

Prineville BLM Project Update

July 2015

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.

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 this review 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.

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.

We appreciate your interest in public land management.

Fuels/Forestry

- Damon Rx - Malhuer NF DNA

Location: 10 air miles NW Culver, OR

Description: 160 Acres thinning and RX burning - Small BLM parcel to include in larger Malhuer NF project

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Sheldon Rhoden 541/416-6780

- Juniper treatment CX

Location: 1 to 4 mi W of Mitchell

Description: Use a chainsaw to lop and scatter small juniper (less than 8 inch diameter at breast height) on 332 acres near Gable, Mud and Nelson Creeks.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Guy Chamness 541/416-6719

- Lake Chinook FD fuels treatment CX

Location: 10 mi NW of Culver

Description: Thin five acres of juniper around new fire station.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Sheldon Rhoden 541/416-6780

Lands/Realty

- Bonneville Power Association powerline right of way CX

Location: 2.4 mi N of Maupin

Description: Authorize existing powerline which spans BLM administered land. There are no poles or structures on BLM.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Michael Kroll 541/416-6852

- CEC Hampton substation amendment 1 CX

Location: Hampton

Description: Amend right-of-way to add 385' of buried fiber optic line for Central Electric Coop power reliability.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Pam Hart 541/416-6783

- CEC right-of-ways, Redmond area CX

Location: Near Redmond

Description: Combine and renew 23 existing powerline rights-of-way for Central Electric Cooperative.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Pam Hart 541/416-6783

- CEC ROW combine & renew, Hampton area CX

Location: NW and E of Hampton

Description: Combine and renew 13 existing powerline rights-of-way for Central Electric Cooperative.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Pam Hart 541/416-6783

- Cheeky Monky Films Inc. - Pacific Film permit CX

Location: 45 S of The Dalles

Description: Allow filming on BLM lands.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done): 5/21/2015

Project contact: Pam Hart 541/416-6783

- Columbia Power new powerline right of way EA

Location: 2 mi N of Mitchell

Description: Issue a right of way 1,030 feet long by 30 feet wide and allow CP to construct a powerline in it.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Pam Hart 541/416-6783

- COSSA shooting range R&PP lease DNA

Location: 10 air miles SE of Bend, OR

Description: Renew lease for 485 acre shooting range.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Pam Hart 541/416-6783

- Glass Buttes communication site and VRM plan amendment EA

Location: 50 air miles NW of Burns

Description: Amend Brothers/La Pine 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/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Michael Kroll 541/416-6852

- McGrath land sale EA

Location: 20 air miles SE of Prineville, OR

Description: Amend land use plan for 80 acres and allow direct sale of 80 acres of public land.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Susie Manezes 541/416-6725

- Midstate Electric new powerline right of way EA

Location: 4 mi N of La Pine

Description: Issue right of way to allow Midstate Electric to construct new poweline 2,025 feet long by 50 feet wide.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Pam Hart 541/416-6783

- ODOT's new right of way for existing road and shoulder repair EA

Location: Just S of La Pine

Description: Issue new ROW to allow ODOT to repair shoulder on .8 mi of existing road.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Pam Hart 541/416-6783

- Rockhouse motion film permit for Leupold Optics CX

Location: 7 mi NE of Sisters

Description: Allow filming for 30 second commercial.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Susie Manezes 541/416-6725

- Spring Basin land exchanges EA

Location: 10 air miles SW of Fossil

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

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Susie Manezes 541/416-6725

- Travel Oregon -- 7 bikes 7 wonders CX

Location: 23 mi N of Mitchell

Description: Allow filming at Painted Hills Nat'l Monument and Gurdy Creek Rd, Twieckenham Rd, Rowe Creek Rd, Hwy 19 and Hwy 207. Filming will feature a bicycle maker and bicyclists riding the route and looking for the hidden bicycle.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Pam Hart 541/416-6783

Minerals/energy

- Bravo Bentonite mine EA

Location: 43 air miles NE of Madras, OR

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

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Carol Van Dorn 541/416-6727

- Newberry geothermal leasing EA

Location: 15 mi E of La Pine

Description: Lease 6,174 acres for competitive geothermal energy. BLM is adopting USFS EA and it will then issue a BLM Decision.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Teal Purrington 541/416-6772

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/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet): 5/1/2012

Decision/implementation (blank if not done): 4/28/2015

Project contact: Teal Purrington 541/416-6772

Range/wild horses

- 2015 multiple grazing permit renewal EA

Location: Throughout District

Description: Renew grazing permits on 13 allotments.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Matthew Shaffer 541/416-6743

- District wide grazing permit renewal EA

Location: District wide

Description: Renew 29 grazing permits.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet): 2/27/2015

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Michelle McSwain 541/416-6877

- Herb Asher Allotment pipeline & trough EA

Location: 13 air miles S/SW of Kimberly, OR

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

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700

Recreation

- Cottonwood Canyon State Park EA

Location: 22 air miles NW of Condon, OR

Description: Allow 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/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Anna Smith 541/416-6747

- Rock Springs and Fly Spur Special Recreation Permit renewal CX

Location: 5-7 miles NW of Bend

Description: Renew SRP for hiking, equestrian and mountain biking on 23 miles of pre-existing roads and trails.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Amy Bannon 541/416-6767

- 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/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Heidi Mottl 541/416-6718

Riparian/aquatic/fish

- Mallory Creek road re-route EA

Location: 9 air miles NW of Ritter, OR

Description: Remove road from Mallory Creek and construct new route in a more suitable location.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Mike McKay 541/416/6774

- Whychus Canyon restoration CX

Location: 9 air miles NE of Sisters, OR

Description: Restore 6 miles of Whychus Creek with floodplain graveling, side channel reconnection, channel reconstruction and large wood placement.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project 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/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet): 7/1/2011

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Dana Cork 541/416-6797

Vegetation/botany

- Integrated invasive plant management for the Prineville District EA

Location: Prineville District

Description: Treat invasive plants, including noxious weeds, with herbicides and other methods. District wide project.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Sarah Canham 541/416-6785

Wildlife

- Eagle Rock seasonal closure DNA

Location: 15 SE of Prineville, OR

Description: Change seasonal closure period from Dec 1 - Apr 30 to Dec 1 - Apr 15.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Cassandra Hummel 541/416-6713

- Fryrear fence re-alignment DNA

Location: 15 air miles W. of Redmond, OR

Description: Remove and re-align 1.5 miles of fence

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Cassandra Hummel 541/416-6713

- 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/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet): 6/13/2014

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Bill Dean 541/416-6887

- Sage-grouse habitat improvement juniper thin DNA

Location: Near Hampton

Description: Cut 63,081 acres of juniper.

When was EA/EIS/CX/DNA available for public review (blank if not yet):

Decision/implementation (blank if not done):

Project contact: Monte Kuk 541/416-6712