

Mountain of the Rogue Trail Scoping Notice

Butte Falls Resource Area

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Dear Reader,

The Bureau of Land Management is beginning the process for planning and evaluating a possible mountain bike trail system near the town of Rogue River, Oregon. The proposed trail system would provide recreation opportunities for mountain biking and hiking; however, the trail would be specifically designed for mountain bikes. Construction would be completed in phases as funding becomes available. Initially, up to 5.6 miles of trail would be constructed, with the possibility of expansion in the future.

This handout provides an introduction to the BLM's proposed Mountain of the Rogue Trail Project. I hope you find it helpful in understanding the trail project and your part in shaping it. The handout contains a preliminary map of the proposed trailhead location and the first 5.6 miles of trail construction, and a larger map showing future potential for additional trails.

At this time, I am inviting you to submit any comments, issues, and concerns you have that will help shape or further develop this project. Comments clearly expressing site-specific issues or concerns are the most helpful. **Please submit your comments by June 24, 2013.**

Thank you for your interest in the management of your public lands. Your input plays an important role in our land management decisions.

Jon K. Raby
Field Manager, Butte Falls Resource Area



Mountain of the Rogue Trail Project—Overview

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to build a trail system on BLM lands southeast of the town of Rogue River. The initial phase of the proposal includes constructing trailhead parking for 10 vehicles and 5.6 miles of mountain biking and hiking trails. Future nonmotorized trails that would connect to the initial trail system could be developed in the north part of the Project Area, depending on the success and popularity of the first system of trails.

The trail system would be designed to provide a high quality mountain biking experience while protecting natural and cultural resources. The proposed trail system would be located and constructed to create low maintenance, sustainable trails that are fun to use and help manage risk, environmental impact, and user conflict.

The Mountain of the Rogue Trail Project is located within Gold Hill-Rogue River watershed. The Project Area contains private and Federal lands; however, **the Mountain of the Rogue Trail Project applies only to public lands within the Project Area that are managed by the Butte Falls Resource Area, Medford District BLM.**

The Project Area is bordered by North River Road on the south, East Evans Creek Road on the west, Sardine Creek Road on the east, and the northernmost section lines for sections 34, 35, and 36 in Township 35 South, Range 4 West and sections 31 and 32 in Township 35 South, Range 3 West on the north.

How You Can Be Involved

Scoping is just the beginning! We want to hear any issues, concerns, or questions you may have specific to the Mountain of the Rogue Trail Project.

There are several ways for you to contact us and we welcome your comments at any time during the project. Remember, since we are just starting to develop this project, now is the best time for you to provide your input into its development.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Contact Us!

If you have questions, are interested in being a part of this project, or would like to receive future mailings and project information, please let us know.

Mail or in person:

Bureau of Land Management
Attention: Trish Lindaman or Nick McDaniel
3040 Biddle Road
Medford, OR 97504

Telephone: 541-618-2266 (Trish) or
541-618-2427 (Nick)

Email: BLM_OR_MD_Mail@blm.gov

(include "Attention: Trish Lindaman" or "Attention: Nick McDaniel" in the subject line)

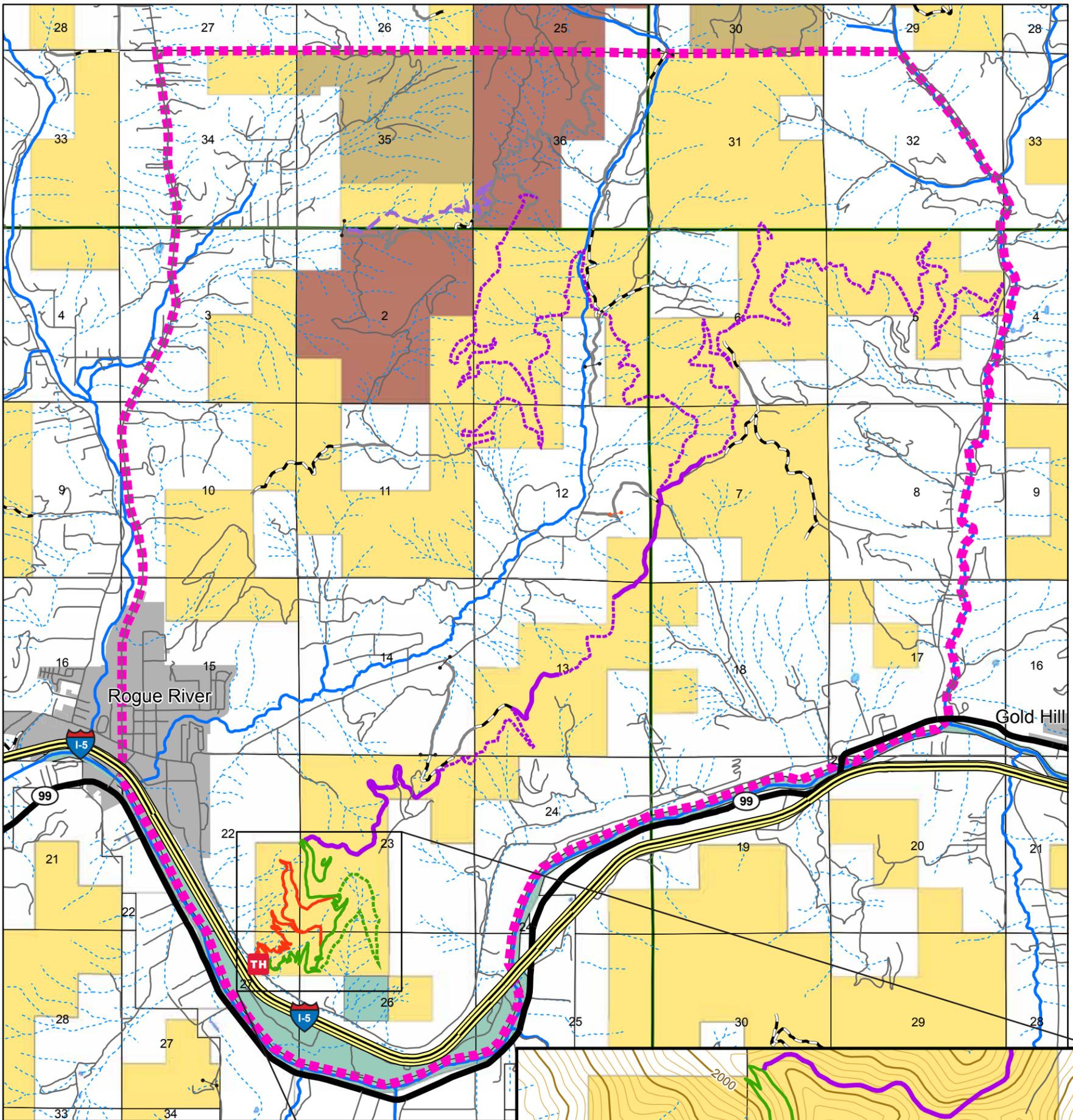
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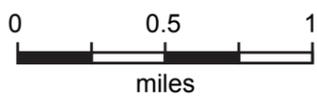
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-  Project Area
- Proposed Projects**
-  Trailhead
-  Mountain Biking and Hiking Trail
-  Downhill Flow Mountain Bike Trail
-  Future Mountain Biking and Hiking Trail
- Future Potential Trails**
-  Potential Mountain Bike Route on Existing Road
-  Potential Trail
-  Private
-  State of Oregon
-  BLM
-  Meriwether Southern Oregon
-  Plum Creek Timberlands LP
-  Urban Area
-  BLM Road
-  Private Road
-  Existing Unauthorized Trail
-  Gate
-  Perennial Stream
-  Intermittent Stream

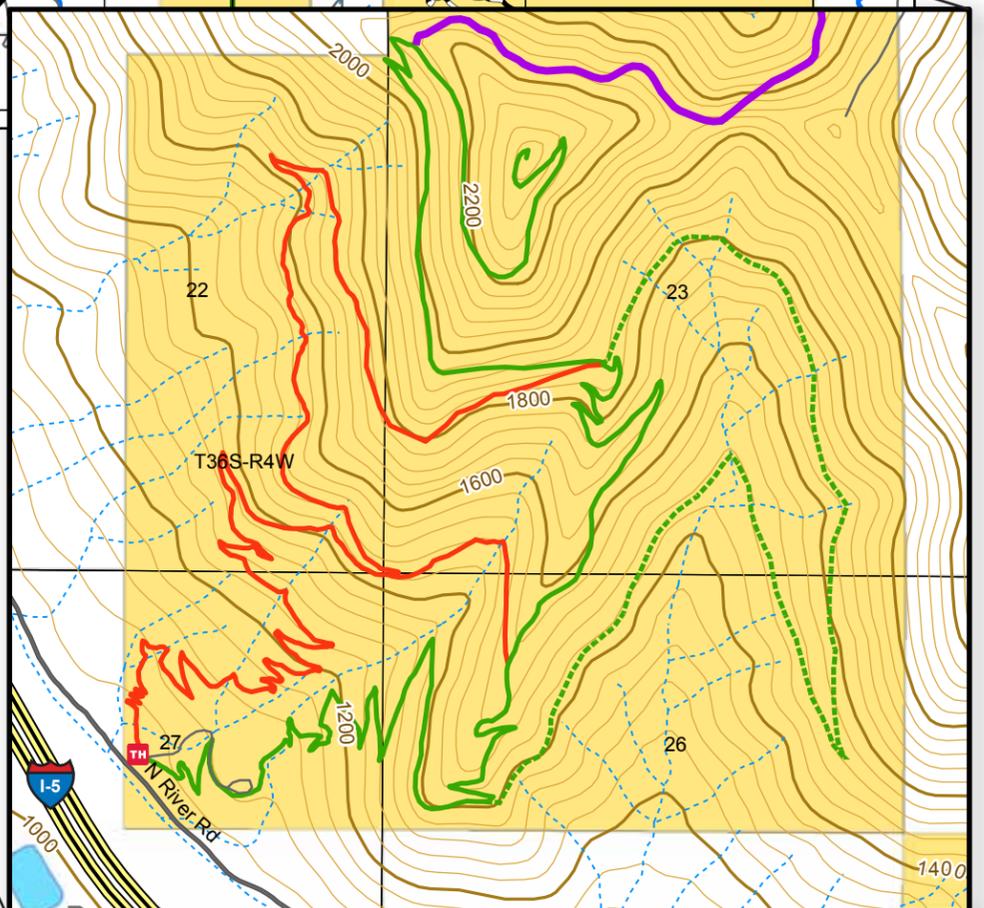


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