

Community Listening Sessions

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In December 2013, the Resource Management Plans (RMP) for Western Oregon project team held four community listening sessions across the planning area to discuss the progress of the planning effort and listen to the public participants' thoughts and ideas on four key planning elements. The four key elements discussed were Sustainable Timber, Clean Water and Healthy Fish, Critical Habitat, and Protecting Older Forests. Despite some winter weather conditions, the turnout and public engagement was good.

The two consistent messages the BLM heard throughout the meetings. First, they voiced appreciation for the information and discussion about the direction of the planning effort. Secondly, the meeting attendees talked about the need for balance in western Oregon. They were referring to the need to balance the four key elements and resource management plans. This is a shift in the conversation with the public.



Photos courtesy of BLM Coos Bay and Roseburg meetings.

The meetings occurred in cities spread out across the planning area. The RMPs team attempted to reach new communities that the project team had yet to visit, or had not visited recently, and to revisit areas.

Corvallis – December 3, 2013 – 50 attendees
Medford – December 10, 2013 – 60 attendees
Coos Bay – December 11, 2013 – 34 attendees
Roseburg – December 18, 2013 – 40 attendees

The BLM is very appreciative of the time people in western Oregon spent with us talking about the RMPs. A summary report will be shared via our website once all of the comments and input sheets are compiled.