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Prineville, Oregon 97754

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Interested Public:

The Prineville District Office Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is currently in the process of completing an Environmental Assessment for the grazing lease renewal on the Home Ranch and Whiskey Still Allotments located southwest of Redmond, OR (see enclosed map). The purpose of the Environmental Assessment is to renew the grazing lease and analyze actions that would make progress towards meeting the Standards and Guidelines for Healthy Rangelands and gain conformance with the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan (2005). Actions being considered in the Environmental Assessment include implementing a grazing management system to provide for critical growing season rest, fencing out the Tumalo Canal ACEC to exclude livestock, and reducing AUMs in the Whiskey Still Allotment due to changes in available acres within the allotment. In addition, a No Action Alternative would be considered which would consist of re-issuing the current permit and a No Grazing Alternative which would eliminate livestock grazing from these two allotments. We are asking the livestock permittee and the interested public to provide information, concerns and alternatives for the management of these allotments that BLM could consider in the Environmental Assessment.

All comments and information are welcome as we complete the permit renewal process for the Home Ranch and Whiskey Still Allotments. Comments will be most useful if received by June 7, 2012.

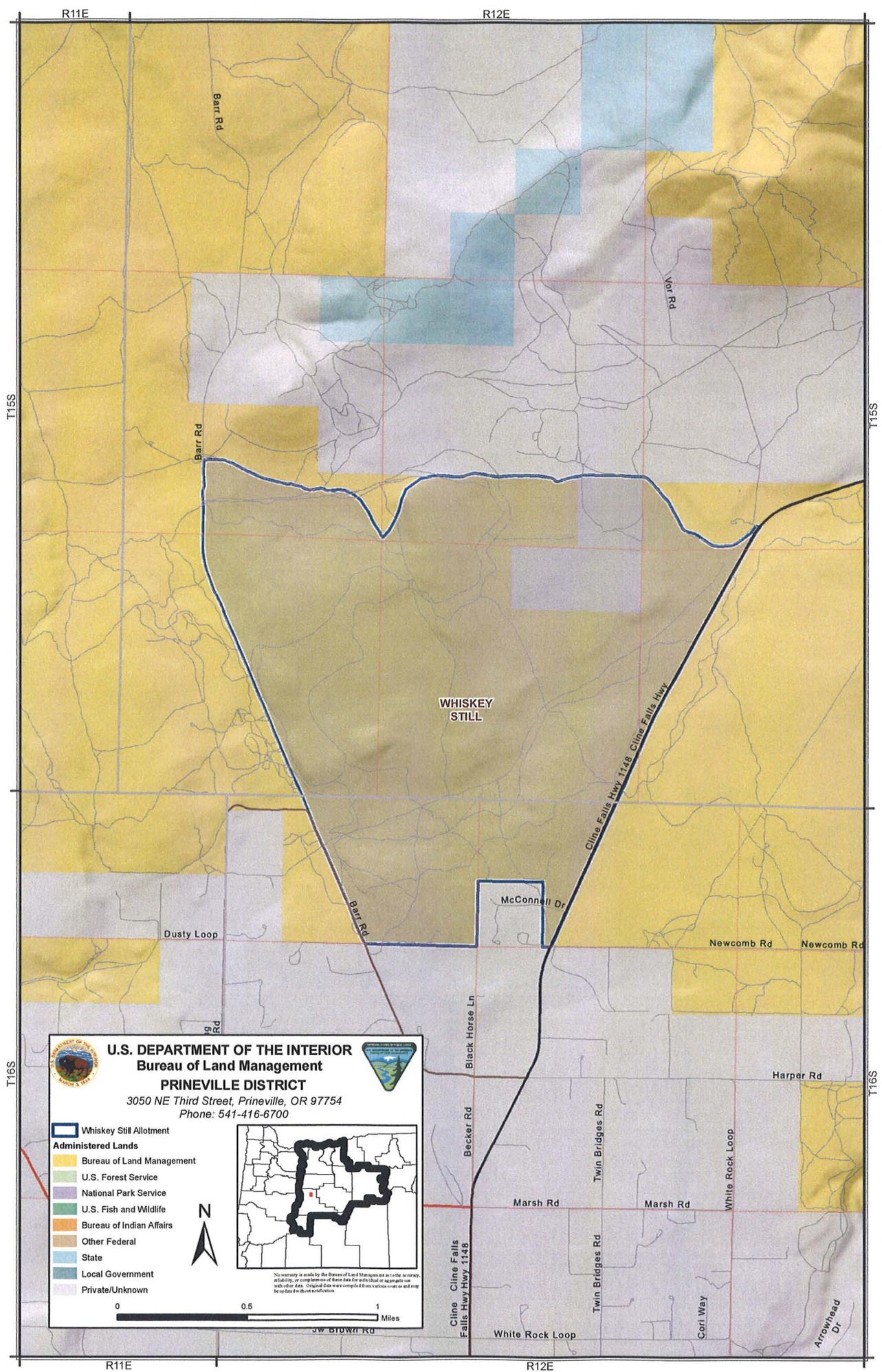
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If you have any questions, please feel free to call Molly Galbraith, Rangeland Management Specialist at (541) 416-6714.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



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Whiskey Still Allotment

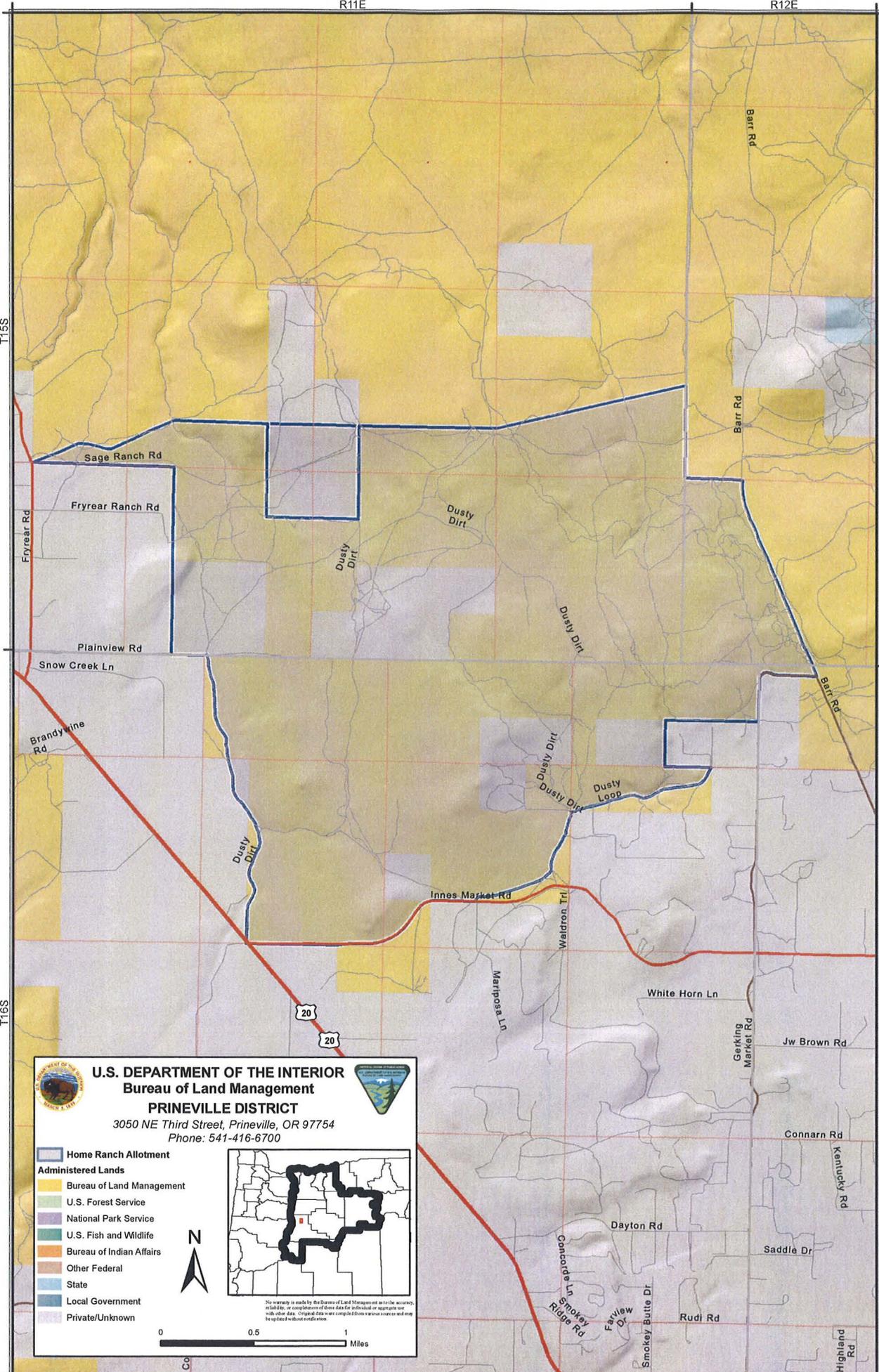
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