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Dear Interested Party:

The Kelsey Whisky Final Landscape Management Plan, Proposed Medford District Resource Management Plan Amendments and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was sent to you for review on March 10, 2003. The period of availability is opening on March 21, 2003, for 30 days. The Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment is open to protest for 30 days also. Comments on the FEIS should be sent to the Glendale Resource Area at the above address.

Enclosed is a copy of an Errata Sheet that identifies changes to the FEIS.

Comments, including names and addresses of commentors, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. This Draft EIS and your comments will be published on the Medford District website at www.or.blm.gov/Medford.

Please send your comments to the attention of Sherwood Tubman, Team Lead. She can be reached at (541) 618-2399.

Sincerely,

Lynda L. Boody
Field Manager
Glendale Resource Area

Enclosure (as stated)

ERRATA

The Kelsey Whisky Final Landscape Management Plan, Proposed Medford District Resource Management Plan Amendments and Final Environmental Impact Statement has the following corrections to note:

Page 1-7: Under "Zane Grey Area" the fourth paragraph should read:

> In Title II of FLPMA (section 201), the BLM has the mandate to propose and maintain inventories of public land resources (including wilderness). This does not, however, require BLM to automatically reinventory all roadless areas that had not been previously designated as a Wilderness Study Area (WSA). In section 202 of FLPMA, the BLM is given discretion and authority to conduct new wilderness studies and determine whether or not WSA status is warranted. The possibility of conducting new inventories on previously inventoried lands was raised during scoping and was discussed during the development of the EIS. Based on the Bureau's current national guidance for wilderness inventory and study procedures [Information Bulletin No. 2001-043, dated January 10, 2001] and the absence of any persuasive new information, we found no compelling reason to re-inventory the area for wilderness values. [See page xiv of the FEIS for further information].

Page 4-9 in Table 4-1: The first three lines of information under "Non-Commercial Fuels Treatments" are duplicated. The correct reading of this table should include the first three lines, beginning with Pile Burning and ending with "sub-total."

Page A-7: Under Late Successional Reserve, the definition of "Matrix" is misplaced. It should appear as a separate definition after the definition for "Long Term."