**Bureau of Land Management Burns District Planning** Update Fiscal Years 2015-2020 The Burns District, located in southeastern Oregon, extends from the Oregon-Nevada border on the south into the Blue Mountains on the north, nearly 200 miles. There are over 3.36 million acres of public land that are divided into two Resource Areas: Three Rivers Resource Area, roughly 1.68 million acres BLM managed land in the northern portion of the District; and Andrews/Steens Resource Area, roughly 1.68 million acres of BLM managed land in the south. Within the District boundary there are also large areas of other Federal, State, and private

lands.

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Dear Public Land User,

Welcome to the 2015-2020 edition of the Burns District Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) update on our land management project planning. This planning update is part of the BLM's commitment to keeping you informed of the management of public lands on the Burns District BLM. These updates are published periodically in hopes of helping those interested better understand land management decisions and current proposals occurring within the Burns District BLM's Three Rivers and Andrews/Steens Resource Areas (RA). The planning update is not intended to be a comprehensive description of all activities, but rather an opportunity to briefly provide current information about ongoing and future projects in the planning phases. It is our intent to increase the public's awareness of BLM activities and to seek feedback from those who may be affected by our resource management programs. Your feedback helps us make informed decisions and implement better projects.

This planning update includes projects the Burns District BLM has initiated since 2015 and, therefore, includes a variety of new projects the District is considering undertaking and projects for which it has recently signed a decision and is now implementing. Project planning is conducted in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), which ensures agencies consider the significant environmental consequences of their proposed actions and inform the public about their decision making.

To learn more about the projects described here, click on the hyperlinked project number in the left-hand column of the tables below. Or go to the BLM's National NEPA Register, also known as BLM's ePlanning website, at the following address:

#### https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa register.do

To find a specific project select the Text Search tab. Make sure the "Type of Project" is set to "NEPA", then select: State = Oregon/Washington, Office = ORWA - Burns DO, or ORWA - Andrews FO, or ORWA - Three Rivers FO, Program = select the program associated with the project (e.g. Mining). Then click Search.

From this point forward, Burns District BLM will no longer be publishing planning updates. A more thorough representation of all planning projects is readily available to the public on eplanning.blm.gov. Individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by a

project may contact the Burns District BLM to request to be on a mailing list for specific projects BLM is proposing.

Thank you for your continued interest in the management of your public lands. If you have any questions about information in this planning update, please stop by our office at 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, call us at 541-573-4400, or send us an e-mail at <u>BLM OR BU Mail@blm.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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The 2015-2020 Burns District Planning Update is available on the BLM's National Website at <u>https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/oregon-washington</u> (under "Frequently Requested NEPA Documents").

## National Environmental Policy Act Analysis and Documentation

The review of the environmental effects of a proposed management action can occur in one of four ways: categorical exclusion (CX), determination of NEPA adequacy (DNA), environmental assessment (EA), or environmental impact statement (EIS).

1. *Categorical exclusions* (CX) are categories of actions that Federal agencies have determined do not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (individually or cumulatively) and for which, therefore, neither an EA nor an EIS is required. A CX is a form of NEPA compliance without the analysis that occurs in an EA or an EIS. It is not an exemption from the NEPA. The Department of the Interior (DOI) and BLM have multiple CX categories. These include, but are not limited to, such actions as routine maintenance or replacement activities (e.g., maintenance of existing water developments); transfers of grazing preference; installation of minor devices to protect human life (e.g., grates across mines); and construction of small protective enclosures.

2. A *determination of NEPA adequacy* (DNA) is an administrative determination by the BLM that a new proposed action is adequately analyzed in existing NEPA document(s) and is in conformance with the land use plan. In some instances, an existing environmental analysis document may be relied upon in its entirety, and new NEPA analysis will not be necessary. The BLM may also use the DNA to evaluate new circumstances or information prior to issuance of a decision to determine whether they need to prepare a new or supplemental analysis. The DNA worksheet documents the review to determine whether the existing NEPA documents can satisfy the NEPA requirements for the proposed action currently under consideration. A separate decision record is developed that documents which action(s) described in the DNA the BLM will move forward with.

3. An *environmental assessment* (EA) is a document that identifies environmental effects of a proposed action and determines their significance. An EA is intended to be a concise public document that provides sufficient evidence and analysis for determining the significance of effects from a proposed action and that serves as a basis for reasoned choice. Based upon the analysis contained in the EA, either a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) will be prepared or an EIS if the analysis shows that the proposed action will have a significant effect on the environment. An EA is completed with a decision record that documents the BLM's decision on which action(s) analyzed to move forward with.

4. An *environmental impact statement* (EIS) is a comprehensive document that analyzes the impacts of a proposed action that will have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and cannot be mitigated to a level of non-significance. An EIS is typically a longer document than an EA and offers more opportunities for public comment or involvement. An EIS has more procedural requirements and, therefore, takes more time to prepare on average than an EA. Each EIS is completed with a record of decision, which documents the BLM's decision as to how it will, or will not, move forward with a proposed action.

*Scoping* - An early and open part of environmental analysis that allows interested public and other Federal, State, and local agencies the opportunity to provide issues, concerns, and opportunities relative to proposed project actions. Scoping is required by regulation for environmental impact statements.



#### Acronyms =

ACEC - Area of Critical Environmental Concern AML - Appropriate Management Level AMP - Allotment Management Plan CMPA - Cooperative Management and Protection Area **CX** - Categorical Exclusion **DNA** - Determination of NEPA Adequacy **EA** - Environmental Assessment **EIS** - Environmental Impact Statement **FFR** - Fenced Federal Range FY - Fiscal Year **HEC** - Harney Electric Cooperative, Inc. HMA – Herd Management Area **LUP** - Land Use Plan **NEPA** - National Environmental Policy Act **OTEC** - Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, Inc. **RMP** - Resource Management Plan **ROW** - Right-of-way **SRP** – Special Recreation Permit

## **Ongoing Project Updates and New Projects**

The following pages contain a summary of projects on the Burns District BLM that were initiated from fiscal years 2015 through March of 2020. Some project planning efforts are still in the process of being completed, and some have been withdrawn or cancelled, while other projects are in the process of being implemented.

The contacts listed with the projects are available to answer questions and provide additional details. They are interested in information you wish to share concerning any of the projects or project areas. You may contact these people by mail, by telephoning our office at 541-573-4400, or by emailing us at: BLM\_OR\_BU\_Mail@blm.gov. Further information on each project can be found on BLM's ePlanning website at:

https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa\_register.do.

#### Table 1: Burns District-wide Projects

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
Cultural-Historical-Native American Resources			
Riddle Brothers Ranch Caretaker's Well DOI-BLM-ORWA-B000-2016-0002-EA The Burns District proposed to drill a new well to provide potable water to the caretaker's cabin at the Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District, a 1,120-acre site preserved by BLM on lands designated an historic cultural site within the greater Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA).	Riddle Brothers Ranch, Steens Mountain.	Decision record signed on 10/7/2016.	Recreation
Lands and Realty			
Harney Electric Cooperative, Inc. Weedblast Amendment Request DOI-BLM-ORWA-B000-2015-0035-DNA This DNA analyzed a request by Harney Electric Cooperative, Inc. (HEC) to amend every right-of- way (ROW) they hold on Burns District to analyze the use of new herbicides for weed prevention.	Burns District BLM	Decision record signed on 10/19/2016.	Lands and Realty

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
Wild Horse and Burro			
Mare Sterilization Research <u>DOI-BLM-ORWA-B000-2015-0055-EA</u> The BLM proposed to investigate the safety and effectiveness of three separate methods of surgical sterilization of wild horse mares.	Oregon Wild Horse Corral Facility, Hines, Oregon.	Project withdrawn.	Wild Horse and Burro
Vegetation			
Integrated Invasive Plant Management DOI-BLM-ORWA-B000-2011-001-EA The BLM proposed to expand the current noxious weed control program to include, along with other control methods, the use of up to 14 herbicides where needed and to make those herbicides available for use on other invasive plants (like cheatgrass), not just noxious weeds.	Burns District BLM	Decision record signed on 7/31/2015.	Noxious Weeds

## Table 2: Three Rivers Resource Area Projects

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation			
Coyote Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation	West Warm Springs	Decision record signed	Rangeland
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0004-CX	Allotment	on 12/19/2017.	Management
For emergency stabilization and rehabilitation of	T. 28 S., R. 26 and 27 E.		
burned areas following the 2017 Coyote Fire, BLM			
proposed to drill seed and plant sagebrush seedlings.			
Cinder Butte Emergency Stabilization and	Near Riley, Oregon.	Decision record signed	Rangeland
Rehabilitation	T. 25 S., R. 24 E.	on 1/26/2018.	Management
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0005-DNA			
For emergency stabilization and rehabilitation of			
burned areas following the 2017 Cinder Butte Fire,			
BLM proposed to drill and aerial seed followed by			

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
temporary closure to livestock grazing for seedling establishment.			
Facilities Management			
Three Rivers (Silvies, Burns, Riley Vicinity) RoadMaintenanceDOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2016-0012-CXThe BLM proposed to maintain or repair existingroad surfaces to allow safe travel and dependableaccess for public land users, BLM administration,and fire suppression actions.	Silvies, Burns, and Riley vicinities	Decision record signed on 7/13/2016.	Engineering
Skull Creek Road Complex Transportation System Repair DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0001-EA The BLM proposed repairs and improvement of three roads north of Burns, Oregon: Skull Creek Road, East Horton Mill Road, and Willow Reservoir Road. Proposed work included realignment of two road segments; resurfacing segments of three roads with crushed rock material; cleaning and repair or replacement of drainage infrastructure; and the potential development of a mineral material site to ensure adequate local supply of native material for future maintenance needs on BLM road systems.	Skull Creek Road system north of Burns, Oregon. Proposed mineral material site is in T. 22 S., R. 30 E., sec. 33, SW1/4.	Decision record signed 7/29/2019.	Engineering
Fish and Wildlife			
Alder Creek Restoration DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2012-0019-EA The BLM proposed to stabilize head-cuts along Alder Creek, treat encroaching juniper in the surrounding Alder Creek pasture, address potential weed infestations, and exclude livestock grazing from the Alder Creek wet meadow.	Alder Creek Allotment, 6.5 miles northeast of Crane, Oregon.	Decision record signed 4/27/2015.	Riparian

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
Forestry and Timber			
Rattlesnake Forest and Woodland Restoration DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2013-0018-EA The BLM proposes to utilize mechanical treatments, biomass removal, pile burning and raking, and road treatments to replicate historical stand densities of a maximum 120 basal area per acre. The purpose of this action is to improve stand vigor and minimize wildlife, insect, and disease outbreaks within the Rattlesnake Restoration Project Area.	15 air miles northeast of Burns, Oregon. T. 21 S., R. 32 E., sections 25, 26, and 35. T. 21 S., R. 32.5 E., sections 29–32.	Draft EA released for public review/comment on 3/6/2019. Addressing comments received. Re- evaluating site conditions.	Forestry
Hay Creek Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Restoration DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2015-0023-DNA The BLM proposed to authorize contractors and permitted woodcutters to remove western juniper to reduce fuel loads and to restore or maintain sagebrush steppe habitat on 25,800 acres within the Hay Creek Greater Sage-Grouse Priority Area of Conservation.	Silvies River Watershed	Decision record signed on 9/1/2015.	Forestry
Lands and Realty			
Mill Creek Road Easement AcquisitionDOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2015-0041-CXThe BLM proposed to acquire a non-exclusive(administrative) road access easement on Mill CreekRoad from private individuals in 2016. The purposeand need for the easement was to provide legalaccess across private property on the Mill CreekRoad, an existing BLM road, for administrativepurposes.	North of Highway 20, between Rattlesnake Creek and Soldier Creek. T. 21 S., R. 32 E., sec. 36, N1/2NE1/4NW1/4.	Decision signed on 10/26/2015.	Lands and Realty
Dick Miller Canyon Road Right-of-Way DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2015-0044-CX The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to a private citizen on a road to a private residence on Dick	Northwest of Riley, Oregon. T. 22 S., R. 27 E., sec. 31.	Decision signed on 10/5/2015.	Lands and Realty

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
Miller Canyon Road. The ROW was for approximately 3,023 feet on an existing road and included approximately 120 additional feet of new road construction.			
Nation Road Right-of-Way DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2015-0053-CX The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to a private citizen to authorize minor upgrades to an existing road that has been used by the public in the past on a casual-use basis.	Willamette Meridian T. 23 S., R. 7 E., sec. 6.	Decision signed on 11/4/2015.	Lands and Realty
Maupin Power Line Well Amendment DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2015-0054-CX The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to HEC to authorize a 14.4/120-240-volt secondary overhead service to run a pump that would provide water for livestock.	Hat Butte Allotment, approximately 40 miles west of Burns, Oregon. T. 23 S., R. 24 E., sec. 15, E1/2.	Decision signed on 10/2/2015.	Lands and Realty
Diamond Craters Land Exchange DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2016-0003-EA This EA analyzes a proposal from Jeff and Sherri Hussey to exchange and consolidate lands adjacent to the Diamond Craters Outstanding Natural Area for public parcels intermixed and adjacent to their private lands near Drewsey. The need for the proposal is established by both the Three Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP) (1992) and the Diamond Craters Recreation Area Management Plan (1985), which both identify the 320 acres near Diamond Craters specifically for acquisition.	<ul> <li>W.M., T. 19 S., R. 35 E., sec. 13, SE1/4;</li> <li>sec. 14, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4, S1/2S1/2;</li> <li>sec. 15, S1/2N1/2, S1/2;</li> <li>sec. 23, E1/2E1/2;</li> <li>sec. 24, N1/2NE1/4;</li> <li>sec. 26, NE1/4.</li> <li>W.M., T. 19 S., R. 36 E.,</li> <li>sec. 28, NW1/4NW1/4.</li> <li>W.M., T. 20 S., R. 36 E.,</li> <li>sec. 6, N1/2, N1/2S1/2.</li> <li>W.M., T. 19 S., R. 36 E.,</li> <li>sec. 7, SE1/4SW1/4.</li> </ul>	Proposed land exchange still in progress.	Lands and Realty

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	W.M., T. 28 S., R. 32 E., sec. 16, E1/2.		
OTEC Powerline Right-of-Way DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2016-0016-CX The BLM proposed to grant OTEC a ROW for a 7.2kV overhead single-phase distribution powerline to replace the currently held ROW originally	T. 18 S., R. 32 E., sec. 21, NESE and SENE; sec. 22, SENW.	Decision signed on 5/18/2016.	Lands and Realty
authorized in 1964. <i>Idaho Power Van-Drewsey Power Line Right-of-</i> <i>Way</i> DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2016-0020-CX	Between Drewsey and Van, Oregon.	Decision signed on 12/20/2016.	Lands and Realty
Old Military Road ROW DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2016-0022-CX	T. 21 S., R. 32 E., sec. 24	Decision signed on 9/14/2016.	Lands and Realty
Alkali Well Power Line Right-of-Way DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2017-0004-CX The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to HEC to authorize a 14.4kV single-phase power line ending at a well on public lands.	T. 27 S., R. 32 E.	Decision signed on 3/24/2017.	Lands and Realty
Sodhouse Lane Buried Telephone Line Right-of-Way Renewal DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2017-0006-CX The BLM proposed to renew an expired ROW to CenturyTel for an existing buried telephone line to provide internet and phone service to residents for a term of 30 years.	Sodhouse Lane, Harney County, Oregon.	Decision signed on 4/26/2017.	Lands and Realty
<i>Forest Service Road 3930 Right-of-Way</i> <u>DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2017-0009-CX</u> The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to a Federal agency. This would authorize a ROW over an existing road to public lands and provide legal access and maintenance rights.	Just east of Highway 395. T. 18 S., R. 32 E., sec. 7, W1/2SE1/4SE1/4.	Decision signed on 9//26/2017.	Lands and Realty
Burns Butte Sportsmen's Club Lease Renewal and Shooting Range Sale to Harney County DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2017-0012-DNA	T. 23 S., R. 30 E., sec. 21, NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4;	Decision signed on 10/5/2017.	Lands and Realty

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The BLM proposed to renew the existing lease of the Burns Butte shooting range for a period of 5	approximately 4 miles from Burns, Oregon.		
years.	T 07 S D 21 E 2 1-4	Desision signal on	I and and Dealter
Private Residence Power Line Right-of-Way	T. 27 S., R. 31 E, sec. 2, lot	Decision signed on 2/28/2018.	Lands and Realty
Renewal DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0008-CX	6.	2/28/2018.	
The BLM proposed to renew an existing ROW to			
HEC. The ROW would authorize a 14.4kV single-			
phase power line ending at a private residence.			
New Fiber Optic Line Right-of-Way	T. 23 S., R. 30 E., sec. 21,	Decision signed on	Lands and Realty
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0009-CX	NE1/4NE1/4.	3/27/2018.	Lands and Realty
The BLM proposed to grant a new ROW to Light		5/2//2010.	
Speed Network, Inc. The ROW would authorize the			
installation of fiber optic line on existing poles			
owned and maintained by Oregon Trail Electric			
Cooperative, Inc. (OTEC).			
Lost Springs Power Line Right-of-Way	T. 22 S., R. 33 E., sec. 20,	Decision signed on	Lands and Realty
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0012-CX	SE1/4NW1/4NE1/4.	4/11/2018.	
The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to HEC for an			
existing power line. The ROW would authorize a			
14.4kV single-phase power line ending at a water			
pump.			
Lost Springs Trespass Resolution	W.M., T. 22 S., R. 33 E.,	Decision signed on	Lands and Realty
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0013-EA	sec. 20.	9/10/2018.	
The BLM proposed to dispose of public parcels			
totaling 120 acres of public land to the landowner			
located at: W.M., T. 22 S., R. 33 E., section 20,			
W1/2SE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4. The amount of acreage			
of private lands acquired through the exchange			
would be based on an equal value basis determined			
by a licensed independent appraiser.			
Data Clean-Up Power Line Right-of-Way	Multiple locations across Three Rivers RA.	Decision signed on 9/30/2018.	Lands and Realty
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0019-CX	Inree Kivers KA.	9/30/2018.	

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The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to HEC for existing power lines. The ROW would authorize several 14.4kV single phase power lines that end at private residences, water pumps, and agricultural fields.			
Square Butte and Crow's Nest Power Line Right-of- Way RenewalDOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0001-CXThe BLM proposed to grant a ROW to HEC for existing power lines. The ROW would authorize a 14.4kV single phase power line ending at two separate BLM stock wells.	Portions of the following - T. 28 S., R. 31 E., sec. 1; T. 27 S., R. 32 E., sections 1, 11, 12, 14, 15, 22, 27, 28, and 33; T. 28 S., R. 32 E., sections 4, 5, and 6.	Decision signed on 11/27/2018.	Lands and Realty
Harney EMS Communications Site Renewal DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0003-CX The BLM proposed to grant a communications facility lease to Harney District Emergency Management Services. The lease would authorize operation, maintenance, and termination of a cellular tower facility (cell site) at the Jack Mountain Communications Site.	T. 30 S., R. 31 E., sec. 32, SENE.	Decision signed on 12/12/2018.	Lands and Realty
Field Line Road Power Line Renewal DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0004-CX The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to HEC for existing power lines. The ROW would authorize a 14.4kV single phase power line.	Portions of the following - T. 27 S., R. 33 E., sections 23, 24, and 36; T. 28 S., R. 33 E., sections 1 and 2; T. 27 S., R. 34 E., sections 30, 31, and 32; T. 28 S., R. 34 E., sec. 5.	Decision signed on 12/10/2018.	Lands and Realty
Skull Creek Road Right-of-Way DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0007-CX The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to a private citizen to authorize a road to private property along an existing road. This road has received use on a casual basis in the past. The applicant requested year-round access.	T. 22 S., R. 30 E., sec. 32, W1/2SE1/4.	Decision signed on 2/14/2019.	Lands and Realty

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Temporary ROW for Buchanan StructureReplacementDOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0010-CXThe BLM proposed to grant Idaho Power Company a temporary expanded ROW to maintain existing structures on the power line associated with OROR67536 in order to comply with Federal mandatory reliability requirements as defined by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. Portions of the proposed action lie within the Biscuitroot Cultural Area of Critical Environmental Concern.	Portions of the following - T. 22 S., R.33 E., sections 12 and 14; T. 22 S., R. 34 E., sections 5, 6, and 7; T. 20 S., R. 35 E., sec. 35; T. 21 S., R. 35 E., sec. 19.	Decision signed on 11/8/2019.	Lands and Realty
Gap Ranch Road/Trout Creek Mountain Road Power Line Right-of-Way DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0014-CX The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to HEC for existing power lines to authorize a 14.4kV single- phase power line.	T. 23 S., R. 25 E., sec. 31; T. 39 S., R. 36 E., sec. 35; T. 40 S., R. 36 E., sections 1, 2, 11, and 12.	Decision signed on 7/5/2019.	Lands and Realty
Purdy Lane ROW DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0016-CX The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to a private citizen to authorize a road to a private residence along an existing road that has been used in the past on a casual-use basis. The applicants requested year- round access.	T. 20 S., R. 32 E., sec. 6, SESE; sec. 7, E1/2NE1/4; sec. 8, N1/2SW1/4 and SW1/4NW1/4.	Decision signed on 10/24/2019.	Lands and Realty
Livestock Grazing			
Alder Creek Allotment Management Plan DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2017-0003-EA The BLM proposed to renew two livestock grazing permits on Alder Creek Allotment; implement a livestock grazing rotation; construct multiple riparian exclosure fences, two pasture division fences, and off-site water developments at two springs and one creek; maintenance of existing range improvements; and juniper treatments.	Alder Creek Allotment, northeast of Crane, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 4/18/2019.	Riparian

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Ryegrass Allotment H2O Maintenance DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0018-CX The BLM proposed to clean out and/or repair existing spring and reservoir water developments to ensure optimum water storage capacities.	Ryegrass Allotment, T. 22 S., R. 32 E. and T. 22 S., R. 24 E.	Decision record signed on 12/23/2019.	Range Management
Happy Valley Cattle Guard Installation DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0006-CX The BLM proposed to install one cattleguard in an existing fenceline that crosses Smyth Ranch Road.	Happy Valley Allotment, T. 30.5 S., R. 34 E., sec. 36, SW1/4.	Decision record signed on 1/7/2020.	Range Management
MiningSkull Creek Road Complex Project – Exploratory DrillingDOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0014-CXThe BLM proposed to perform exploratory core drilling near the Skull Creek Road to determine if an appropriate quantity and quality of rock material was available for development of a mineral material source to meet road design criteria. A local, adequate mineral source is necessary for the upcoming infrastructure repair project—the Skull Creek Road Complex.	Near Skull Creek Road, northwest of Burns, Oregon. T. 22 S., R. 29 E., sec. 11 and T. 22 S., R. 30 E., sec. 33.	Decision record signed on 5/11/2018.	Engineering
OROR 069622 Materials Site DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0005-CX The BLM proposed to dispose of sand and gravel mineral material on split estate, Federal minerals within private surface rights.	Near Highway 395, approximately 1 mile north of Burns, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 4/22/2019.	Geology/Minerals
Monitoring Well Installation 2019 DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0018-DNA EP Minerals, as part of the Celatom Mine Complex, proposed to drill two water wells within the 2012 final EIS project analysis boundary. The wells would be in the proposed Eagle Mine area, three miles to the west of current operations.	T. 19 S., R. 36 E., sec. 22, SW1/4 and sec. 33, NE1/4	Decision record signed on 10/4/2019.	Geology/Minerals

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
<b>Recreation and Visitor Services</b>			
Adventure Harney – Skull 60/120 Bike Races DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2016-0017-CX` The BLM proposed a competitive gravel-grinder bike race with route options of differing lengths crossing city, county, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), and BLM-managed lands.	T. 22 S., R. 30 E., sec. 32.	Decision record signed on 4/3/2017.	Recreation
<i>Skull 120/60/30</i> DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0006-CX The BLM proposed a competitive gravel-grinder bike race with route options of differing lengths crossing city, county, USFS, and BLM-managed lands.	Event start and end point is Triangle Park/Foley Drive, Burns, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 3/18/2018.	Recreation
3-D Archery Shoot, North Fork Trout Creek DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0015-CX The BLM proposed to issue a special recreation permit for the Skull Creek Archery Club's annual competitive 3-D archery shoot through 2027.	North Fork of Trout Creek, at the junction of USFS Road 2840 and One Pine Road.	Decision record signed on 4/11/2018.	Recreation
Adventure Harney – Skull 120/60/30 DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2020-0002-CX The BLM proposed to issue a special recreation permit for the Skull 120/60/30 Gravel Grinder Bike Races.	Burns, Oregon	Decision record signed on 1/6/2020.	Recreation
Riparian-Wetlands			
Burns District Programmatic Aquatic and Riparian Habitat Restoration DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2017-0001-EA The BLM proposes to analyze the effects of implementing aquatic habitat restoration activities on the Burns District.	BLM, Burns District	EA development and analysis.	Riparian

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Wild Horse and Burro			
Stinkingwater Herd Management Area (HMA)Population Management PlanDOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2017-0002-EAThe BLM proposed to analyze various methods tomaintain the wild horse population withinappropriate management level (AML) over a 10-year timeframe to achieve a thriving naturalecological balance.	Stinkingwater HMA, 25 miles east of Burns, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 10/23/2017.	Wild Horse and Burro
Spay Feasibility and On-Range Behavioral Outcomes Assessment and the Warm Springs Herd Management Area Population Management Plan DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0016-EA The BLM, in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey, proposed evaluating the safety, complication rate, and feasibility of ovariectomy via colpotomy (spay) on wild horse mares and the impacts to mare and band behavior once returned to the range. The proposed action also included a 10- year population management plan.	Warm Springs HMA, approximately 30 miles south of Burns, Oregon. Oregon Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines, Oregon.	Decision record withdrawn.	Wild Horse and Burro
<ul> <li>Warm Springs Herd Management Area Removals to Appropriate Management Level</li> <li>DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0009-DNA</li> <li>Through this DNA, the BLM documented that the 2018 EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0016-EA) adequately analyzed the following actions: <ul> <li>Permanent removal of 779 horses, 2 mules, and 41 burros gathered in October 2018;</li> <li>Proposed return of male and female horses to the low end of AML; and</li> <li>Treatment of female horses returned to the HMA with porcine zona pellucida (PZP).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Warm Springs HMA, approximately 30 miles south of Burns, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 4/12/2019.	Wild Horse and Burro

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
Spay Feasibility and On-Range Outcomes Assessment DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2019-0013-EA The BLM proposes to evaluate the safety, complication rate, and feasibility of ovariectomy via colpotomy (spay) on wild horse mares and to allow the United States Geological Survey to evaluate the impacts of spaying on mare and herd behavior once spayed horses are returned to the range as compared with an untreated herd in the Warm Springs HMA. The horses proposed for use in the study were gathered from the Warm Springs HMA in October 2018.	Warm Springs HMA, approximately 30 miles south of Burns, Oregon. Oregon Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines, Oregon.	Comment period complete 6/12/2019. EA in development and analysis. No plans to issue a decision on this project currently.	Wild Horse and Burro
Warm Springs HMA Removal of 55 Excess Wild Horses DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2020-0001-DNA The BLM proposed to permanently remove 55 excess wild horses from the Warm Springs HMA. Through this DNA, BLM documented whether this action was adequately analyzed in the 2018 EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2018-0016-EA).	Warm Springs HMA, approximately 30 miles south of Burns, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 12/10/2019.	Wild Horse and Burro
Kiger and Riddle Mountain HMAs PopulationManagement PlanDOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2020-0004-EAThe BLM proposes to analyze various methods tomaintain the wild horse populations of these HMAswithin AMLs over a 10-year timeframe to achieve athriving natural ecological balance.	Kiger and Riddle Mountain HMAs, northeast of Diamond, Oregon.	Public scoping period complete. EA in development and analysis.	Wild Horse and Burro
Other			
Skull Creek Road Complex Project – Exploratory Drilling DOI-BLM-ORWA-B050-2017-0007-CX	T. 21 S., R. 29 E., sec. 32, SWSE; T. 22 S., R. 29 E., sec. 5, lot 2, lot 3, and lot 4 SWNW, SENW.	Decision record signed on 7/24/2017.	Engineering

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
The BLM proposed to perform exploratory core			
drilling west of Skull Creek Road to determine if an			
appropriate quantity and quality of rock material			
was available for development of a mineral material			
source to meet road design criteria.			

## Table 3: Andrews/Steens Resource Area Projects

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation			
Upper Mine Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation PlanDOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2017-0008-CXBLM proposed to rehabilitate portions of the 2017 Upper Mine Fire. Work included aerial and ground seeding burned areas, fence repair, placement of erosion control devices, stabilization and erosion control in stream head-cuts, and cottonwood planting along streams for stabilization.	Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment and the Pueblo Mountains Wilderness Study Area. Approximate center of fire perimeter is in T. 40 S., R. 35 E., sec. 4.	Decision record signed on 12/5/2017.	Rangeland Management
Fish and Wildlife			
<i>Tule Springs Allotment Guzzler Maintenance</i> <u>DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2015-0040-CX</u> The BLM proposed to maintain six wildlife guzzlers within the Tule Springs Allotment. Maintenance included some or all the following: replacement or repair of existing water catchment aprons, water storage tanks, drinkers, plumbing materials, and maintenance of livestock exclosure fences.	Tule Springs Allotment near Fields, Oregon Guzzlers are in T. 36-38 S., R. 34-35 E.	Decision record signed on 12/2/2015.	Wildlife
Lands and Realty			
Breck Road Right-of-Way DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0005-CX	T. 36 S., R. 35 E., sec. 18, N1/2NW1/4.	Decision record signed 12/10/2015.	Lands and Realty

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
The BLM proposed grantin a ROW to a private			
citizen to authorize a road to a private parcel of land.			
The ROW would be for an existing two-track road,			
approximately 2350 feet.	<u> </u>		
Harney Electric Cooperative, Inc. Powerline Right-	Fields, Oregon and Quinn	Decision records signed	Lands and Realty
of-Way OROR-068565	River, Nevada.	on 6/6/2016.	
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0010-CX The Burns and Winnemucca BLM Districts			
proposed authorizing a new 14.4kV single phase distribution and 115kV three phase transmission			
single pole power line ROW to HEC from the HEC			
Fields Substation, Oregon to the HEC Quinn Rivers			
Substation, Nevada (replacing two existing 14.4kV			
single phase distribution lines).			
Moon Hill Road ROW	T. 32 S., R. 33 E., sections	Decision record signed	Lands and Realty
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0034-CX	19, 20, 30, and 31.	on 12/16/2016.	
The BLM proposed granting a ROW to private	T. 32.5 S., R. 33 E., sec. 20.	011 12/ 10/ 20101	
citizens to authorize a road to a private parcel. The	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
ROW would be for legal access and maintenance			
rights. The grant would provide the applicants with			
the right to construct, maintain, operate, or terminate			
the ROW totaling 7.27 acres. This is an existing			
road that has been used on a casual basis.			
Hog Wallow Stock Well Power Line Right-of-Way	Andrews RA, Hog Wallow	Decision record signed	Lands and Realty
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2017-0002-CX	Allotment, southeast of	6/22/2017.	
The BLM proposed to renew an existing ROW to	Burns, Oregon.		
HEC to authorize a 14.4kV single-phase power line			
ending at a stock well on public lands managed by			
BLM.			
Page Springs-Riddle Power Line ROW	T. 28 S., R. 34.E., sections	Decision record signed	Lands and Realty
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2019-0001-CX	19 and 30. T. 32 S., R. 32.5	on 5/6/5019	
The BLM proposed issuing a ROW to HEC that	E., sections 17 and 18.		
would allow the use of public land for a power line.			

Project Name and Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact Program
Wilderness Acquisition DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2019-0002-CX The BLM proposed to acquire fee title to a 20-acre parcel within Steens Mountain Wilderness.	T. 36 S., R. 33 E., sec. 5, S1/2SE1/4SW1/4.	Decision record signed on 9/12/2019.	Lands and Realty
Bone Creek Road Power Line Right-of-Way DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2019-0008-CX The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to HEC for existing power lines. The ROW would authorize a 14.4kV single-phase power line.	T. 36 S., R. 32.75 E., sections 13 and 14; T. 36 S., R. 33 E., sections 18, 19, 29, 30, 32, and 33.	Decision record signed on 7/12/2019.	Lands and Realty
Rock Creek Power Line Right-of-Way Renewal DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2019-0010-CX The BLM proposed to grant a ROW to HEC for existing power lines, which would authorize a 14.4kV single-phase power line.	T. 31 S., R. 29 E., sections 34 and 35. T. 32 S., R. 30 E., sections 1, 5, 6, and 12. T. 32 S., R. 31 E., sections 7 and 8.	Decision record signed on 9/16/2019.	Lands and Realty
Livestock Grazing			
Livestock Grazing Permit Renewal #3602473 DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0017-CX The BLM proposed renewing the term grazing permit/lease with the same terms and conditions as the expiring permit.	Pueblo-Lone Mountain, Trout Creek Mountain, Fields Basin, Orlando FFR, Long Hollow FFR, Tule Springs, Wiley FFR, Windmill FFR, and Dixon FFR Allotments within the vicinity of Fields, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 4/4/2016.	Rangeland Management
Livestock Grazing Permit Renewal #3602561 DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0018 The BLM proposed renewing the term grazing permit/lease with the same terms and conditions as the expiring permit.	Tule Springs, Trout Creek Mountain, Defenbaugh FFR, and Crump/Calderwood FFR Allotments, all in the vicinity of Fields, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 4/4/2016.	Rangeland Management
Livestock Grazing Permit #3601960 Renewal DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0019-CX	Frazier Field Allotment, 0.25 air miles south of Frenchglen, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 3/21/2016.	Rangeland Management

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The BLM proposed renewing the term grazing permit/lease with the same terms and conditions as the expiring permit.			
Livestock Grazing Permit #3602580 Renewal DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0020-CX The BLM proposed renewing the term grazing permit/lease with the same terms and conditions as the expiring permit.	Krumbo Mountain Allotment, 5 air miles north of Frenchglen, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 3/22/2016.	Rangeland Management
Livestock Grazing Permit #3602576 Renewal DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0021-CX The BLM proposed renewing the term grazing permit/lease with the same terms and conditions as the expiring permit.	North Catlow and Rock Creek FFR Allotments, 14 air miles southwest of Frenchglen, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 3/21/2016.	Rangeland Management
<i>Livestock Grazing Permit Renewal #3600277</i> DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0024-CX The BLM proposed renewing the term grazing permit/lease with the same terms and conditions as the expiring permit.	Pollock Allotment, 40 air miles north of Fields, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 5/2/2016.	Rangeland Management
Livestock Grazing Permit #3601452 Renewal DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0029-CX The BLM proposed renewing the term grazing permit/lease with the same terms and conditions as the expiring permit.	Tule Springs, Trout Creek Mountain, South Fork, and Wrench Ranch FFR Allotments; located in the vicinity of Fields, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 4/4/2016.	Rangeland Management
Livestock Grazing Permit #3602582 Modification DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0031-DNA The BLM proposed to correct a clerical error and renew the term grazing permit as outlined in the 1995 Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment Management Plan (AMP).	Pueblo-Lone Mountain Allotment, south of Fields, Oregon.	Decision record signed 6/26/2016.	Rangeland Management
<i>Folly Farm Well Pipeline</i> <u>DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2018-0012-DNA</u> The BLM proposed to bury approximately 0.4 mile of pipeline from the existing Folly Farm well to a new trough. This project was being proposed to	Pollock Allotment, T. 29 S., R. 36 E., sec. 34.	Decision record signed on 7/13/2018.	Rangeland Management

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provide a dependable water source in the Road Pasture.			
Barney's Butte Well Project DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2019-0005-DNA The BLM proposed to drill and case a new water well, pipeline, trough, storage tank, and fenced power supply in Keg Springs Allotment. This well would ensure a continuous source of water for wildlife and livestock.	Keg Springs Allotment, T. 30 S., R. 29.5 E., sec. 25.	Decision record signed on 4/30/2019.	Rangeland Management
Authorization of Nonrenewable Animal Unit Months (AUM) in Hammond Allotment DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2019-0006-EA The BLM proposed to reduce standing biomass within 5,800 acres of crested wheatgrass that had been rested from livestock grazing since 2014. Reduction of standing biomass would reduce the risk of wildfire spread in this cured, fine fuel and increase the health and vigor to help support continued ecological processes.	Hammond Allotment, approximately 50 miles south of Burns, Oregon.	Draft EA released for public review on 4/9/2019. Project cancelled May 2019.	Rangeland Management
Mining Abandoned Mine Land Remediation – Steens Group DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0006-DNA The BLM proposed to address the closure of three adits (i.e., entrances to underground mines), mining features within the Steens group of mines. The proposal was to maintain and remediate significant physical hazards of these abandoned mine lands that have not been in operation since prior to the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).	East side of Steens Mountain. T. 34 S., R. 34 E., sec. 19, S1/2SE1/4NE1/4 (Steens Mtn. Mine); sec. 20, NE1/2NW1/4NW1/4 (Pike Creek Mine).	Decision record signed on 10/29/2015.	Geology/Minerals
Recreation and Visitor Services			
Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2009-0058-EA	Steens Mountain, Harney County, Oregon	Decision record signed on 4/13/2015.	Recreation

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The BLM proposed to conduct an analysis of recreational facilities and activities within and adjacent to Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA).		Decision remanded to the District.	
Frog Springs and Fields Station Kiosk and ToiletInstallationDOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2016-0012-DNAThe BLM proposed to install one new, single vaulttoilet and an informational kiosk at the Frog Springsentrance to the Alvord Playa. Additionally, the BLMproposed to install two new, single vault toilets andtwo informational kiosks at the Fields Station inFields, Oregon.	Frog Springs (adjacent to the Alvord Desert along the East Steens Road, on east side of Steens Mountain) and Fields, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 5/15/2017.	Recreation
Steens Mountain Running Camp Special Recreation Permit Renewal DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2017-0003-DNA The BLM proposed renewing a 10-year special recreation permit (SRP) for high school athletes to perform high-altitude training. The previous SRP expired in 2018.	Steens Mountain, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 9/12/2017.	Recreation
Blitzen Trail Reroute <u>DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2017-0004-DNA</u> The BLM proposed to perform trail maintenance to include a reroute of the Blitzen Trail around the riparian area adjacent to the Donner und Blitzen River.	Page Springs Campground, near Frenchglen, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 8/16/2017.	Recreation
Fish Lake Vault Toilet Installation <u>DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2019-0004-DNA</u> The BLM proposed installing a vault toilet at Fish Lake Campground.	Fish Lake Campground on Steens Mountain. T. 32.5 S., R. 33 E., sec. 29.	Decision record signed on 6/10/2019.	Recreation
Wild Horse and Burro			
South Steens Herd Management Area Population Management Plan	South Steens HMA, south of Frenchglen, Oregon.	Decision record signed on 7/23/2015.	Wild Horse and Burro

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DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2013-0027-EA			
The BLM proposed analyzing various methods to			
maintain the wild horse population within AML			
over a 10-year timeframe in order to achieve a			
thriving natural ecological balance.			
Wildland Fire Management			
Pueblo Mountains Pilot Project	Near Fields, Oregon.	Decision record signed	Rangeland
DOI-BLM-ORWA-B060-2018-0010-EA		on 5/22/2019.	Management
The BLM proposed testing and evaluating strategies			
to reduce the risk of large wildfires on a larger			
operational scale of the Pueblo Mountain area			
(26,400-acre pilot project). This effort would be			
based on a variety of issues such as sage-grouse			
habitat, wildlife distribution, current vegetation, fire			
risk probability, effects of elevation, summary of			
fuels/vegetation and fire risk, weather/climate			
impacts, past fires, accessibility, response times,			
availability of water, grazing history, and wilderness			
study area implications.			