



# Planning in Southeastern Oregon and Lakeview

BLM is considering how to manage 1.2 million acres of land found to have wilderness characteristics in Southeastern Oregon and 1.6 million acres in Lakeview.

How to address grazing in areas where it is causing an allotment or pasture to fail to achieve standards for rangeland health.

Which areas should be open, limited, or closed to off highway vehicle use.

Public Input  
BLM welcomes public input and feedback on these planning efforts. Please contact the Lakeview District (541)947-2177 and the Vale District (541) 473-3144.

As part of its work supporting traditional land uses and providing access to hunting, fishing, and other recreational opportunities, the BLM is assessing management options for lands with wilderness characteristics, livestock grazing, and travel and off-highway vehicle use through the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement and Resource Management Plan Amendment for the BLM's Vale and Lakeview Districts.

The Vale District is considering these options across 4.6 million acres of public land in Malheur, Grant, and Harney Counties. The Lakeview District is considering these options across 3.2 million acres of public land in Lake and Harney Counties.

The BLM initiated these planning processes in 2010 as a result of a settlement agreement with appellants who challenged the validity of the Southeastern Oregon and Lakeview Resource Management Plans.

There are no designated Wilderness Areas in either the Southeastern Oregon or the Lakeview planning areas. There are 32 Wilderness Study Areas in Southeastern Oregon and 13 in Lakeview. Through an inventory of public lands in the planning areas, the BLM has identified an additional 76 units in the Southeastern Oregon planning area and approximately 100 units in the Lakeview planning area as having wilderness characteristics. The decisions that result from the planning processes will identify which of these areas will be managed to protect and preserve their wilderness characteristics and which will be managed for other uses. As stipulated by the settlement agreement, the Vale and Lakeview Districts are not allowed to diminish the size or wilderness character of these identified areas until their plan amendments are complete.

The BLM will evaluate alternative management options for grazing allotments or pastures that are not meeting standards for rangeland health as a result of current livestock grazing management. The BLM will also evaluate alternative methods for processing voluntarily relinquishments of grazing permits.

The BLM will also evaluate alternative management options for OHV use. These alternatives will vary in the amount of areas that are open, limited, and closed to OHV use. There will be at least one alternative that limits off-highway vehicle use to existing roads and trails in Wilderness Study Areas and areas identified as having wilderness characteristics and at least one alternative that will close these areas to OHV use.

The Vale District anticipates releasing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for public comment in 2018 and the Lakeview District anticipates releasing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement in 2019.