

# UPPER DESCHUTES RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

## SOCIAL VALUES SURVEY

### ***Background***

In 1989, the Prineville District Bureau of Land Management (BLM) completed a land use plan governing the use, protection, and enhancement of resources on public land it manages in central Oregon. That plan, the Brothers/La Pine Resource Management Plan (RMP), did not anticipate issues related to the rapidly growing human population in Bend, Redmond, Prineville, and surrounding areas. The combination of changed circumstances and new information has driven the need to revise the existing RMP. In addition, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) directs the BLM to develop and periodically update Resource Management Plans (RMPs) that guide land management actions on BLM managed lands.



Wildflowers, Central Oregon BLM

### **What is the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan?**

The Prineville District BLM is updating its management plan for lands administered by the BLM roughly in the area between Smith Rock State Park and La Pine, and between Sisters and Prineville Reservoir. The Upper Deschutes RMP will establish broad-scale desired conditions, goals, objectives, standards, and guidelines for the management of BLM administered lands and resources within the planning area.

### **Why is the BLM engaging in this planning process?**

First and foremost, the social and physical conditions affecting much of the planning area have been substantially changed since 1989, primarily by human population growth issues. Secondly, there is new information that was not available or known when the BLM prepared the Brothers/La Pine RMP. Finally, the BLM is federally mandated to periodically review its resource management plans and update them. It is the combination of these three factors that has prompted the BLM to engage in this planning process.

## What physical area will the plan cover?

The “planning area ” covers approximately 885,883 acres of public and private land in two separate blocks in central Oregon (see map on opposite page). Of that, approximately 380,000 acres is managed by the BLM. The northern portion of the planning area is in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, and is located between Sisters on the west, Lake Billy Chinook on the north, Prineville Reservoir and State Highway 27 on the east, and Pine Mountain and Bend on the south. The southern area, also called the La Pine area, encompasses land, in southern Deschutes and northern



Prineville Canyon

Klamath counties. Overall, 49 percent of the land in the planning area falls in Deschutes County, 44 percent in Crook, two percent in Jefferson, and five percent in Klamath. The map on Page 4 illustrates the plan area boundary as well as location of BLM lands therein.

## Where is the BLM in the planning process?

The BLM is at the beginning of the plan revision process. One of the first steps in preparing the Upper Deschutes RMP is to summarize the existing situation, explain the need for change (preliminary issues), and propose a range of management opportunities (preliminary alternatives). The completion of this first step will result in a document called the Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS). The AMS is required by regulation to provide a starting point to understand the biological, physical, social and economic components of the environment that would be affected by the decisions made as a part of the proposed Upper Deschutes RMP. The AMS will serve as the basis for the RMP and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

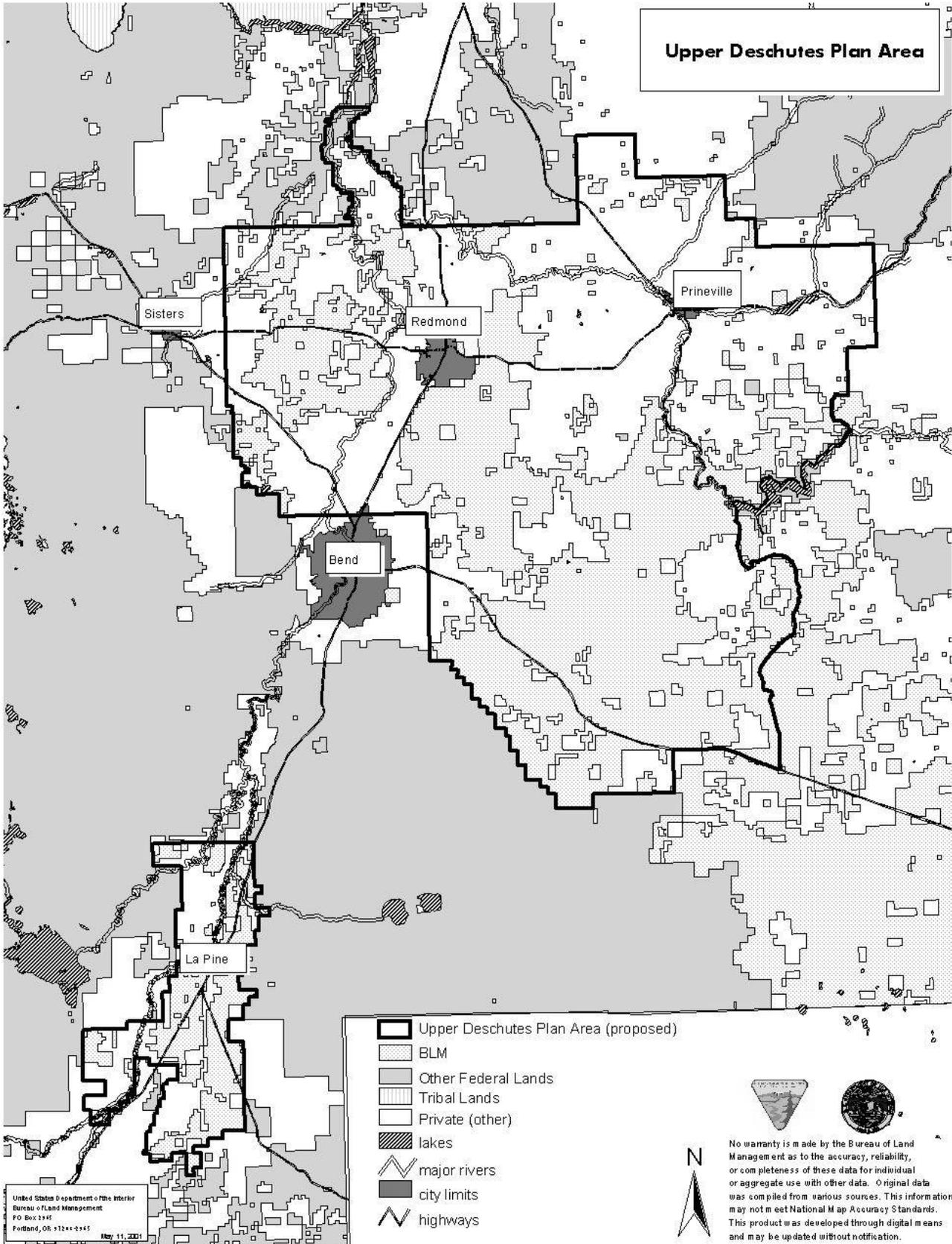
## Why am I receiving this survey, and how does it fit into the planning process?

In order to complete the social component of the AMS, the BLM wishes to better understand the community’s attitudes and beliefs about BLM-managed resource lands. This survey is intended to provide the BLM with information that will help it better understand the beliefs and attitudes about land management in the study



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# Upper Deschutes Plan Area



area. The results from the survey will be analyzed and incorporated into the socio-economic section of the AMS described above. Together with information collected at public meetings, work groups, and discussions with local jurisdictions, this survey will provide the BLM with valuable information needed to develop future goals and objectives. The BLM is interested in understanding early on in the planning process what aspects of BLM-managed resource lands you value most.

### **What are the main issues to be addressed by the RMP?**

As part of its analysis of the management situation, the BLM has developed a set of nine preliminary issues on which it wishes to receive information. The issues include land ownership, transportation and access, land use, ecosystem health and diversity, recreation, special management areas, archeological



Central Oregon Juniper Forest

resources, public health and safety, and social and economic values. You will be asked to respond to questions in this survey related to each of these eight topic areas. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and all results will be kept strictly confidential. For information on any of the specific issue areas described above, or for information regarding current land uses on BLM land please visit the Prineville BLM website at: [www.or.blm.gov/Prineville](http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville).

### **Where Can I Get More Information?**

For more information about the current uses and management direction on the BLM-managed lands in this area, get a copy of the Analysis of the Management Situation from the website or from the Prineville office.

[www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/Deschutes\\_RMP/Home.htm](http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/Deschutes_RMP/Home.htm)

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