

## SOCIAL-ECONOMIC ISSUE TEAM MEETING

Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan

January 16, 2002

COCC: North Campus

Attending: Brett McKnight Dept. of Environmental Quality (for Merrie Sue Carlson)  
Mike Templeton Central Oregon Partnership  
George Read Deschutes County  
Ed Faulkner Private Landowner  
Scott Cooper Crook County  
Bob Graves Private Landowner  
Barbara Pieper Private Landowner

Not Present: Dick Brown City of Prineville  
Merrie Sue Carlson Governor's Office of Community Development  
Terry Eccles Oregon Parks & Recreation

After introductions, Mollie gave an overview of the planning process. This team will assess the potential social and environmental impacts of this planning process at three stages by reviewing:

- (1) the Issue Descriptions in the Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS),
- (2) the proposed Issue Team alternatives presented by the other teams,
- (3) the EIS alternatives proposed by the BLM and the Intergovernmental Team.

We will determine whether social and environmental impacts have been sufficiently addressed in each stage of the planning process, and if not, how to address them. We will have available to us the University of Oregon survey results (distributed here), and may hire an independent contractor to do further analysis of social and economic impacts of selected issues.

Points discussed:

1. "Social impact" may be understood to include the community's values regarding the quality of life in the area.
2. The Resource Management Plan (RMP) will ultimately be a combination of broad-based objectives and criteria for future decision-making by the BLM, and site-specific area recommendations.
3. Note: consider how many agricultural dollars are dependent on BLM lands, including "AUM", the amount of forage required to support one animal.
4. Bring the county plans to the table as a foundation for discussion, so that the various plans can be consistent and integrated as much as possible.

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Interests present at the table:

- Concern about recent changes on BLM lands: OHV use, hunting, cell towers, safety concerns, desire for thoughtful planning
- Controls on use of BLM land – ruination of prime areas
- Development of a new economy (and retain as much as possible of the old economy) in Crook County, where federal lands are often a subsistence resource
- Recreational use
- Interagency cooperation
- Consolidation of federal land holdings & access
- Private landowner, long-term resident, land use rights, especially adjacent to BLM land
- Central Oregon Visitors' Association – businesses, tourism
- Jefferson County
- Deschutes County – desire to manage development given rapid growth, population increasing by 10,000 every 2 ½ years, 80% of county on public lands (50% USFS, 30% BLM), 30% of county in planning area
- Integration – joint planning with counties
- Central Oregon Partnership – alleviating the root causes of poverty (jobs, training, health)
- State Forestry – resource management, and private landowner
- Governor's Office of Community Development (land use planning, housing, transportation, quality of life) (Merrie Sue)
- DEQ – illegal dumping, OHV dust, etc.
- Ensure all factors dealt with up front, so there will be no surprises when the RMP is issued

Additional Interests to be Considered:

- Tribes: 3 staff are on other Issue Teams and/or the Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC)
- Jefferson County

Action Items:

- ➡ Mollie will invite a Tribal representative to sit on this team
- ➡ Scott will invite a representative of Jefferson County to sit on this team as well as the Intergovernmental Team

- ➡ Members will read Chapters 2 and 5 of the AMS, as well as the Issue Teams proposed revisions to the Issue Descriptions to be included in next week's mailing
- ➡ Members will give written feedback to Mollie regarding the social and economic impacts that have not been sufficiently addressed in the above either by fax (416-6798) or at the January 29 meeting
- ➡ Members will review the University of Oregon survey, in preparation for the presentation at the February meeting
- ➡ Barbara will set up an e-mail group for future communication within the team, given the BLM Internet closure
- ➡ Members will review the sample Ground Rules and select several to be included in the discussion and development of team Ground Rules at the next meeting

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 29: All-Team Meeting at Eagle Crest Conference Center from 9am to 3pm  
Purpose: Develop Desired Conditions to be included in proposed Issue Team alternatives

Wednesday, February 13: Social-Economic Team Meeting from 2-4:30  
Purpose: Develop Ground Rules and receive presentation of University of Oregon Survey results  
(Please also reserve Monday and Friday mornings, 2/11 and 2/15, 9-11:30, in case U of O presenter is unavailable on Wednesday)