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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Neighbor:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of possible land management activities that may occur near your neighborhood. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) are beginning the analysis process for a Table Rocks Management Plan. The area being considered is located north of Medford in Townships 35 and 36 South, Range 2 West (see enclosed Map).

Why is a Table Rocks Management Plan Needed?

The BLM is developing a cooperative management plan with TNC that will consider a variety of habitat enhancement activities to protect sensitive resources and provide a suite of diverse recreational and environmental education uses. The BLM designated 1,280 acres on Upper and Lower Table Rocks as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern in 1984. TNC acquired its first tract of land on Lower Table Rock in 1978, followed by additional land and conservation easement acquisitions on both Upper and Lower Table Rocks. TNC's 2009 acquisition of 1,710 acres adjacent to BLM lands provides an opportunity for a cooperative management approach between the BLM and TNC. The area to be covered by the management plan is approximately 4,870 acres of land located on both Upper and Lower Table Rocks.

What is the BLM Planning?

The BLM is developing a plan to:

1. define resource conditions and visitor experiences to be achieved on the Table Rocks;
2. provide a framework for making decisions about how to best protect and manage the resources;
3. determine how to provide a diverse range of visitor experience and opportunities;
4. determine how to manage visitor use;
5. determine what kinds of facilities, if any, are needed; and
6. ensure the foundation for decision making has been developed in consultation with interested stakeholders and an adequate analysis of the benefits, impacts, and economic costs of alternative courses of action.

What Happens Next?

The BLM will prepare written documentation of the Table Rock Management Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the public to review. At this time the BLM would like to hear any comments, issues, and concerns you have that would help shape or further develop the Table Rock Management Plan.

We recognize that the public place a wide range of values on resources and resource use on public lands. Comments clearly expressing site-specific issues or concerns are the most helpful in this process. We are contacting you at this time so your concerns or ideas can be considered early in the development of the project proposal. Your initial comments will be most useful if they are received by May 27, 2011. However, comments will be accepted and reviewed up until the time a decision on the project is made.

Please send your written comments to Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Butte Falls Resource Area, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504, or e-mail to Medford_Mail@blm.gov (Attention: Trish Lindaman). If you would like to be kept informed about this project, please complete and return the attached "Interest Response Form" and you will be placed on the mailing list.

Pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1, Subpart B, Section 1.27, all written submissions in response to this notice will be made available for public inspection, including the submitter's name and address, unless the submitter specifically requests confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses submitted on official letterheads and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

This is not the only opportunity you will have to comment on this project. When the Table Rocks Management Plan and EA has been prepared and distributed, you will have an opportunity to make further comments. For more information concerning the Table Rocks Management Plan, you may contact Trish Lindaman at (541) 618-2266 or Jean Williams at (541) 618-2385.

Sincerely,



Jon K. Raby
Field Manager
Butte Falls Resource Area

Enclosures

Enclosure 1

Interest Response Form

Please include me on the mailing list for the Table Rocks Management Plan (as described in the attached letter).

Complete this form and return to:

Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Butte Falls Resource Area Planning
3040 Biddle Road
Medford, OR 97504

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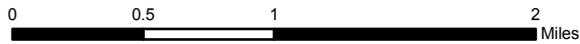
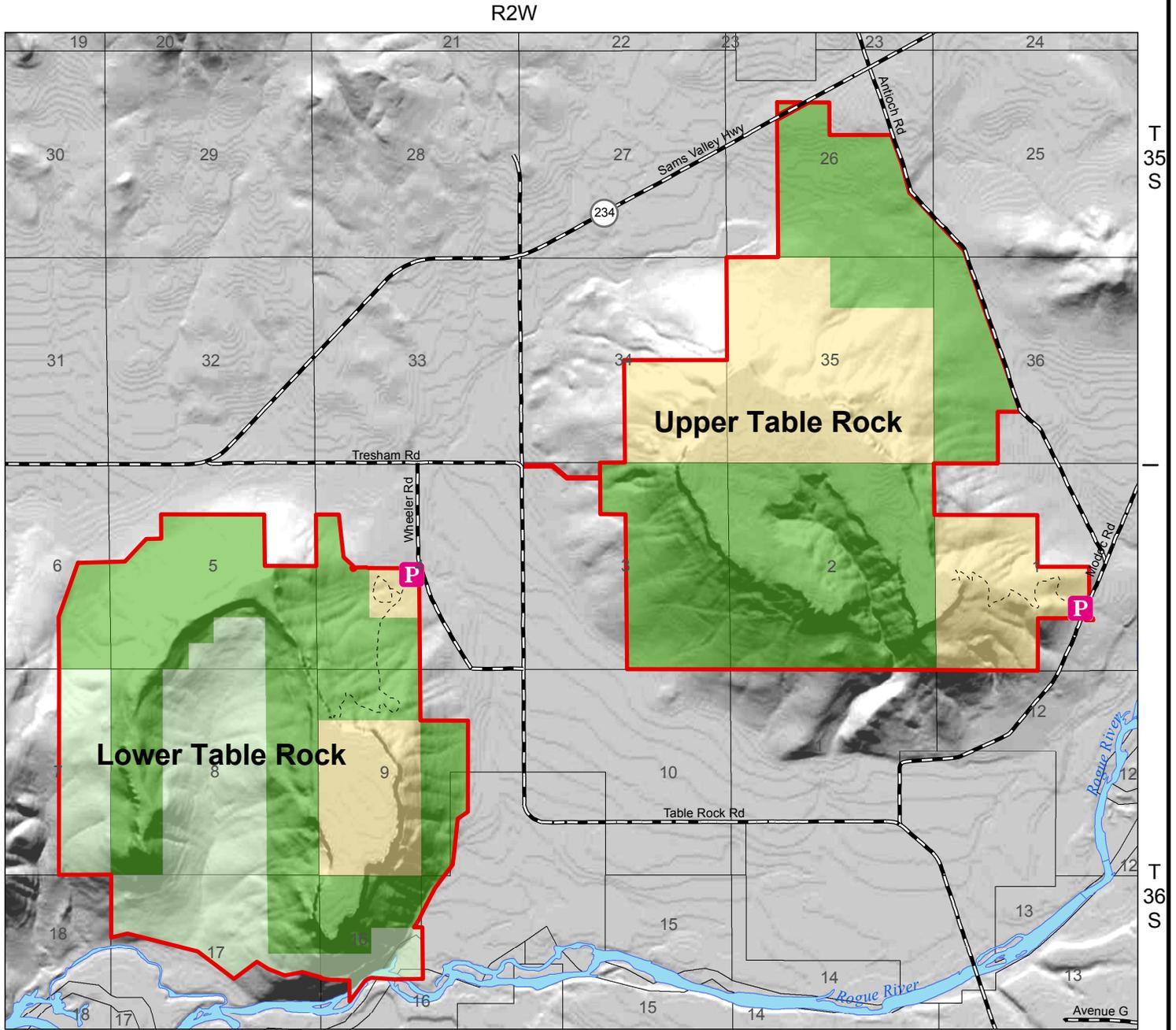
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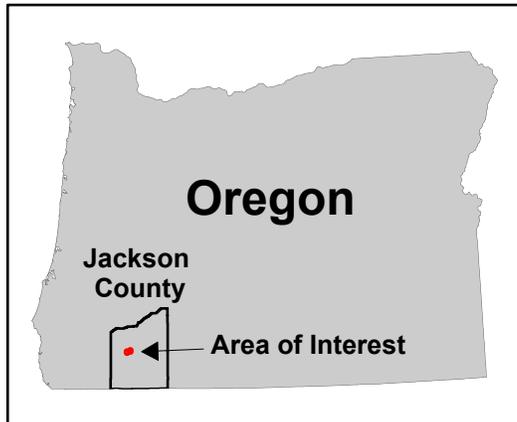
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We are trying to save paper and conserve resources. Please respond if you wish to be kept informed and receive future mailings for this project.

Table Rocks Management Plan - Project Area



- P** Trail Head Parking
- Trail
- == Road
- Project Area
- BLM-Administered
- The Nature Conservancy
- TNC - owned
- TNC - Conservation Easement



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