

Prineville BLM Project Update

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This Project Update is published to provide current information about ongoing and future projects planned by the Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management. It is our intent to increase the public's awareness of BLM activities and to seek ideas and comments from those who may be affected by our resource management programs. Your ideas, comments, and participation help us make informed decisions and implement better projects. Please send written comments, including the specific project name, during that project's public review period to: Prineville BLM, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, OR 97754. Public review dates listed below are approximate; please see the latest information under "Documents currently under review" on the Prineville District's web page at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/plans/index.php>

Our practice is to make comments, including the names and addresses of respondents, available for public review. Unless you specifically request us to withhold your name and address, it will be made available to the public on request.

The review of the environmental effects of a proposed management action can occur in one of four ways: categorical exclusion (CX), determination of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) adequacy (DNA), environmental assessment (EA), or environmental impact statement (EIS). The list below includes only EA and EIS. See the Prineville District's web page for CX (covering actions that are excluded from NEPA analysis) and DNA (actions that are already covered in existing analysis). The decision follows public review by 30 days or more; implementation begins immediately after decision, unless there is an appeal period (varies by program).

Thank you for your interest in public land management.

Energy/Minerals

Glass Buttes Geothermal Exploration EA

Location: 50 air miles NW Burns, OR

Description: Respond to a proposal to drill 14 exploratory well (3 on Prineville and 11 on Burns) looking for geothermal.

Public review: 5/15/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Matthew Shaffer 541/416-6743

Fuels/Fire

Tumalo Ponderosa Pine / Juniper Thinning Project EA

Location: 3 miles SW of Tumalo, OR

Description: Thinning and prescribed fire on three BLM parcels for a total treatment of 900 acres.

Public review: 3/22/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Steve Castillo 541/416-6765

Hydrology

Stearns Dam Removal EA

Location: 8 mi S Prineville

Description: Remove dam.

Public review: 7/1/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Jimmy Eisner 541/416-6753

Lands/Realty

Cottonwood Canyon State Park EA

Location: 22 Air Miles NW of Condon, OR

Description: Respond to Oregon Parks & Recreation Department's application to lease 10,000 acres of BLM public land. Consider changes to boating use capacity on segment 1 of John Day Wild & Scenic River.

Public review: 2/1/2014

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Anna Smith 541/416-6747

Glass Buttes Communication Site and VRM Plan Amendment EA

Location: 50 Air Miles NW of Burns, OR

Description: Amend Brothers/LaPine VRM and authorize the construction of two communication sites.

Public review: 7/1/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Michael Kroll 541/416-6852

LaPine Land Conveyances Act EA

Location: Within and adjacent to LaPine, OR

Description: Legislated land conveyances on 3 Parcels, 900 acres total.

Public review: 4/30/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Phil Paterno 541/416-6734

Spring Basin Land Exchanges EA

Location: 10 air miles SW Fossil

Description: Legislated land exchange +/- 5,000 acres BLM public, +/- 5,000 private

Public review: 6/1/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Phil Paterno 541/416-6734

Multiple

John Day Basin Resource Management Plan EIS

Location: E side of Prineville District

Description: Complete land use plan for 450,000 acres of public land

Public review: 6/15/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Monte Kuk 541/416-6712

Range

Barlow Cave & Maston Allotment Fence Construction EA

Location: 5 air miles SW Redmond, OR -Maston Allotment; 8 air miles SE Bend, OR -

Description: Barlow Cave Allotment
allotment boundary fence for Barlow Cave Allotment.

Public review: 9/30/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Emily Lent 541/416-6789

Catherine Maurer Allotment rangeland health plan EA

Location: 2 mi N of Clarno

Description: Treat weeds on 10,000 acres and build 1.5 miles of riparian fence.

Public review: 9/30/2014

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Craig Obermiller 541/416-6761

Change of Grazing Season for Mascall Cant Allot #2642 EA

Location: 14 Miles S. of Kimberly

Description: Change permitted use.

Public review: 3/1/2014

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700

Cliff Allotment Fence & Grazing Management EA

Location: 4 air miles N La Pine, OR

Description: Build new fence, maintain old fence & implement grazing system.

Public review: 10/1/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Cari Taylor 541/416-6790

District Wide Grazing Permit Renewal EA

Location: District wide

Description: Responding to application for grazing permit renewal.

Public review: 8/30/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Matthew Shaffer 541/416-6743

Grazing Permit Renewal- Long Prairie EA

Location: LaPine, OR

Description: Implement grazing system, renew 10-year permit, etc.

Public review: 5/15/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Molly Galbraith 541/416-6714

Humphrey Grazing Permit Renewal EA

Location: 12 miles NE Paulina, OR

Description: Renew Humphrey Grazing permit for 10 years.

Public review: 5/1/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Cari Taylor 541/416-6790

Murderer's Creek horse management area gather EA

Location: 10 mi S of Dayville

Description: Remove about 100 head of wild horses from the Murderer's Creek herd management area.

Public review: 6/15/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700

Pointer Allotment #4056 Spring EA

Location: 1.5 miles SE of John Day

Description: Develop spring.

Public review: 9/30/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700

Season of Use and Allotment Boundary Change EA

Location: 5 miles S. of Kimberly

Description: Change grazing season and allotment boundaries: Johnson Crk Allot#2662 & Two County Allot#4145.

Public review: 9/15/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700

Recreation

Macks Canyon Boat Ramp Upgrades EA

Location: 18 miles NE of Maupin, OR

Description: Remove sediment from and realign boat ramp; rehabilitate riparian zone; Improve parking area; project area less than one acre.

Public review: 2/15/2014

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Heidi Mottl 541/416-6718

Oregon Badlands Wilderness Management Plan EA

Location: 15 mi SE of Bend

Description: Develop a long term management plan for the Oregon Badlands Wilderness.

Public review: 5/1/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Berry Phelps 541/416-6723

Safety

District Road Maintenance EA

Location: All areas of the Prineville District

Description: Road and facility maintenance District wide.

Public review: 5/15/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Dana Cork 541/416-6797

Vegetation

District vegetative treatments using herbicides EA

Location: Prineville District
Description: Expand number of herbicides available for treating invasive plants. Consider additional methods for treating vegetation.
Public review: 10/1/2013
Decision/implementation:
For further information, please contact Sarah Canham 541/416-6785

Hancock Complex, Razorback and Brown Road Post-Fire Herbicide EA

Location: 1-5 miles of Clarno & Maupin
Description: Apply Plateau (herbicide) to 10,500 acres burned by the Brown Rd, Razorback and Hancock complex fires.
Public review: 12/1/2012
Decision/implementation: 1/10/2013
For further information, please contact Kristy Swartz 541/416-6770

South Fork Crooked River Fence Reroute EA

Location: 60 air miles E. Bend, OR
Description: Reroute pasture boundary between Sulphur Butte and South Fork Canyon Pastures of the Camp Creek Community Allotment. Construct 1/2 mile new fence and remove 1/2 mile existing fence.
Public review: 3/1/2013
Decision/implementation:
For further information, please contact Anna Smith 541/416-6747

Wildlife/Fish

Cemetery Spring EA

Location: T. 12. S., R. 26 E., Sec. 34, SW1/4SE1/4
Description: Develop a spring in the Cemetery Pasture Sheep Gulch Allot #4068.
Public review: 3/1/2014
Decision/implementation:
For further information, please contact Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700

Cougar Mountain Burned Area Rehab EA

Location: 20 mi S of Dayville
Description: Seed and apply herbicides to 853 acres burned by wildfire in September 2010.
Public review: 8/15/2013
Decision/implementation:
For further information, please contact Kristy Swartz 541/416-6770

Franks Creek Fence & Cattleguard Project EA

Location: 1.5 air miles N Dayville, OR
Description: Build 2.5 miles of boundary fence.
Public review: 9/30/2013
Decision/implementation:
For further information, please contact Jimmy Eisner 541/416-6753

Priest Hole Site Plan EA

Location: 12 air miles NW Mitchell, OR

Description: Install up to 20 campsites, build 1.5 mi trail, close 1/2 mile road, convert 50 acres agricultural field to native riparian, convert 40 acres agric field to wildlife food/cover, & maintain boat ramp.

Public review: 4/15/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Teal Purrington 541/416-6772

Sage-Grouse Playa Management EA

Location: 1/2 mile S SW of Hampton, OR

Description: Project area is 139,010 acres. Fill in dugouts, add bentonite to dugouts, re-contour dugouts, fence playas, cut juniper, mow sagebrush, develop new wells & pipelines.

Public review: 6/1/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Teal Purrington 541/416-6772

Seasonal Wildlife Closures EA

Location: 2 miles N and 15 miles SW of Prineville, OR

Description: Seasonal closure to protect eagle nest sites.

Public review: 8/15/2013

Decision/implementation:

For further information, please contact Cassandra Hummel 541/416-6713