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Vale BLM Seeks Comment on Revised Environmental Assessment of Weeds Treatment

VALE, Ore.— The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Vale District is asking for public input on a Revised Environmental Assessment (EA) for Weeds Treatment.

New regulations allow for the use of three active herbicide ingredients aminopyralid, fluroxypyr, and rimsulfuron in addition to those currently approved for vegetation treatments on BLM-administered lands in the western United States, including Oregon, subsequent to site-specific environmental analysis.

The Vale District prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOI-BLM-ORWA-V000-2011-0047-EA) to expand and update its existing District-wide integrated noxious weed management program and released it on December 23, 2015 for a 45-day public comment period.

Due to the availability of the three new herbicides, Vale BLM has decided to revise the analysis in the EA to add a third alternative to the No Action and the Proposed Action - the Revised Proposed Action - that considers the effects of the use of the additional three herbicides as part of the District's Integrated Weed Management Program. The Revised EA is now available for public consideration.

The Revised EA is available to view at the Vale District ePlanning website at <http://1.usa.gov/1mwy1HW> under the **Documents** link on the left side of the page.

To facilitate public review, all changes made since the close of the comment period of the original EA, including changes incorporating the new herbicides and responses to public input is highlighted in blue font. Comments can be submitted electronically, subject Vale Inv. Plant Mgt. EA, to: blm_or_invasive_plant_ea_comments@blm.gov, or by mail:

OR/WA Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Vale Invasive Plant Management EA (OR932)
PO Box 2965
Portland, OR 97208

To be considered, comments must be postmarked by October 11, 2016

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