

Prineville BLM Project Update

July 2014

This Project Update provides 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 call the project contacts listed below if you have questions, and send written comments during the project's public review period to: Prineville BLM, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, OR 97754. Public review dates listed below are approximate; please call the project contact or 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, they will be made available to the public on request.

The review of the environmental effects of proposed federal actions and potential alternatives to those actions is required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). We document those actions and effects in an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). Proposed actions already covered by an existing EA or EIS are documented in a determination of NEPA adequacy (DNA). Some minor or routine proposed actions are categorically excluded from NEPA analysis, and are documented in a CX. The list below includes only EA and EIS; see the Prineville District's web page for CXs and DNAs.

After the public comment period on an EA or EIS (generally 30-45 days), the BLM prepares a decision. Implementation can begin after the decision and any required appeal period.

Thank you for your interest in public land management.

Lands/Realty

- Cottonwood Canyon State Park EA

Location: 22 air miles NW of Condon, OR

Description: Issue lease to Oregon Parks & Recreation Department to manage 10,000 acres of BLM public land in conjunction with their State Park. Consider changes to boating use capacity on segment 1 of John Day Wild & Scenic River.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 8/1/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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

Description: Amend Brothers/LaPine Resource Management Plan visual resource management categorization on less than 100 acres, and authorize the construction of two communication sites on Glass Buttes.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 11/1/2015

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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

- Spring Basin Land Exchanges EA

Location: 10 air miles SW Fossil

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

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 8/1/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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

Minerals/energy

- Bravo Bentonite Mine EA

Location: 43 air miles NE of Madras, OR

Description: Allow removal of 345,000 tons/year of bentonite from an area near Clarno.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 8/29/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

For further information, please contact Carol Van Dorn 541/416-6727

- Wheeler County Material Quarries EA

Location: 13 air miles NW of Mitchell, OR

Description: Authorize mineral material quarries on up to 41 acres in Wheeler County in Burnt Ranch/Priest Hole area.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 8/30/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

For further information, please contact Carol Van Dorn 541/416-6727

Other

- 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

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 3/1/2012

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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

Range/wild horses

- 2015 multiple grazing permit renewal EA

Location: Throughout District

Description: Renew grazing permits on 16 allotments.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 9/1/2015

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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

- 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.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 9/30/2015

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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

- District Wide Grazing Permit Renewal EA

Location: District wide

Description: Responding to application for grazing permit renewal.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 8/14/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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

- Herb Asher Allotment Pipeline & Trough EA

Location: 13 Air Miles S/SW of Kimberly, OR

Description: Construct .25 mile pipeline and installing one trough.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 10/1/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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

- 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.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 9/28/2012

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 9/30/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 9/15/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 2/15/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done): 4/25/2014

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

- Segment 3 limited entry adjustment EA

Location: 9 mi N of Maupin

Description: Adjust river segment boundary and/or number of boater passes available on Segment 3 of the Deschutes River.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 9/1/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

For further information, please contact Jim Beaupre 541/416-6776

Riparian/aquatic/fish

- Mallory Creek Road Re-Route EA

Location: 9 air miles NW of Ritter, OR

Description: Remove road from Mallory Creek and move it to a more suitable location.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 9/30/2015

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

For further information, please contact Mike McKay 541/416/6774

Transportation/travel/access

- District Road Maintenance EA

Location: All of Prineville District

Description: Road and facility maintenance District wide.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 8/15/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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

Vegetation/botany

- 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.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 8/1/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

For further information, please contact Sarah Canham 541/416-6785

Wildlife

- Sage-Grouse Playa Management EA

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

Description: Project area is 139,010 acres. Fill in dugouts in playas, fence playas, thin juniper, mow silver sagebrush on playas, develop new wells and pipelines, renew grazing permits.

When was EA/EIS available for public review (or expected date for review): 10/15/2013

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

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