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BLM Releases West Eugene Wetlands Resource Management Plan

(Springfield, OR) The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eugene District is releasing the Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP) for the BLM-administered lands in the West Eugene Wetlands. The planning area comprises approximately 1,340 acres of BLM-administered public lands within the West Eugene Wetlands.

The BLM acquired portions of the West Eugene Wetlands over the past several decades, and these lands do not have an existing RMP. The planning area is home to the threatened or endangered streaked horned lark, Fender's blue butterfly, and Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, and three threatened or endangered plants: Bradshaw's lomatium, Willamette daisy, and Kincaid's lupine.

This ROD/RMP is a comprehensive management plan for the long-term protection and management of the BLM-administered lands in the West Eugene Wetlands. The RMP includes management actions to contribute to recovery of threatened and endangered species, consistent with the recommendations in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Plan for the Prairie Species of Western Oregon and Southwestern Washington.

The ROD/RMP includes a Travel Management Plan and expands the geographic area of the Continued application of the Final Supplementary Rules for Public Land within the West Eugene Wetlands, Eugene District, OR, published in the Federal Register on July 28, 2005, and adoption of the application of these rules throughout the planning area on BLM-managed lands, which are implementation decisions for which a 30-day appeal period begins May 20, 2015. Appeals can be submitted by the following methods:

Regular Mail and Overnight Delivery:
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Copies of the ROD/RMP are available at the Eugene District Office, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Springfield, Oregon, 97477, or online at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene/plans/eugenermp.php>.

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