

Coming Soon Final EIS and Proposed Management Plan

Coming to YOUR mailbox in October

The Upper Deschutes Final Environmental Impact Statement and Proposed Resource Management Plan is expected to be in the mail this October. The package will include the following: an Executive Summary; the Final Environmental Impact Statement; Appendices, including the Summary of Public Comments; and the Proposed Resource Management Plan.

If you received this newsletter and DON'T return the enclosed card, you will receive only the Executive Summary. If you would prefer to receive a full hardcopy or CD of these documents, you must return the checklist (on the back of this page) by August 9, 2004. You can request a CD, the entire package of hardcopy documents (about 1,000 pages), or neither. The entire package, including the maps, will also be available for public review at local libraries and on the project web site (see address below).

Review of public comments

By the end of the January 15, 2004 comment deadline, the BLM had received over 1,300 comment letters from cooperating tribes and governments, private organizations, and individuals. These comments served as the basis for the changes made to the Draft EIS. Issue Team meetings were held in March, April and May to consider modifying the Draft Preferred Alternative in response to public concerns and suggestions.

Changes to Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Some comments did not result in changes to the Draft Preferred Alternative, either because the comment did not provide enough detail for a response, or because the response required only clarification. Changes to the Preferred Alternative as a result of comments include revising seasonal restrictions to motorized use in La Pine and North Millican areas; greater



flexibility for OHV use in other areas; additional focus on social and economic factors when considering restoration of "historic" conditions near urban areas; increased flexibility for solving conflicts between livestock grazing and other uses; increased emphasis on future opportunities for separation of different types of non-motorized trail uses; and, based on Redmond's revised estimate of current need, reduced the amount of land identified as community expansion for the city's urban reserve. We will also include more analysis of effects on wildlife, recreation, and local economies.

Next Steps

The FEIS and Proposed Management Plan will be available for a 30-day final review and protest period. More information about that will be included with the documents.

Questions and Contacts

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us by mail, phone or e-mail:

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Mail the checklist below by **August 9** to: UDRMP – Attn: Teal Purrington
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