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## Prineville BLM Grazing Renewal Environmental Assessment

*Prineville, Ore.* -- The Prineville Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is currently developing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze requests to renew grazing permits and leases on 39 allotments throughout central Oregon.

The EA will consider existing allotments, changing season of use, constructing new or maintaining existing infrastructure such as fences, cattle guards and water sources, as well as adjusting the number of livestock allowed in an allotment.

The BLM is now in the scoping phase of the environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act. This means that any comments received by the public or interested parties will be used to identify issues and develop alternatives. Although there will be additional opportunities to comment during this process, BLM is requesting input now so that it can be considered early in our planning process.

Comments must be received no later than **March 1, 2013** and can be sent by U.S. Mail, electronically, or faxed to the Prineville BLM District Office. Comments will be most useful if they provide information about the proposed actions discussed above, propose alternative actions, or identify issues or concerns. Please send electronic comments to [BLM\\_OR\\_PR\\_Grazing\\_Renewal@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_OR_PR_Grazing_Renewal@blm.gov) with "Grazing Renewal" in the subject line. More information and a map of the identified grazing allotments will be available on the Prineville BLM Planning webpage at:

[www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/plans/index.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/plans/index.php)

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, the public should be aware that their entire comment – including personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. Individuals can ask the BLM to withhold your personal identifying information from public review; we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**About the BLM:** The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land – the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, recreational and other activities on BLM-managed land contributed more than \$130 billion to the U.S. economy and supported more than 600,000 American jobs. The Bureau is also one of a handful of agencies that collects more revenue than it spends. In FY 2012, nearly \$5.7 billion will be generated on lands managed by the BLM, which operates on a \$1.1 billion budget. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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