

## Plan Maintenance

Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan  
Prineville District Bureau of Land Management, Prineville Oregon

### Program

Visual Resources, pages 98-102 and Map 10.

### Change

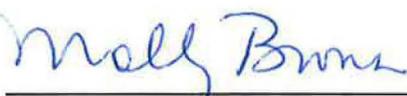
Add a map showing visual resource management (VRM) class for the area upstream from Opal Springs (about five air miles southwest of Culver, Oregon). This map supersedes that portion of Upper Deschutes RMP Map 10.

### Reason

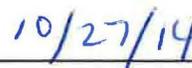
The VRM class allocations in the Upper Deschutes RMP (shown on Map 10) were developed through an inventory process, which includes identification of viewpoints, distance zones, existing landscape quality, and viewer sensitivity levels. As identified in BLM Handbook H-8410-1, the inventory process provides the BLM manager with a means for determining visual values and provides the basis for considering these in the RMP process. This inventory work was done for the portion of the Crooked River canyon adjacent to Crooked River Ranch and upstream of the Wild and Scenic River (WSR) Boundary. No inventory was done for the parcel adjacent to and downstream of the WSR boundary, around Opal Springs. This parcel includes a dam, roadway, and structures associated with an energy withdrawal. Currently there are no inventory derived VRM classes for this area in the RMP. The new map provides VRM classes that account for the existing developments on the parcel.

### Concurrence

I have consulted with my staff regarding the plan maintenance described above, and concur that the action is administrative. The maintenance refines or documents a previously approved decision incorporated in the existing RMP. It does not result in expansion in the scope of resource uses or restrictions, and it does not change the terms, conditions, and decisions of the existing RMP. The maintenance action is part of the official direction of the RMP.

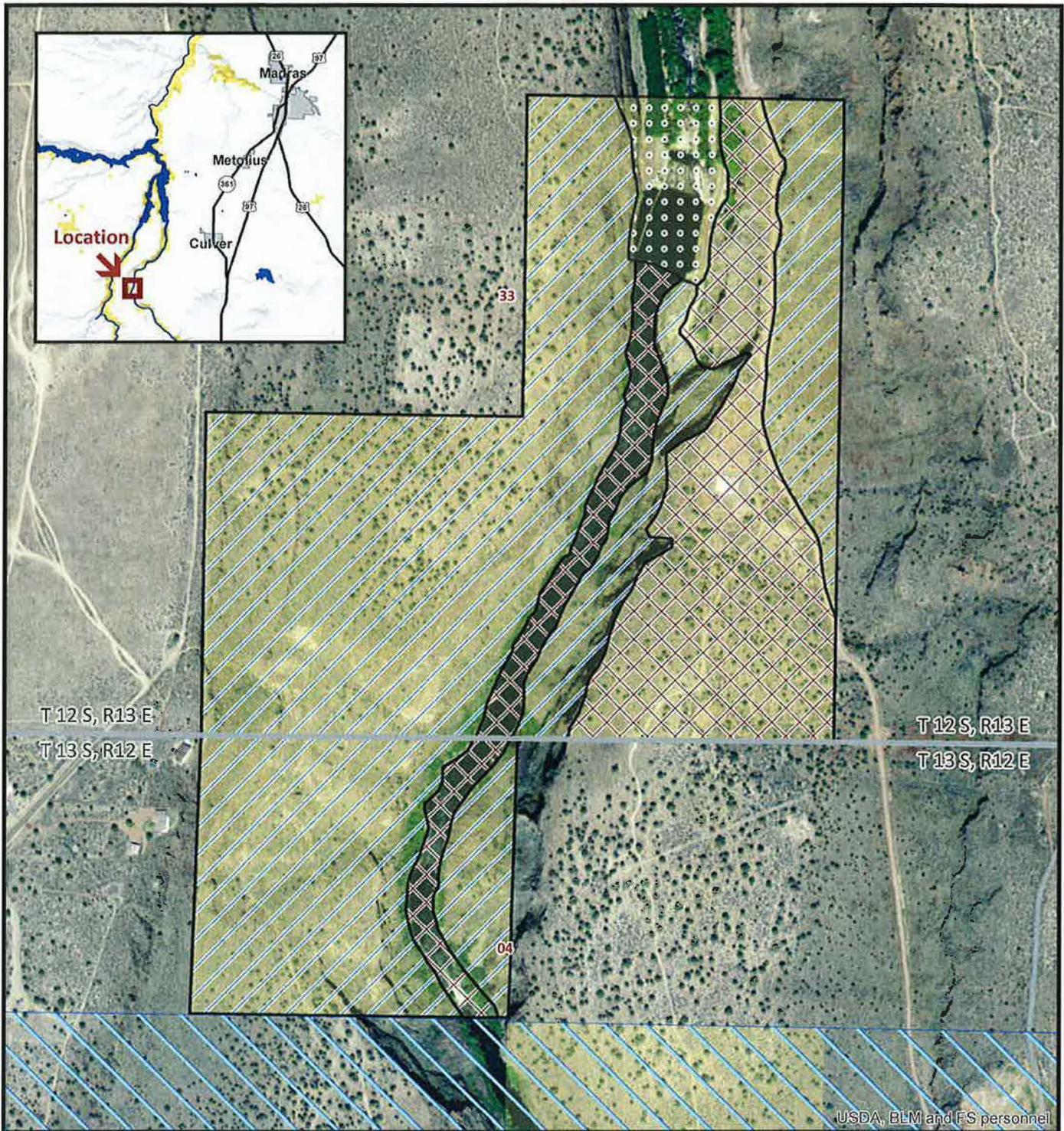


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Date

Attachment: Addendum to Upper Deschutes RMP Map 10, VRM Class for Opal Springs



USDA, BLM and FS personnel

**Addendum to Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan Map 10: Opal Springs VRM**

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**Visual Resource Management Class**

-  VRM 2 - Largely retain the existing character of the landscape
-  VRM 3 - Partially retain the existing character of the landscape
-  VRM 4 - Modification of the character of the landscape is allowed
-  Wild & Scenic River Corridor
-  Bureau of Land Management

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