to be made is in Appendix J, page 24, Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment #6020. Change Active AUMs to 13,592 AUMs, Total Permitted AUMs to 15,805 AUMs, and there are 2,213 AUMs voluntary non-use. The over allocated AUMs in the Pueblo Slough Allotment will be reapplied to the Starr Winter Pasture in the Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment where they were originally.

REASON:

While completing an Allotment Evaluation for the Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment #6020 in 2014, it was determined AUMs in the RMP were in error. Due to a 14% voluntary non-use agreement dated November 13, 1989, and removal of North Colony Winter, Colony Seeding, Colony Winter, and North Sandhills Seeding pastures around year 2000 from Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment, the newly established Pueblo Slough Allotment AUMs were over allocated. This maintenance sheet is intended to reduce AUMs in Pueblo Slough Allotment to 1,112 for winter grazing and reinstate the AUMs in the Starr Winter Pasture as originally

allocated in Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment. Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment Total Permitted Use would be 15,805 AUMs.

Monitoring, utilization, and actual use reports indicate Pueblo Slough Allotment is over allocated as the average actual use for the allotment since 2003 has been around 566 AUMs of use and utilization has been between 55 and 63 percent use. Monitoring of the Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment shows since 2001 the Starr Winter Pasture has been underutilized with an average actual use of 303 AUMs and utilization has been between 36 and 42 percent.

Requires Plan Amendment

X Conforms with Existing Plan

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Planning & Environmental Coordinator Holly Orr Date 3/10/15

Geographic Information Specialist Stacy Jent Date 3/10/15

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist Daniel C. Smith Date 3-10-15

Field Manager Shanda Karges Date 3/10/15

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: TR 5

Plan Name: Three Rivers Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: B050

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Heading: Allotment Management Summaries

CHANGE: A category "C" allotment named Dietrich Field FFR #2252 –Season of Use 05/01-08/16, Active Use 7, Suspended Non-Use 0, Permitted Use 7 is added.

REASON: In reference to a grazing permit transfer Preference History Update for Indian Head Mountain Development (John York), 2006. John & Judy Ahmann purchased the Dorman Miller/Clark Base Property along with the rest of the ranch, excluding one parcel from Dorman & Cathy Miller. The only part not purchased was the Dietrich Spring Base Property. This purchase without the Dietrich Spring Base triggered the creation of a new allotment (Dietrich Field FFR Allotment #2252) in what was the southern FFR Pasture of the Lower Pine Allotment, which includes the Dietrich Spring Base.

Please refer to: March 1994 Burns District Planning Update as it includes the Little Muddy Creek Allotment in the implementation progress. This allotment was divided into three smaller allotments in 1991: Little Muddy Creek (No. 5505), Schoolhouse (No. 5575), and Lower Pine (No. 5576).

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with Existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist [Signature] Date 6/16/15

Program Lead [Signature] (for PROGRAM LEAD) Date 6/24/15

Planning & Environmental Coordinator [Signature] Date 6/24/15

Geographic Information Specialist [Signature] Date 6/24/15

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist [Signature] Date 6/23/2015

Field Manager [Signature] Date 6/25/15

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: TR 6

Plan Name: Three Rivers Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: B050
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Chapter: Appendix 9
Heading: Allotment Management Summaries

CHANGE: Silvies Meadow Allotment #7035 - Selective Management Category was change from "M" to "C". Public Acres: 657 Other Acres: 1,672
Active Preference: 88 AUMs

REASON: In 2007, three AUMs, associated with a BLM land disposal sale, were removed from the (71) AUMs that was allocated to the Thissel Pasture of Silvies Meadow Allotment. In 2015, the remaining (68) AUMs in the Thissel Pasture were sold. As a result, a grazing permit was transferred and Thissel Pasture, became Thissel fenced federal range (FFR). Present range conditions in the Silvies Meadow Allotment are not a factor; because of the topographic locations, these BLM parcels have seldom been utilized by livestock. Also, opportunities for positive economic return on public investment do not exist, and there is limited resource-use conflicts/controversy. Under existing resource conditions, where private land ownership controls access to these parcels, present management appears to be satisfactory, therefore, is the only logical choice for management of these parcels.

Requires Plan Amendment
 Conforms with Existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

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Program Lead	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>6/24/15</u>
Planning & Environmental Coordinator	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>6/29/15</u>
Geographic Information Specialist	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>6/25/15</u>
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>6/23/2015</u>
Field Manager	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>6/29/15</u>

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: TR 7

Plan Name: Three Rivers Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: B050

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Chapter: Appendix 9

Heading: Allotment Management Summaries

CHANGE: 4-Thissel Pasture became Thissel (FFR) Allotment # ~~02922~~. Management of Thissel FFR changed from Category "M" to a Category "C". Public Acres: 545 Other Acres: 1,640

REASON: According to BLM records, 71 AUMs were adjudicated to the Thissel Pasture. In 2007, BLM disposal land within Thissel Pasture was sold, and three AUMs were deleted from the Silvies Meadow grazing permit. In 2015, the remaining (68) AUMs were sold and deleted from the Silvies Meadow grazing permit. The Thissel Pasture became a standalone allotment and renamed the Thissel FFR Allotment # ~~02922~~, which is a fenced federal allotment containing mostly private land and small scattered parcels of federal lands located on steep hillsides and river bottom of the Silvies. Present range condition is not a factor, because these parcels have seldom been utilized by livestock, because of topographic location. Also, limited resource-use conflicts/controversy exists. Opportunities for positive economic return on Public investment do not exist. Present management appears satisfactory or is the only logical practice under existing resource conditions. The Thissel FFR is land locked by private land ownership, making access difficult, and very low priority for BLM's grazing program. Both factors combined make these parcels very difficult for BLM to manage.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with Existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist	<u>Panda L. Lunde</u>	Date	<u>6/16/15</u>
Program Lead	<u>Don Marshall (see PROGRAM LEAD)</u>	Date	<u>6/24/15</u>
Planning & Environmental Coordinator	<u>Holly Om</u>	Date	<u>6/29/15</u>
Geographic Information Specialist	<u>Stacy Jensen</u>	Date	<u>6/25/15</u>
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>6/23/2015</u>
Field Manager	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>6/28/15</u>

APPENDIX CX

Certain activities within the BLM's 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 the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Specifically, Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for 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 (§1507.3) and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required....Any procedures 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 (CX) for certain silvicultural activities, such as reforestation, pre-commercial treatments, brush control, sample tree felling, salvage, commercial thinning, and hazardous fuels reduction of limited acres. In developing CXs, 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 CX 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, which would preclude the use of a CX. The Burns District 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.