

Prineville BLM Project Update -- November 2011

This list includes all Environmental Assessments (EAs), Categorical Exclusions (CXs) and Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNAs) where the BLM is developing the proposal (very early in the process), or requesting public input on the proposal or the NEPA document. This list also includes documents where the Decision (and/or CX/DNA) has been signed and project implementation is in progress or has been completed.

Project Purpose / Name	Decision expected / signed	Project Contact
Energy/Minerals		
Clipper Windpower Development CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Install one MET Tower and future development for wind.	1/31/2012 / Janet Hutchison 541/416-6710 Location: 3 air miles SE Shaniko
Columbia Power Fossil to Service Creek powerline Upgrade EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Install new poles & transmission line. Remove old line & poles. Clear ROW	9/30/2011 / Susie Manezes Location: 8 Air Miles NE Service Creek
Glass Buttes Geothermal Exploration EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Respond to a proposal to drill 14 exploratory well (3 on Prineville and 11 on Burns) looking for geothermal.	10/31/2012 / Matthew Shaffer 541/416-6743 Location: 50 air miles NW Burns, OR
Newberry EGS Demo EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Demonstrate a new geothermal technology.	11/30/2011 / Linda Christian 541/416-6890 Location: 6 air miles NE of La Pine
West Butte Wind Power Right-of-Way EIS	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Upgrade 4.25 miles of existing road and construct .25 miles of road and install an adjacent 4.5 mile power transmission line on public land. This right of way would serve a 52 turbine wind farm on private land.	6/30/2011 / 7/14/2011 Steve Storo 541/416-6885 Location: 25 air miles SE Bend
Fuels/Fire		
Cline Buttes Eagle Crest Unit DNA	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Thin 1,308 acres of juniper and treat the remaining slash. Treatments of slash include biomass, lop and scatter and burning.	11/1/2011 / 10/11/2011 Guy Chamness 541/416-6719 Location: 5 air miles W Redmond, OR
North Degus prescribed burn DNA	Status: On Hold Description: Burn 3,000 acres of rangeland in the North Dagus allotment.	6/1/2013 / Dave Schultz 541/416-6898 Location: 10 mi SW Paulina
Rudio Highlands EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Cut, burn and thin.	2/1/2012 / Matthew Shaffer 541/416-6743 Location: 7 air miles N Dayville
Hydrology		
Branson Creek Thinning CX	Status: On Hold Description: Cut juniper and small pine under large pine on 177 acres along Branson Creek.	8/1/2012 / Guy Chamness 541/416-6719 Location: 11 mi NW of Dayville
Headcut Stabilization EA	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Repair headcuts through the use of bioengineering, rock placement or log placement.	10/31/2011 / Mike McKay 541/416/6774 Location: District Wide
Stearns Dam Removal EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Remove dam	6/1/2013 / Jimmy Eisner 541/416-6753 Location: 8 mi S Prineville

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Lands/Realty

Badlands Wilderness Land Exchange EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Legislated Land Exchange	12/15/2011 /	Gavin Hoban 541/416-6879 Location: 10 Air Miles SE Bend
Basalt Quarry Road EA	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Process application for right of way for upgrading and access on 1/2 mile of existing road.	12/31/2011 / 10/21/2011	Pam Hart 541/416-6783 Location: 11 mi NE Madras
Bend Cable Fiber Optic Install CX	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Install 13.3 miles of fiber optic infrastructure on BLM managed public land (132 miles total length on all ownerships).	11/30/2011 / 10/11/2011	Julie Freeman 541/416-6701 Location: 5.8 mi NE of Bend & 7.5 mi SW of La Pine
Communication site renewal CX	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Renew 1 communication site lease.	1/1/2011 / 7/20/2011	Julie Freeman 541/416-6701 Location: 7 mi W of Redmond
Headly Road Right of Way CX	Status: On Hold Description: Grant right-of-way for existing roads	6/1/2012 /	Pam Hart 541/416-6783 Location: T. 6 S., R. 30 E., Sec. 35
Hwy 97 / Wickiup Junction Interchange CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: ODOT proposes to construct grade-separated crossing for Hwy/RR	10/1/2012 /	Michael Kroll 541/416-6852 Location: La Pine
Manderfeld Apiary Site CX	Status: On Hold Description: Authorize site for apiary for 3 years	9/30/2011 /	Susie Manezes Location: 6 Air Miles SW of Twickenham
North Unit Irrigation communication site renewal CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew lease for 1 communication site.	11/30/2011 /	Julie Freeman 541/416-6701 Location: 3 mi NW Prineville
Oregon Power Solutions, Glass Butte Met Tower CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Grant right of way or assembly, installation, operation and maintenance of one 197' meteorological tower on a 400' by 400' area to monitor wind.	1/15/2014 /	Janet Hutchison 541/416-6710 Location: 11 mi SE Hampton
OTC-OR66374 Dixie Summit/OR66186 Dayville Exchange CX	Status: On Hold Description: Authorize rights of way for two sections of buried fiber optic line within existing Hwy 26 right of way: 1) Dixie Summit 5420' long X 20' wide, and 2) Dayville Exchange 2800' x 10' wide.	6/1/2012 /	Pam Hart 541/416-6783 Location: NE of Prairie City to NW of Dayville
Pacific Corp transmission line right of way renewal CX	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Renew right of way for existing transmission line between Redmond and Prineville	10/15/2011 / 10/11/2011	Julie Freeman 541/416-6701 Location: 1.5 mi E of Redmond
Renew 1 Grizzly and 1 Glass Butte Lease CX	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Renew 2 com site leases	6/30/2011 / 6/13/2011	Julie Freeman 541/416-6701 Location: 3 air miles NW Prineville, OR/ 9 air miles SE Prineville, OR
Spring Basin Land Exchanges EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Legislated Land exchange +/- 5,000 acres BLM, +/- 5,000 Private	6/15/2012 /	Gavin Hoban 541/416-6879 Location: 10 air miles SW Fossil
Trans-Cascade Telephone Co. CX	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Process right of way for 5 miles of fiber optic line across public land; entire line is 53 miles across various ownerships.	11/30/2011 / 10/12/2011	Michael Kroll 541/416-6852 Location: 1 mi W of Clarno

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Wallace Road right of way EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Authorize a right of way for a 425' by 60' paved road.	6/1/2012 / Pam Hart 541/416-6783 Location: 7.5 mi NE of La Pine
Wasco Electric Coop- Maupin "G" Dist Line CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Authorize ROW formerly OR-3417 (Expired August 2007) & Relocate 29 poles. 18.4 miles long x 20' wide. 44.6 acres. 7.2/12.5kv electrical Distribution Line.	9/1/2011 / 10/6/2011 Pam Hart 541/416-6783 Location: 2 air miles SW Maupin, OR.
Western Radio CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Applicant is proposing to install a new 40 ft tall x 11 ft wide self supporting tower. This would be installed on an 8 ft x 16 ft pad for the base and an area 3 ft x 8 ft for a generator.	6/1/2012 / Michael Kroll 541/416-6852 Location: 5 1/2 air miles SW of Redmond, OR
Multiple		
John Day Basin Resource Management Plan EIS	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Complete land use plan for 450,000 acres of public land	8/30/2012 / Monte Kuk 541/416-6712 Location: E side of Prineville District
Range		
Alfalfa Market Road Allotment DNA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew grazing authorization #3605555 for W. C. Kaesche	9/30/2011 / 9/12/2011 Emily Lent 541/416-6789 Location: 7 air miles E of Bend
Barlow Cave #5208 and Horse Ridge #5210 Allotments DNA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew 10 year grazing permit - Keith Nash #3605546	11/30/2011 / Emily Lent 541/416-6789 Location: 12 air miles SE of Bend
Base Property and Authorization Transfer-Larson Allot #2632 CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Transfer grazing authorization of Larson Allotment from Joe Kintz to Richard Larson.	9/30/2012 / Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700 Location: 6 air miles NE Spray, OR
Catherine Maurer Allotment rangeland health plan EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Treat weeds on 10,000 acres and build 1.5 miles of riparian fence.	9/30/2014 / Craig Obermiller 541/416-6761 Location: 2 mi N of Clarno
Change of Grazing Season for Mascall Cant Allot #2642 EA	Status: On Hold Description: Change permitted use	7/15/2012 / Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700 Location: 14 Miles S. of Kimberly
Cliff Allotment Fence & Grazing Management EA EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Build new fence, maintain old fence & implement grazing system.	9/30/2012 / Cari Taylor 541/416-6790 Location: 4 air miles N LaPine, OR
Cougar Mountain Wildfire Fence Replacement DNA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Rebuild 2.5 miles of fence burned by Cougar Mtn. wildfire	11/30/2011 / Kristy Swartz 541/416-6770 Location: 16 air miles SE of Dayville
Dagus Lake, Cold Springs & Windmill Allotments DNA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew grazing authorization #3605036 for Fousek Cattle Co.	12/31/2011 / Cari Taylor 541/416-6790 Location: 11 air miles SW, S & SE of Paulina, Oregon
Grazing Lease Transfer Circle Bar S Allotment CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Transfer existing lease.	12/31/2011 / Craig Obermiller 541/416-6761 Location: 1 air mile W Service Creek
Grazing lease transfer, Cimmiyotti allotment CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Transfer an existing grazing lease.	9/30/2011 / 8/4/2011 Craig Obermiller 541/416-6761 Location: 7 mi N of Condon

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Grazing lease transfer, Eugene Logan, Jr. CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Transfer an existing grazing lease.	9/30/2011 / 8/4/2011 Craig Obermiller 541/416-6761 Location: 7 mi E of Arlington
Grazing lease transfer, Hayfield Allotment CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Transfer an existing grazing lease.	9/30/2011 / 8/4/2011 Craig Obermiller 541/416-6761 Location: 6 mi S of Clarno
Grazing lease transfer, Packsaddle Mountain CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Transfer an exiting grazing lease.	9/30/2011 / 8/4/2011 Craig Obermiller 541/416-6761 Location: 11 mi N of Mitchell
Grazing permit renewal DNA	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Renew the grazing permits for the Dry Creek (#5135) and Carey (#5142) allotments.	11/30/2011 / 11/2/2011 Emily Lent 541/416-6789 Location: 10 mi S of Prineville
Grazing permit renewal DNA	Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Renew the grazing permit for the Keystone allotment (#5024) for 10 years.	11/30/2011 / 11/2/2011 Emily Lent 541/416-6789 Location: 6 mi E of Prineville
Grazing preference application , Cliff Allotment DNA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Grazing preference on the Cliff Allotment 7509	9/30/2012 / Cari Taylor 541/416-6790 Location: 3 air miles N LaPine, OR
Grazing transfer-Grassy Butte Allot (J. Coats) CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Transfer Grazing Preference (3018 AUMS)	11/30/2011 / Emily Lent 541/416-6789 Location: 20 air miles E. Bend
Home Ranch & Whiskey Still Allotments DNA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew grazing authorization #3605575 for Gary & Colleen Haynes	9/30/2012 / Molly Galbraith 541/416-6714 Location: 4 air miles NW of Tumalo, Oregon
Humphrey Allotment DNA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew grazing authorization #3605020 for Ray Sessler	12/31/2011 / Cari Taylor 541/416-6790 Location: 14 air miles NE of Paulina, Oregon
Jack Rhoden Allotment DNA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew grazing authorization #3605401 for Jack Rhoden Trust	9/30/2012 / Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700 Location: 6.5 air miles SE of Richmond, Oregon
Kaser Brothers Allotment DNA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew grazing authorization #3605317 for Milton Shrum	12/31/2011 / Craig Obermiller 541/416-6761 Location: 9 air miles E of Ashwood, Oregon
Long Prairie grazing allotment transfer CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Transfer a grazing lease.	7/31/2011 / 8/4/2011 Cari Taylor 541/416-6790 Location: 7 mi SW of La Pine
McCormack Grazing Transfers CX	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Transfer grazing privileges to new permittee.	11/30/2011 / Emily Lent 541/416-6789 Location: 35 mi SE of Prineville
Murderer's Creek horse management area gather EA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Remove about 100 head of wild horses from the Murderer's Creek herd management area.	12/15/2011 / Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700 Location: 10 mi S of Dayville
Norton Ranch Allotment DNA	Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew grazing Authorization #3605344 for Martin & Cherie Nye	12/31/2011 / Craig Obermiller 541/416-6761 Location: 6 air miles SE of Ashwood, Oregon

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Oertle & Hutton Allotment DNA Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Grazing Permit Renewal	9/29/2011 / 8/17/2011	Emily Lent 541/416-6789 Location: 9 air miles East Bend, OR
Pointer Allotment #4056 Spring EA Status: On Hold Description: Develop Spring	9/30/2013 /	Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700 Location: 1.5 miles SE of John Day
Recmann allotment transfer CX Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Transfer grazing preference, base property lease.	11/30/2011 /	Molly Galbraith 541/416-6714 Location: 5 mi W of Grass Valley
Season of Use and Allotment Boundary Change; Johnson Crk Allot#2662 & Two County Allot#4145. EA Status: On Hold Description: Change grazing season and allotment boundaries	7/15/2012 /	Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700 Location: 5 miles S. of Kimberly
Six Mile Allotment DNA Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew grazing authorization #3605412 for M. K. Campbell	12/31/2011 /	Craig Obermiller 541/416-6761 Location: 13 air miles NE of Condon
Spring Creek #05242, Coffelt North #05224, Coffelt South #05250, Nye #05232, and Pilot Butte #05130 Allotments DNA Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Renew 10 year grazing permit - McCormack Ranch LLC #3605607	9/30/2012 /	Emily Lent 541/416-6789 Location: 9 air miles N of Brothers
Two County Spring Rebuild CX Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Update an existin spring water development to operational standards and relocate.	5/30/2012 /	Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700 Location: 3 air miles SW of Kimberly OR
Yager Allotment grazing application DNA Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Issue a 10 year grazing lease for the Yager Allotment.	7/1/2011 / 6/16/2011	Cari Taylor 541/416-6790 Location: 1.5 mi S of La Pine
Recreation		
High Desert Hunting Guide Authorization CX Status: Decision/Implementation Description: Authorize hunting guide on public land.	6/15/2011 / 6/20/2011	Berry Phelps 541/416-6723 Location: 70 mi E of Bend
Marsupial Crag Climbing SRP CX Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Issue permit for guided rock climbing at Marsupial Crag at Smith Rock.	5/1/2012 /	Jim Beaupre 541/416-6700 Location: 5 air miles E Terrebonne, OR
OR 100 Endurance Ride 2011-2015 CX Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Issue permit for horse endurance ride	5/1/2012 /	Jim Beaupre 541/416-6700 Location: 3 air miles SE Brothers, OR
Oregon Badlands Wilderness Management Plan EA Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Develop a long term management plan for the newly designated Oregon Badlands Wilderness.	7/30/2012 /	Gavin Hoban 541/416-6879 Location: 15 mi SE of Bend
Safety		
District Road Maintenance EA Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning Description: Road and Facility Maintenance District Wide.	12/1/2011 /	Dana Cork 541/416-6797 Location: All areas of the Prineville District

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Oregon Dept of Transportation
Kimberly-Long Creek Highway
emergency rehab CX

Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning

7/1/2011 / **8/8/2011**

Mike McKay 541/416/6774

Description: Stabilize a bank on Highway 402 that is being eroded by the North Fork John Day River.

Location: 2 mi NNE of Kimberly

Timber

Owens Field Juniper Thinning
Project CX

Status: Decision/Implementation

8/1/2012 /

Cassandra Hummel 541/416-6713

Description: Thin up to 165 acres of juniper woodland with chain saws and jack pot burn.

Location: 2 air miles W of Mitchell, OR

Vegetation

District vegetative treatments
using herbicides EA

Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning

12/1/2012 /

Sarah Canham 541/416-6785

Description: Expand number of herbicides available for treating invasive plants. Consider additional methods for treating vegetation.

Location: Prineville District

Ferris Creek Maintenance
Prescribe Burn DNA

Status: Decision/Implementation

9/30/2011 / **7/21/2011**

Guy Chamness 541/416-6719

Description: Burn 286 acres of an old juniper cut to kill the new juniper seedlings that are growing in to the units.

Location: 5 mi N of Dayville

Wildlife/Fish

Cemetery Spring EA

Status: On Hold

7/15/2012 /

Justin Rodgers 541/416-6700

Description: Develop a spring in the Cemetery Pasture Sheep Gulch Allot #4068

Location: T. 12. S., R. 26 E., Sec. 34,
SW1/4SE1/4

Cougar Mountain Burned Area
Rehab EA

Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning

12/1/2011 /

Kristy Swartz 541/416-6770

Description: Seed and apply herbicides to 853 acres burned by wildfire in September 2010.

Location: 20 mi S of Dayville

Franks Creek Fence &
Cattleguard Project EA

Status: On Hold

9/30/2013 /

Jimmy Eisner 541/416-6753

Description: Build 2.5 miles of boundary fence.

Location: 1.5 air miles N Dayville, OR

Murderer's Creek Area Closure
EA

Status: Decision/Implementation

11/30/2011 /

Bill Dean 541/416-6887

Description: Seasonal area closure to protect mule deer winter range.

Location: 3 air miles S Dayville

Priest Hole EA

Status: In Progress-Scoping&Planning

12/31/2011 /

Bill Dean 541/416-6887

Description: Install 1 campground, 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, recontour 1 mile backwater, maintain boat ramp.

Location: 12 air miles NW Mitchell, OR