West Eugene Wetlands Releases Management Plan

Eugene OR — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eugene District is releasing a proposed Resource Management Plan and final Environmental Impact Statement (Proposed RMP/Final EIS) for the BLM-administered lands in the West Eugene Wetlands for public review. The planning area comprises approximately 1,340 acres of BLM-administered public lands within the West Eugene Wetlands.

This Proposed RMP/Final EIS is a comprehensive management plan for the long-term protection and management of the BLM-administered lands in the West Eugene Wetlands. The Final EIS analyzes a No Action alternative and six action alternatives. These action alternatives, including the Proposed RMP, were designed, in part, to explore alternative approaches to contributing 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 SW Washington. The planning area is home to the endangered Fender’s blue butterfly, the threatened streaked horned lark, and three threatened or endangered plants: Bradshaw’s lomatium, Willamette daisy, and Kincaid’s lupine.

The protest period is scheduled for 30 days beginning November 12, 2014. Protests can be submitted by the following methods:

Regular Mail: BLM Director (210) Attention: Protest Coordinator P.O. Box 71383 Washington, D.C. 20024-1383
Overnight Delivery: BLM Director (210) Attention: Protest Coordinator 20 M Street SE, Room 2134LM Washington, D.C. 20003

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