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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Interested Public:

The BLM Prineville District is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the impacts of re-issuing a grazing permit and closing roads on the Cliff Allotment, in La Pine, Oregon. The Cliff allotment is located between Hwy 97 and Riverview road, approximately four miles north of La Pine, Oregon (See enclosed map).

This letter is to inform interested and affected parties of the BLM's proposal and to solicit comments to assist with the environmental review of the proposal. Public comments will be used to identify potential environmental issues related to the proposed action and to identify alternatives to the proposed action that also achieve the objective of the project.

Re-issuing a grazing permit would require fencing, water improvements and a grazing system. The water improvement(s) would consist of temporary troughs being placed in each pasture to provide livestock water. Up to 12 miles of fence would be either built new or reconstructed. The proposed grazing system would be fall each year, with a rotation between pastures for the turn out date. There are 88 AUMs (animal unit months) allocated to this allotment which means 88 cows could graze the allotment for one month. The BLM may decide to allow fewer cows for a longer period of time. The grazing begin and end date would be designed to address resource concerns. Up to 16 miles of roads within the allotment would be closed to motorized use.

Comments concerning this project can be sent by U.S. Mail, electronically, or fax to the BLM Prineville District Office at the addresses noted below. Comments should be addressed: ATTN: Cliff Allotment EA, and must be received no later than June 11, 2012. Comments will be most useful if they provide additional information about the proposed actions discussed above, propose alternative actions, or identify new issues or concerns pertaining to this project.

Please send electronic comments to [BLM\\_OR\\_PR\\_MAIL@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_OR_PR_MAIL@blm.gov) with "Cliff Allotment EA" in the subject line or by U.S. Mail to the address on the front of this letter or by fax to BLM at: (541) 416-6798, ATTN: Cliff Allotment EA.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment –including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

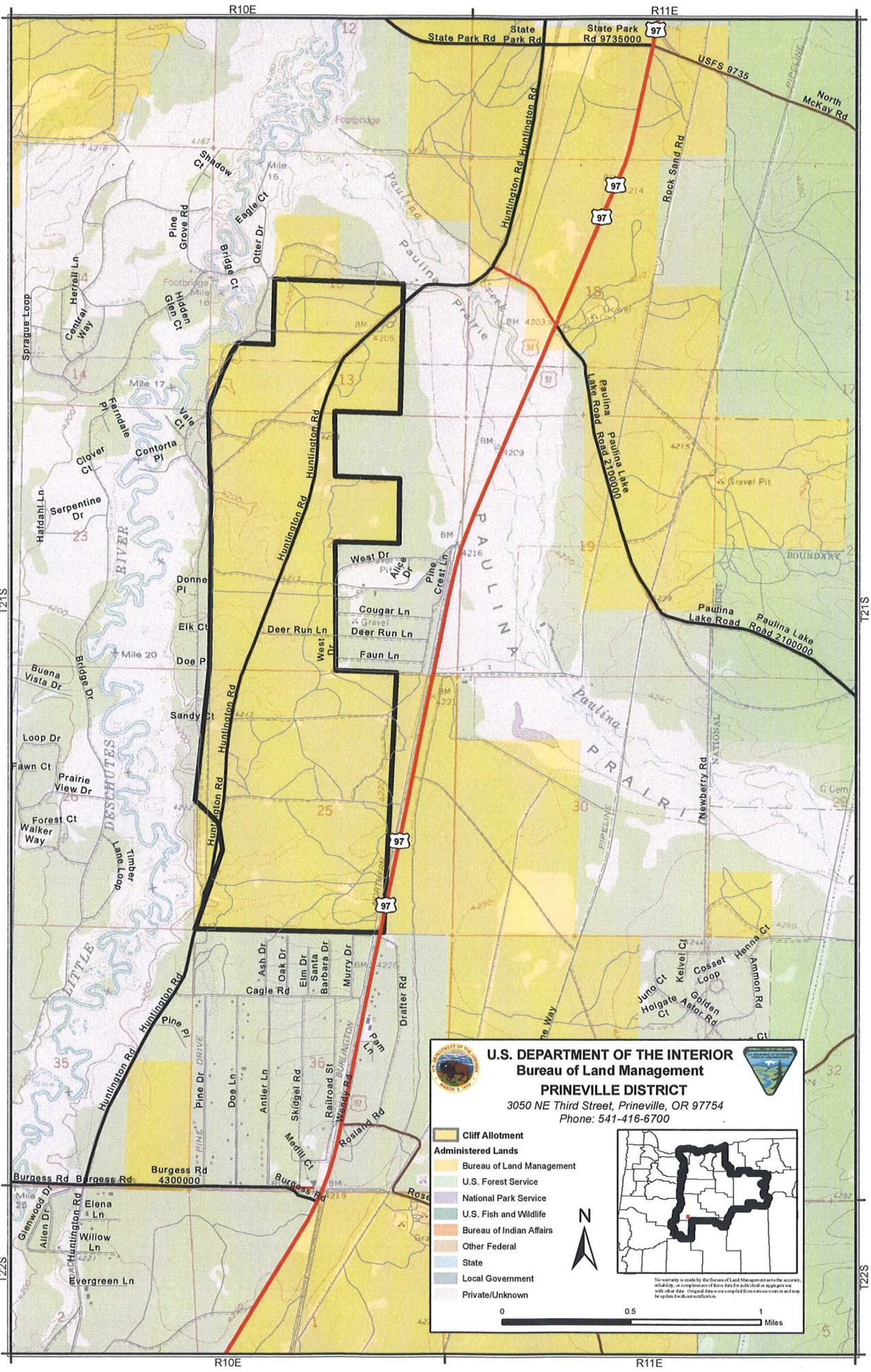
The next step is for the BLM to review comments from the public and incorporate them with the issues that the BLM's internal interdisciplinary team identifies. The BLM will then prepare an EA to describe the issues and analyze options to address those issues. Finally, there will be a public comment period on the EA, after which the BLM will issue a Decision Record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Molly M. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Enclosure



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- Cliff Allotment
- Administered Lands**
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- National Park Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Other Federal
- State
- Local Government
- Private/Unknown

**Scale:** 0 0.5 1 Miles

**North Arrow:** N

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