

Land Uses Meeting

9:00 – 3:00 PM 3/18/02 at Prineville BLM office

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mollie Chaudet
Randy Davis
Tim Deboodt
Ed Faulkner
Ken Florey
Clay Penhollow
Teal Purrington
Susan Singhose
Steve Storo
Bob Wolfenbarger
Bill Zelenka

NOT PRESENT

Russ Frost
Matt Holmes
Sandy Lonsdale
Didi Malarkey
Bill McCaffrey
Chad McMullen
Wayne Singhose
Bruce Thorn

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

- Kurt Lockhart, Quail Valley Ranches, 13331 S Crooked River Highway, Prineville OR 97754.
- Bill Colson, Quail Valley Ranch, 7311 Crooked River Highway, Prineville OR 97754.

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Review and edit criteria tables
- Discuss minerals information provided to BLM
- Review draft alternatives
- Modify alternatives

CHANGES MADE TO LIVESTOCK GRAZING CRITERIA

Social

1. Changed “buildable lots” to “residential lots with permanent housing,” so that this criterion reflects current rather than possible future conditions. Changed “pasture” to “pasture or parcel,” with parcel meaning an isolated tract of public land within a pasture.” Discussed possible mitigation of moving fence back from private/public boundary, to create buffer. Did not decide how wide the buffer would need to be.
2. Left open/closed range criteria as-is.
3. This criterion (regarding number of lots bordering pasture) was initially included to balance the “high conflict” rating a small pasture surrounded by only a few lots would get in #1. We decided to omit this criterion, as #1 (as modified) now takes into account the difference between types of lots.
4. We recognized a need to define “busy” roads, but otherwise left the criteria as-is. Might use average daily traffic (ADT) counts, available from counties. Might also need to factor in average speed.
5. Changed “low conflict” to “No picnic areas, campsites, or designated motorized use trails within pasture or isolated tract of public land within a pasture.” Moderate conflict now

reads, “Picnic area or campsite present. Designated motorized use trails present but closed seasonally.” High conflict means “Picnic area or campsite at same location as livestock watering site, or trails present and open year-round.” We discussed amount of trail present, decided any amount of trail would count, since it would cross fence at each end regardless of length. (editor’s note: do we want to consider OHV staging areas?)

6. Traditional cultural activities: Brigitte said traditional gathering is the main concern. We changed low conflict to read, “No plants mapped in pasture or parcel, or no livestock grazing during critical times. Mapped area = plants of concern present, and traditionally collected here by tribe. Critical times are from when plant begins growth (mid March) until end of gathering time (end of May). Moderate conflict reads “Plants mapped in area and may be grazed by livestock during critical times,” and high conflict is when “Plants are in area, and are grazed by livestock every year during some part of the critical period.

Economic

1. First economic criterion (conflicts with bordering lots) will be worded as first social criterion.
2. Second economic criterion (conflicts with recreation) will be worded as second social criterion.
3. We agreed to omit the criterion about number of months the allotment is used, as it doesn’t reflect importance to permittee.
4. We omitted this criterion (AUMs used vs. available), as it doesn’t reflect importance to permittee.
5. We left this criterion (non-use) as-is.
6. We omitted this criterion (proximity of base property), as it doesn’t reflect importance to permittee.
7. We omitted this criterion (BLM revenue and cost to administer), as it doesn’t reflect importance to permittee.

CHANGES MADE TO MINERALS CRITERIA

Social

1. Combined the concern of mining effects noise, dust and vibration with mining effects visuals.
2. Changed the way that mining effects of noise, dust, vibration and visuals are measured from a number of residential lots and distance measure to a set distance to adjacent private lands.
3. Changed Safety of right-of-way holders to Public Safety.
4. Under Public Safety, Mining traffic, the measures were changed to identify the road type as well as number of residences along the route to a primary roadway.
5. Under the Recreational Experience, Mining noise, conflicts are measured from a set distance to adjacent established rec sites.

Economic

1. We omitted the criteria BLM revenue and cost to administer or implement use, as it doesn’t reflect importance to the mining program.
2. In the Minerals, National, regional and/or local needs the wording was changed from “private” to alternative sources.
3. In the Minerals, Quality of source we agreed to use a criterion of “accepted industry standard.”
4. We added a minerals concern called location with measures of distance to project site.

ALTERNATIVES

Livestock Grazing

1. Emphasize social (social conflict = low). Mitigate land use first. Mitigate when econ importance is moderate or low.
2. Emphasize economic (econ = high). Mitigate recreation first. Mitigate when soc conflicts are moderate or high.
3. Emphasize different things in different areas (go with alt 1 in some areas, alt 2 in others).
4. “Historic” alt. Emphasize natural resources. Mitigate when social conflicts are mod or high, and when econ importance is low or mod.

Minerals

(Mollie’s notes)

1. No action
2. Historic (nat res over soc compatibility and land uses)
3. Emphasize recreation over land uses. Keep social conflicts low. Multiple use...segregated use
4. Emphasize land uses over recreation. With low conflict nat res
5. Emphasize land uses over soc comp/rec and nat resources.
Emphasize some for rec and some for land use (where less conflicts)

MITIGATION

Brigette suggested we add a common mitigation to provide pedestrian access at points identified by tribes as important for plant gathering purposes.

We also discussed possibility of fencing livestock away from “high social conflict” areas, creating a buffer. We did not decide how wide this buffer would need to be.

DISCUSSION

Ken: concerned about how we use the term “economic.” Have a hard time using it as a broad base. Means such different things to different people, different times. Does not always mean the same thing. Remember recreation is a revenue source, too. Maybe change title of table?

Ed: We have social and economic, but need physical (fencing and buffer zones). (editor: put these in social?)

Ken: would like to see some areas set aside to have no new uses (only existing). A bank for the future, in case it turns out we don’t know what we’re doing now.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The two present participated in discussion about modification of the livestock grazing criteria. They did not make statements for the record during public forum. Neither requested privacy.

NEXT MEETING

We will not meet again until **May 13, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**, at the BLM office. Prior to that meeting, BLM will send all Issue Team members a copy of the DRAFT ALTERNATIVES. Please also mark **June 6, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM** on your calendars for an *all* Issue Team meeting, at Eagle Crest.