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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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Dear Reader,

The 2.5 million acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered lands in western Oregon play an important role in the region's social, ecological, and economic well-being. As stewards of these lands, the BLM has a responsibility to ensure that our management is meeting our legal mandates and the needs of the local communities.

On April 24, 2015, we released a Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft RMP/EIS) for the revision of the 1995 RMPs for the six BLM districts in western Oregon. During the four-month comment period that followed, we received approximately 4,500 comments from government agencies, organizations, Tribes, and members of the public. Thank you for your input; your participation has helped shape our analysis and decision-making at every step of the planning process. If you would like to read all of the comments we received during the comment period, you can do so on our website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/comments.php>.

Enclosed you will find the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. We have developed the Proposed RMP in consultation with cooperating agencies and Tribes and with consideration of the comments that we received on the Draft RMP/EIS. This document explains why we are proposing a plan revision, presents our Proposed RMP and a full spectrum of different management alternatives, and analyzes their environmental effects.

Below you will find information on the Protest Period and issuance of the Records of Decision (RODs). As always, we welcome your participation and involvement. Oregonians are in need of a lasting solution that will provide predictable outcomes and sustainable management of the BLM-administered lands in western Oregon. With your help, we are building an RMP that will provide sustainable solutions for the public lands that we are privileged to manage.

Protest Period

Pursuant to the BLM's planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610.5-2, any person who participated in the planning process for this Proposed RMP, and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the planning decisions, may protest approval of the planning decisions within 30 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. Protests must comply with the requirements described in the BLM's planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610.5-2. Interested parties should take care to document all relevant facts. As much as possible, specific planning documents or available planning records (e.g., meeting minutes, summaries, and correspondence) should be referenced or cited.

Emailed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the emailed protest as an advance copy and will afford it full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct emailed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at protest@blm.gov.

All protests, including the follow-up letter (if emailing), must be in writing and mailed to one of the following addresses:

Regular Mail:

Director (210)
Attn: Protest Coordinator
P.O. Box 71383
Washington, D.C. 20024-1383

Overnight Delivery:

Director (210)
Attn: Protest Coordinator
20 M Street SE, Room 2134LM
Washington, D.C. 20003

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, be advised that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The BLM Director will make every attempt to render a decision on each protest promptly. The protest decision will be in writing and will be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the BLM Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior for the protest.

Records of Decision

Following resolution of any protests and the completion of the consistency review by the Governor of Oregon, the BLM anticipates issuing two Records of Decision/Resource Management Plans (RODs/RMPs): one ROD/RMP that would apply to the Coos Bay District, Eugene District, Salem District, and the Swiftwater Field Office of the Roseburg District; and another ROD/RMP that would apply to the Klamath Falls Field Office of the Lakeview District, the Medford District, and the South River Field Office of the Roseburg District.

The RODs/RMPs will identify the decision by the State Director on the RMP revision and the rationale for the decision. The RODs/RMPs will constitute the decision documents for the enclosed Proposed RMP/Final EIS. The RODs/RMPs will also contain the approved RMPs themselves, including the land use allocations, management objectives, and management direction. The RODs/RMPs will describe the compliance with applicable laws, the alternatives evaluated and the environmentally preferable alternative, necessary mitigations, the process for plan monitoring and evaluation, and the guidance for transition from the 1995 RMPs to the approved RMPs.

The approval of the RODs/RMPs will represent the completion of this RMP revision process. Following approval of the RODs/RMPs, the BLM will take only those management actions that are specifically provided for in the approved RMPs, or, if not specifically mentioned, actions that are clearly consistent with the goals, objectives, or management direction of the approved RMPs.

The BLM will email parties when the RODs/RMPs are available online or will mail the RODs/RMPs to parties who have requested hard copies.

For more information on the Protest Period, planning process, or public participation, you can visit our website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/index.php>. Thank you for your continued interest and participation in this planning process. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Jamie Connell
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**Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement
for the Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon**

Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford, Roseburg, and Salem Districts,
and the Klamath Falls Field Office of the Lakeview District

Cooperating agencies:

Benton County	State of Oregon
Clackamas County	Environmental Protection Agency
Columbia County	National Marine Fisheries Service
Coos County	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Curry County	U.S. Forest Service
Douglas County	Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
Klamath County	Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Lane County	Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Lincoln County	Coquille Indian Tribe
Linn County	Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
Marion County	Klamath Tribes
Multnomah County	
Polk County	
Tillamook County	
Washington County	
Yamhill County	

Abstract: This Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement addresses revision of the 1995 Resource Management Plans for the Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford, Roseburg, and Salem Districts, and the Klamath Falls Field Office of the Lakeview District. The purpose of this Resource Management Plan revision is to provide a sustained yield of timber, contribute to the conservation and recovery of threatened and endangered species, provide clean water in watersheds, restore fire-adapted ecosystems, provide recreation opportunities, and coordinate management of lands surrounding the Coquille Forest with the Coquille Tribe. The BLM analyzed the Proposed RMP, the No Action alternative of continued implementation of the 1995 Resource Management Plans, four action alternatives, and two sub-alternatives.

This Proposed RMP/Final EIS is open for a 30-day protest period beginning with the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS in the Federal Register. Protests must be filed with the Director of the BLM as described in the Dear Reader Letter.

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