

Appendix A

Survey Methodology

The primary research tool was a survey mailed to households and key stakeholder groups within the study area. CPW utilized two mailing lists. The first list, purchased from InfoUSA, contained 1,435 addresses. Addressees were identified using a weighted sample based on populations contained within each of seven communities located in or adjacent to the planning area. Zip codes were used to identify community boundaries. Table A.1 summarizes the sample weighting for the InfoUSA list.

Table A.1 – InfoUSA list summary

City	Zip Code	Population	# of names in USA database	Sample Weight	Addresses Requested
Redmond	97756	13,481	15,802	29%	440
La Pine	97739	5,799	6,996	13%	195
Prineville	97754	7,356	10,539	20%	294
Sisters	97759	959	3,911	7%	109
Terrebonne	97760	1,469	2,474	5%	69
Powell Butte	97753	no data	652	1%	18
Bend*	97701	52,029	30,728	11%	159
	97702		19,071	7%	99
	97707		3,911	1%	20
	97708		18,052	6%	93
	97709		819	0%	4
Total		81,093	112,955	100%	1500

Source: Community Planning Workshop

The Prineville District BLM provided the second mailing list. The list contained 834 names and addresses of people who had requested to be included on the Upper Deschutes RMP update mailing list. An additional 42 targeted key stakeholders. Not counting undeliverable addresses, approximately 2,050 surveys were distributed and 692 were completed and returned, for a 34 percent response rate.

Each mailed survey packet consisted of: (1) a cover letter that explained the purpose of the survey and identified the return date; (2) a background packet that detailed the RMP update process, listed contact information, and included a map of the planning area; (3) the eight-page survey instrument; and (4) a postage-paid envelope in which to return the completed survey.

The first mailing was sent to 2,294 households and stakeholder groups during the first week of November. As of November 15, approximately 105 surveys had been returned marked undeliverable by the post office. The primary reason for returned surveys was determined to be no forwarding address left by the resident¹. On November 15, 2,189 post cards were sent to all addresses that had not been identified as undeliverable. As of November 29, 496 surveys had been returned. On November 29, a second full survey packet was sent to the 1,575 addresses that had either not responded or had been identified as undeliverable.

A total of 692 surveys were returned as of the final December 21, 2001 deadline. Not counting the undeliverable addresses, this represents a 34% survey response rate. Table A-1 shows survey response by group.

Table 1-2. Source of returned surveys

Sample source	Sample Size	Number of valid responses	Response rate
General population	1,176	287	24%
BLM List	834	388	47%
Stakeholder organizations	40	17	43%
Total	2,050	692	34%

Source: Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan Social Values Survey, Community Planning Workshop, 2001

A key concern of survey researchers is sample reliability and validity. A sample is considered reliable if the sample methodology consistently assigns the same numbers to some phenomenon. For example, if we administered the survey a second time and obtained the same results, the sample would be considered reliable. A sample is considered valid if it accurately portrays the population in question.

The research methodology used for this project intended to identify the range of values people place upon various aspects of natural resources and land management. The Collaboration Committee spent considerable time discussing the sampling issue and decided that an approach that gathered information about interested parties in the BLM planning process as well as the general population of Central Oregon was most appropriate.

Thus, the sample consisted of two components:

¹ In all, approximately 225 addresses were identified as undeliverable. While this number is relatively high, roughly 10% of the total sample, it falls within the oversample parameters set by CPW at the outset.

- BLM mailing list. The BLM mailing list sample component intended to gather data about people that have expressed an active interest in BLM management issues in the past. Surveys mailed to people on the BLM mailing list and to stakeholder organizations were not randomly selected. The responses are representative of people on the BLM list, but were not intended to be generalized to a larger population.
- General population. The general population survey was a random sample survey. The intent was to gather information on values and perceptions of people that live in the region. If no response bias existed, the results of the general population sample would be accurate at a 95% confidence level with a $\pm 6\%$ margin of error.

Chapter 2 describes the demographic characteristics of survey respondents in detail; those characteristics, however, are germane to this discussion of survey validity. In general, demographic characteristics of the two sample components were remarkably similar. Because we do not know the demographic characteristics of people on the BLM list, we cannot comment on whether these results are consistent or inconsistent with the sample population.

The sample was predominately male (75% of all respondents were males; 73% of respondents from the random population sample were male). This is inconsistent with the gender composition of Central Oregon and the state, which was very close to 50% male in 2000. In short, the general population sample includes a far greater percentage of males than one would expect.

The average age of respondents in the general population sample was about 55 years. The average age for all persons over 18 in Central Oregon counties in 2000 was just under 50 years. The general population sample, however, appears to be under-represented by people age 30 or under.

In summary, known areas of response bias exist in the general population sample. *This bias suggests that readers should take caution in inferring the results to all Central Oregon residents.* Because the general population sample so closely mirrors the BLM mailing list, we postulate that the general population sample also represents people interested in natural resource management in Central Oregon.

One could hypothesize that the overall sample represents people that use BLM lands (90% of respondents indicated they used BLM lands within the past 12 months), but this again cannot be verified because we do not have data on the demographic characteristics of people that use BLM lands.

Despite the areas of known response bias, CPW feels the survey results represent the range of attitudes and values of people in Central Oregon. Taken in that context, the survey results are useful to BLM planners because they allow analysis of patterns and relationships between individuals' values about land management issues.

Table A-2. Number of responses by zip

Zip code	Number of respondents	Percent of Respondents	Zip code	Number of respondents	Percent of Respondents
81328	1	0.1%	97403	1	0.1%
83341	1	0.1%	97405	2	0.3%
83401	1	0.1%	97414	1	0.1%
83607	1	0.1%	97443	1	0.1%
89102	1	0.1%	97448	1	0.1%
90260	1	0.1%	97451	1	0.1%
90402	1	0.1%	97454	1	0.1%
92653	1	0.1%	97478	2	0.3%
93030	1	0.1%	97504	1	0.1%
95687	1	0.1%	97520	1	0.1%
97002	1	0.1%	97537	1	0.1%
97006	1	0.1%	97595	1	0.1%
97008	1	0.1%	97601	1	0.1%
97013	1	0.1%	97627	1	0.1%
97015	1	0.1%	97630	2	0.3%
97017	1	0.1%	97640	1	0.1%
97024	1	0.1%	97701	180	26.4%
97031	1	0.1%	97702	40	5.9%
97037	2	0.3%	97707	5	0.7%
97038	1	0.1%	97708	8	1.2%
97041	1	0.1%	97709	2	0.3%
97045	2	0.3%	97719	1	0.1%
97055	1	0.1%	97730	1	0.1%
97056	1	0.1%	97734	1	0.1%
97058	1	0.1%	97737	2	0.3%
97060	1	0.1%	97738	1	0.1%
97062	1	0.1%	97739	42	6.1%
97070	1	0.1%	97741	4	0.6%
97071	1	0.1%	97752	2	0.3%
97113	1	0.1%	97753	26	3.8%
97115	1	0.1%	97754	86	12.6%
97123	2	0.3%	97756	103	15.1%
97140	1	0.1%	97757	1	0.1%
97202	2	0.3%	97759	33	4.8%
97211	1	0.1%	97760	35	5.1%
97213	1	0.1%	97761	1	0.1%
97214	1	0.1%	97830	3	0.4%
97215	2	0.3%	97834	1	0.1%
97219	1	0.1%	97845	1	0.1%
97221	1	0.1%	98031	1	0.1%
97222	3	0.4%	98040	1	0.1%
97225	1	0.1%	98047	1	0.1%
97229	2	0.3%	98117	1	0.1%
97230	1	0.1%	98208	1	0.1%
97239	1	0.1%	98584	1	0.1%
97267	1	0.1%	98601	1	0.1%
97281	1	0.1%	98629	1	0.1%
97301	1	0.1%	98632	1	0.1%
97302	1	0.1%	98639	1	0.1%
97321	3	0.4%	98642	1	0.1%
97330	1	0.1%	98662	1	0.1%
97333	1	0.1%	98664	1	0.1%
97338	1	0.1%	98683	1	0.1%
97401	2	0.3%	98902	1	0.1%
97402	1	0.1%	99301	1	0.1%

Appendix B

Comment Responses

Introduction

The survey included an opportunity for respondents to provide written comments. Specifically, Q-35 stated “Please share any other comments you have in the space provided below.” Following is a transcript of written comments provided by survey respondents. The comments are presented in the order they were transcribed and are organized by the three sample populations: (1) general population; (2) BLM mailing list; (3) Interest groups.

Transcript of survey comments

General population

- Our family lives in the "Golden Triangle" area on the reference map. Our home is located near the Barr Road site being considered for a rock aggregate source. We have no objection to this happening. Living near a rock quarry is not a concern of ours.
- Remove 1/2 to 1/3 of juniper- Remove all knapweeds, and other invasive and noxious weeds!
- Any land sales of BLM should go to the public it is our land you manage.
- I feel strongly that roads (existing) should remain open, that there should be as much access as possible. It seems that there is a trend to limit the public's access to what is supposedly their own "property." It also seems that the decision makers and so called experts have their own agenda and rarely use public lands.
- Increase marked & maintained hiking trails.
- We who choose to live with wildlife & rural environment should remember that they were there first and not us.
- I wish the people of Oregon would use the BLM, Forest Service, State Lands, & privately owned lands wisely. I really dislike the illegal dumping of trash on our public lands. I hope my answers help the process of updating the R.M.P. I would hate to be whisked off of BLM, Forest Service, State, & Privately Owned Lands. Please & Thank you.
- Should have not firearms zoned adjacent to private residential property.
- We feel that vehicle access should be limited in all areas to increase wildlife populations and reduce wear & tear of the habitat.
- Why have BLM lands been treat with so little respect by local residents? Why have Forest Service lands fared better?
- Carriage driving is a quickly growing sport in Central Oregon! It would be nice, to have some areas of BLM that we could drive and not have to contend with motorcycles and the

destruction they cause to the dirt roads & trails. One of our former favorite areas is now pretty much unusable due to ruts & "jumps" made by 2 wheel dirt bikes.

- Clean up illegal dumping areas. More law enforcement in areas where illegal dumping is occurring.
- Enforce any violations- off-road use, refuse in shooting areas, garbage dumping, destroying property.
- Yes, Central Oregon is growing-but please do not take away or trade BLM lands to assist in the growth. Leave our BLM space as it is. It is an important part of our freedom! What's left of it!
- Public lands are-just that: public lands. And they should be kept that way (for the most part), regardless of what any cit, county or state government or organization thinks. We need public lands kept open and accessible to the public. That is the beauty & attraction (to me anyway) to living here in the west. If public land in this area is truly needed for growth, than these private developers need to pay market prices for the land and the money must go for the upkeep & maintenance of other existing public lands.
- Am 100% opposed to any reduction of public lands. Am opposed to over-improvement of roads & access to existing road systems. Am generally happy with existing management of BLM of its land!
- There is enough public land to accommodate urban sprawl. We do not BLM land for these. If we do not take care of the wildlife and the ecosystem around us who will? Man is the caretaker of the animals & land. Let it be said a hundred years from now that we did a good job. Thank you for listening.
- Small isolated tracts of land can seldom be managed reasonably. Quite the contrary they can result in problems between users and private land owners. Small isolated tracts of private land is often subject to trespass by folks thinking they are on public domain. Blocking of ownership has many things going for it.
- Q-27 The idea of including shooting and dumping in the same category bothers me. - Shooting is one of my favorite pastimes. -Dumping, other than at a certified landfill, is not acceptable at any time.
- The state of Oregon has entirely too much public lands. There should be no charge for access to public lands. Development should be allowed on unproductive land, such as rocks & sagebrush. Environmental concerns receive way too much attention. Working man's livelihood receive too little attention.
- I appreciate the ORV trail system between Powell Butte & Brothers & South. Wouldn't mind seeing more of it.
- In response to Q-27 I was unaware it was illegal to shoot on BLM land.
- You should provide areas for SUV's 2) Too many restrictions on BLM lands 3) Should have more firewood cutting to help control fires.
- Please remember tax payers own the BLM and should have as much access to land as possible
- Dumping and littering are my main complaint when outdoors. I feel fines are not enough put offenders in a mandatory work clean-up program. I would volunteer my time any way possible toward this goal.

- I believe that the BLM will be challenged to meet all multiple uses on its managed lands. The BLM should try to exchange property to consolidate holding away from urban growth. Isolated holdings, especially should be sold or traded to private land holders to accomplish this.
- I think too much of Oregon's lands are controlled by U.S. govt.
- I'm thankful we (the public) don't get all the good, we have to pay for!
- Grazing and extractive industries should not be subsidized by taxpayers/government. Low-impact uses (birding, hiking, etc.) should be favored over high-impact uses (ORV use, grazing, etc.). Intact ecosystems should be protected by designating as BLM wilderness areas. There are relatively few BLM wilderness areas, and WSA's receive little consideration. BLM wilderness designation would provide solitude and quiet when Cascade Mtn. wilderness areas are inaccessible because of snow blocking access.
- I believe the USFS and BLM do as they please, and don't care about hunters of Oregon, as the close roads during the hunting seasons and leave them open the rest of the year. There are many many old people that like to hunt, but can't because of road closures. Many can't walk well, therefore, they are to stay on main roads. The USFS and BLM should stop and give good thought to the elders of their state!!!
- I enjoy BLM land. I hate to see people with no respect deface public land. If possible cracking down on illegal dumping would be great! Also, keeping off road vehicles in designated areas would also rank up there for me personally. Good luck!
- I am very opposed to the BLM swapping or selling land sections with ranch corporations- such as the GI Ranch- so they can lock up large sections of land for their own private hunting preserve. We-our family have been hunting on BLM sections for forty years until we were locked out by the GI Ranch and BLM (They have a large hunting club on there now & using an unmarked airplane to move the game from the National Forest out on to their sections of land.
- We purchased our home 15 years ago because it was bordered on 2 sides by BLM land and then unknown by us the BLM traded or sold the land to a developer and created a situation for us that we no longer had the security of quiet, low noise environment for our lifestyle that we have to have!!
- Some of your questions are not clear enough. When asking about balancing specific needs with other concerns. What are the other concerns? Our fine government has a way of twisting the balance into whatever direction seems to be the most politically beneficial of the person or group working on a particular issue rather than what is really best for the environment and the general public.
- We fully oppose and rock pit in the Golden Triangle area. We oppose any sale of BLM lands, exchanges are much preferred. BLM land must be preserved!
- We as a family living in Central Oregon believe in multiple use on all government lands, this includes recreation, and selective logging, and any other activities the general population likes to do.
- I request you increase access to the Deschutes River in the RMP. I request that you also help to protect the Deschutes Riparian Areas. Please also protect the groundwater in the basin. Please step up actions to reduce noxious weeds. Please increase your budget to accommodate more law enforcement officers to enforce the rules and make the visiting public feel more safe.

- This land should all be sold to private parties, not corporations and in thousands of acres per sale. Russia used to be what we are becoming.
- The BLM needs to develop a more mature land management approach. For years they did nothing related to land management. Now they over manage some areas & with a new found ethic to "protect" the ecosystem. Public lands are for public enjoyment not to be locked up by administrators. Note: Grazing and ORV use should be eliminated.
- It is very hard to give good answers to some of these questions (- all decisions will have a far reaching impact on "our areas as we know it" and future generation) I really am not well enough informed to evaluate long term results so that the fulfillment of these goals would reflect my own "dream results." I tried!!
- I feel BLM management of our beautiful public land is very important for protection and future preservation. Yes, central Oregon is growing tremendously, which calls for some appropriate increases in recreational opportunities--But not open the gates too widely. Upgrading and increasing facilities and trails (for hiking, biking, sight seeing, etc. Would be in order.)
- I've been ATV and 4X4 in these areas for a long time and the most disturbing thing to me and my family is the amount of trash dumped all over. My father lives in the mountains in Idaho and we ride there and the trashing is none existing. One key reason is that the areas has two days a week for free dumping at the transfer station. Do you realize how much money could be saved. You spend thousands a year of trash cleanup!
- I like the BLM signs which state "your public" try to convince the USFS this is also true of "our" National Forests"
- Isolated parcels should be sold or exchanged to benefit the blocking of both public and private land. Private lands within a management area are managed as a part of public land, not always protecting land owner rights.
- I believe people caught dumping should be fined and the cost to clean it up and there drivers suspended for one year and the lose the use of the BLM land for hunting or fishing or any other recreational activities.
- I hate to pay to walk in the woods!
- I was born here and really don't like to see the large population growth. The result of the total loss of the game population. I believe that the major highways must be widened by want the future population to enjoy the outdoors as much as possible. The dumping of trash and poaching is the biggest problem that I see. Your motorcycle and ATV use. Keep it on the roads and in small areas for just them only.
- In most cases the BLM does a very poor job. Too much Washington D.C. rules placed on BLM doing their job, by D.C. people dumber than a post. and etc. This survey is as above statement. What point do you need verified to smooth your ego. Get with it folks. "Public lands--We the people-Remember it."
- Would like to see the boat launch improved near the dam at Prineville Reservation.
- Federal should not do law enforcement. Manage lands for the people, wildlife use, do not manage people. Nature can manage itself. Forest Service and BLM are always complaining about some off-road vehicle causing damage. What is damage? Someone gets off-road and makes a few ruts or gets wet in a wet area and makes big ruts. This just looks bad, there is no damage. Nature can and will repair itself. It's time for land managers to improve lands,

stop putting restrictions on users for these are our lands also. Off-road vehicles may tear up the soil, but this tills the soil and makes places for seeds to grow. Look along a roadside, see the you trees growing there. It's because the soil was tilled and the seeds found places to grow.

- We enjoy using the outdoors and feel that it is too limited as it is. We would like to see more areas open for vehicle use as this is how we can enjoy the outdoors. The older generation can not get out and walk miles, this is why vehicle access is so important.
- Outreach to recreational organizations should be implemented or increased. BLM OHV strategy provides for only coordinators and believes they should initiate the outreach- OHV trail designation and reduction of "Open" classification should occur in that order. Will dissolve the planning confusion. An increase of coordinators and LEO numbers are essential to any OHV planning success. Until elementary schools begin teaching realistic environmental values we must address these aforementioned values.
- I think our agencies do a fantastic job USFS and BLM. I like grazing-I am tired of environmentalists in cities dictating our options.
- I do not like the idea of selling/trading lands for development (i.e. destination resorts). Do not like limited access to lands just because neighboring property owner wish this. More access to isolated sections would be nice.
- I am a native to the Terrebone area. The BLM lands in this section of the plan area (Northern Section) have been important to me and my family my entire life. The small area near Lower Bridge is one that I hope will be kept public. These small sections may not seem significant, but they are very important to people who grew up using them. It seems there are so few areas along the Deschutes and Crooked Rivers that are public. I strongly feel that these should be preserved.
- Q18 Should be split up. Limited to designated roads and trails. Off-road vehicle should be limited to designated roads and not to trails. A trail to an off-road vehicle can be considered anything!
- Please stop responding to the "Green Movement" pressures. 2) Eliminate the "ecosystem" concept, since it implies maintaining or controlling some condition, when in actuality ecosystem definition recognizes changes with time.
- Please keep our public lands open. Punish people who destroy or trash our lands. Thank you for allowing me to participate in this survey.
- We have enough closed land in the area which is not accessible to the elderly. Keep some open for them.
- Our "ecosystem" management is out of control. Fish and other species are more important than "needs" of the people. We need natural resource development and protection for our farmers and livestock ranches... When environmental development needs come first, the needs of our human development decline. It's time to put things in balance!
- We like the BLM in P/V town Steve puts our fires out and Meg protects them sage hens as you should also do. Also you don't seem to be as wasteful as the forest circus, so keep up the good work and deep a quiet, low profile much like Gail Norton and we would be proud. Also keep on grazing (in moderation). To hell with Billie Marlet. Send him back to Wisconsin.
- Please, leave BLM regional lands alone-development has grown too fast. Bend, once a town, is now a city and growing.

- I feel taking better care of BLM areas and facilities thru maintenance and increased enforcement is first a and making smaller areas "known and available" in more rural areas.
- Keep our land open-We pay for it with taxes. Please manage our land-Do not let lack of management cause the fires seen in CA and WA.
- I moved to get away from congestion in big cities and would not like it to change.
- BLM could significantly reduce cost on high fuel area clean up from fire danger by opening up at a less fee for wood cutting.
- USFS Burning small groups of Pine Trees due to be thinned and setting fire to the base of large trees leaving ground sterile and burning down about every 10th big pine North by East of Big Summit Prairie. Smoke for large part of area during first elk hunting season. Of course this doesn't come close to the rash rock debacle where one logger with a cat could have stopped this waste. The USFS site just off Lamonta it looked like every illegal Mexican alien was playing ball. What a waste. Locals weren't qualified?
- Raise horses-need grass 3rd generation Oregonian. Am against development. Too many people now.
- Access to public lands is an ongoing issue. Isolated BLM lands should be assumed public access, such as those in the Powell Butte area, in the Summit Prairie and around the rivers and streams.
- Don't sell our land, or trade our land, we don't want to end up like CALIFORNIA. "Don't!"
- The BLM land is one of the few places the public can go and feel free to do and see whatever you want. Most people control their action to not hurting or destroying anything. You always will have a few none believer, so don't hurt the most because of a few. I still enjoy hunting and fishing and use a A.T.V. when going any distance, taking care to leave as little trail as possible. I think a rule to let older people use them would make a lot of the public happy. We have been around long enough to enjoy the outdoors.
- Alcoholic beverages and boaters on the rivers and lakes should be disallowed. They are a hazard to everyone's health including their own. They also make a huge mess of the environment.
- Do to age, I do not hunt or fish as much as I used to. I am sorry to see our Central Oregon area population grow so fast. It will result in more controls.
- I believe it is wrong to close an area because of over use. People need places to go. These areas should be better developed to handle more people with better maintenance and law enforcement.
- Shooting and Hunting and Fishing are important to many of us and should always be aloud as a legal activity on all BLM land. BLM should also trade land to make sure that there is public access either by trail of vehicle to all public land. No BLM land should ever Be sold only traded to allow better access or for better land (never sold) traded only.
- Q-27: Dumping-- Yes! Since when is shooting illegal on public lands? Q-35: I strongly support efforts to return specific areas to grassland areas. I also believe (and use) in the OHV designated trail system. It works-- expand it!
- The areas I have accessed for horseback riding is illegally accessed by motor vehicles and dumping is out of hand! Some simple method of citizens to report violators might help existing BLM law enforcement.

- I feel the limitations placed on farmers and ranchers are harmful to our economy and environment. Often grazing prevents fires and the land is better taken care of.
- BLM lands should only be used For animal grazing and natural habitat
- I am concerned about access to BLM from our current location (east of Cane Butte) where I am able to ride my horses on BLM. BLM lands allow my access to the Butte area, even though Eagle Crest continues development. Many equestrian in our area would be impacted, from use of BLM lands if these land by restricted access were traded in the future.
- As almost native here have appreciated the frontier environment that built my character for life. A major Class 1 highway is needed from Highway 20 North to 126. Grazing for ranches has to be preserved. In some areas of private land-- public access must be provided because of history and terrain.
- This survey was very long. Question 3 was too specific. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.
- Target practice in safe areas should be enforced and needles dumping should be better controlled.
- Try to keep a balance between recreation and conservation.
- Remove juniper and promote grasslands where juniper has encroached in last 100 years. Let fires burn. Fighting range fires is a waste of money.
- If people want the land untouched leave it that way and see that they don't trash it.
- We prefer isolated unimproved areas for RV self contained camping. Leave nothing but footprints and tire tracks. Flat spots on hill tops or near creeks would be nice. Improvement - restrooms, water and sewer, elect, etc. - become the target of fun loving vandals and become expensive. Most of these vandals live within an hours drive of the area they spoil.
- I am unclear as to what public lands are BLM - My answers are based on all public lands, such as natural forests.
- State and federal agencies should NOT be in competition with commercial campgrounds. Deep Public lands primitive - Those wanting all the improvements should use commercial enterprises. All we want is room between two tree to park four wheels to enjoy nature.
- Have more law enforcement. Could come from using different levels of personnel. E.g. USFS has reg law enforcement officers and level 2 type personnel to assist reg law enforcement people which are too few.
- I strongly disagree with the "Northwest Forest Pass." Why am I being tax for something I already pay for? From what I have seen these benefits outfitters and guide services, not the public. I know of three families that can't afford the \$5 daily fee and as a result don't go the forest like the used to.
- Most Americans do not trust the BLM or NFS. What damage that has been done to our National Lands has been done while in your care. I see no reason for it to change. Just keep going as you have in the past, until its all gone. Make the ranchers richer. that is the BLM's goal isn't it? BLM's only goal is just like any other gov't office and that is exist to exist. XXXX you all.
- Reduction programs for noxious weeds.

- I am anti-trail pass. I know on not one single person who doesn't mind paying this fee. I believe it is outrageous that my government demands that I pay the amount of taxes that I pay and then has the nerve to ask me to pay to walk on public lands!!
- Too much garbage wrecked burned cars and trash, washers, dryers, refrigs, car parts, oil filters, oil jugs, clothes, papers, broken glass, household garbage. In Redmond mostly very close to the dump. It makes me sick how piggish people are I would hate to see what these peoples homes look like. I would like to see more people get ticketed and made clean up their mess along with a extra acre of trash. I love to go out into the BLM, walk around and look at the natural beauty. I hate to see it trashed.
- In my area, I can't believe the illegal activities that go on. Drugs, dumping, violence, shooting, hunting. We moved out of the Big City to get away from all of this. When my family uses BLM they must go with friends and someone is always armed fro protection. A cell phone is also necessary! I know myself and neighbors would be willing to help BLM authorities with some of these problems if there was some kind of communication.
- I feel the great need is for the land to be there for my five and two three year olds. The American Indian in me wants us to use the land not abuse it. We well are become one with the land one day!
- Without BLM most of us with little to no money for in city activities would have no social outlet. Our times with our family on BLM are always happy and healthy. We have been very upset with the amount of disgusting and in cases dangerous debris. Dangerous to humans and the planet. We could not afford to take this stuff to the dump ourselves if we had the means. We absolutely do not want this land used and cut into because of population growth. There has to be a line drawn somewhere. these lands are all many of us have.
- My concern is having to easy access to BLM land - underage drinking, drugs, and shooting.
- I am very opposed to Federal Environmental regulations that cut off irrigation water to farmers and driving them out of business. This is criminal. Also, I favor farmers being able to graze cattle on BLM. If the land can't be used, what good is it? We love animals and the environment, but don't support the environmental wacko agenda at all. We want to protect the land, but people should enjoy it too.
- Thank you to this opportunity! I do enjoy and appreciate having BLM lands nearby! Thanks again!

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- I appreciate that the BLM took the time to get the opinion of the citizenry. Thanks.
- Thank you for asking my opinions and thoughts!
- Close worst roads--reduction in access will curb most dumping and unsafe shooting 2) Increase LEO preserve--ticket those in #1 and illegal ATV use. 3) Ban and severely restrict ATV's/MIC's 4) Reduce 150 yr and younger juniper this area was largely grassland 150 years ago. 5) Put volunteer program together to a)close roads b)monitor illegal shooting, dumping, ATV use. c)eyes and ears for law enforcement! 6)Awareness-publicity--education to all on unsafe shooting, dumping, ATV use-signs but also media campaign (ongoing).
- I think BLM land should used as multiple use. I would like to see more ORV trails and miles. I would like to commend the BLM on their ORV trail marking and maps.

- In the years I and my family have been going to Milican Valley and Prineville I have seen the recreation area shrink over and over until it is only a fraction of what it was. I have seen no difference in wildlife movement or any other improvements erosion-grassland-etc. I feel it has been shrunk enough. If anything open some back up.
- It is very important for my recreational purposes that BLM lands be managed for the "Long Term." I enjoy off road motorcycle riding as my main recreational activity. Also, I work within the motorcycle industry as a sales manager and hear a lot of customer concerns regarding land closures. I know we can all enjoy BLM lands if we choose responsible management solutions.
- Would like to see increased access through BLM land to lower and middle Deschutes River and John day River Canyon for educational purposes (fishing).
- I use BLM land in many areas of the state, mainly for hunting of big game and upland birds. I am out in the woods/field a lot. I believe grazing and the management of our lands for grazing is wrong! BLM lands are being ruined by the few who pay next to nothing to make a profit. If our public lands are to become healthy, range management must change. Also, off road vehicle use must become controlled. Designating areas for this activity, like by Millican, should be explored.
- I have participated in planning sessions with BLM in the past, one lasted 4 years. They will not agree with citizens work groups that disagree with them. They will take our input, go behind closed doors and do what they want. They over regulate most programs. They would like nothing better than to shut us off our own (BLM) lands. Giving BLM input is a waste of our time.
- As our areas grows BLM land us important for animal and plant habitat. I am very opposed to mineral extraction and other economically motivated activities.
- I strongly believe that a major difference in present BLM land management is that we now have to compete with technology that was not available in the past. Off-road vehicles are so fast, loud and powerful that they can go anywhere. The end result is that multiple use areas soon become single use; motorcycle of 4-wheeling. The most speed and horsepower rule the day. Areas used for off-road use must have a buffer zone of up to 1+ miles, or residents hear and feel the vehicles. Horseback riding or bicycles are impossible (to share the area). It is impossible to hike, walk or talk when trying to compete with fast and loud vehicles.
- Don't close our lands to public use!
- I have live on the Deschutes for 63 years. To summarize the total management of our BLM lands in itself a balancing act. As far as dumping goes we have to make laws to fit the crime but law's should be hard. Grazing should be highly managed because it can be easily over grazed. Because of lack of water on the high country and lack of grasses. Grazing should be permitted on the basis of good time and o bud's. Time's on the old desert. Four wheel drive use should be highly limited to small areas as to keep a healthy ecosystems. We have to watch things like mining. Selling off some land four wheeling, logging small young trees. Or using land for military use. This destroys the archaeological sites yet unfound. It can also destroy wildlife feeding grounds. And once we lose this resource you can not regain them back. We should also try and protect our natural resources even when it comes to, selling or exchanging for community growth, we should try protect 3000 of old growth trees within that patch of land. Instead of wiping all the trees off the face of the land.
- Please keep the American people involved in all decisions. BLM properties are very important to our rural lifestyle and heritage.

- Highest priority should be watershed health for all BLM managed lands.
- Volunteers or woodcutters should cut down junipers 8" or less in diameter and leave them lay. (Good bird habitat). Prior to 1900 there were very few junipers and lots of tall grass.
- I would like to see snowmobiles eliminated from BLM lands.
- We all have to learn to share our resources. The more you develop the more people will come.
- Good survey -Would have been better to expand more on the military use and its management plan for use of BLM lands in Central OR. Thanks.
- Stop ranchers in the state of Oregon from preventing access to BLM/Public land and not allow posting of BLM lands that they lease grazing right from me and charge more money for them using my land (public land!). Charge % of profit on all mineral rights afforded companys/individuals (mining/oil/gas etc.).
- Please don't sell or trade off our public land.
- The area between Bend and Redmond is the area I use the most. There is no law enforcement. Target shooters have cut down a massive juniper with gunfire. I hike in the area often-I have never seen a BLM presence. They can't even keep signage current-no wood cutting etc. The area has vehicle travel restricted to existing roads and trails. This is blatantly ignored by motorcycle and car and truck traffic. BLM are poor stewards of our public lands. I don't feel the BLM listens to most people unless they have some industry clout behing them-like off road vehicle manufacturers.
- #1. Thank you for asking my comments #2. Do what you can to eliminate dumping on public lands #3. Please continue to send updates
- The state of Nevada utilizes BLM Lands of OHV organized race activities in controlled areas. Oregon used to, why not anymore!? I would like to see results on this survey to determine the who, what, when, why, people use Central Oregon's lands. Fact: OHV activities provide much needed capital to small communities along major roadways and access routes. Further limits on OHV use only hurts Oregon.
- It is not appropriate for BLM to open "rock pits" for ODOT or anyone else. Designated areas for specific uses (i.e. motor vehicles etc.) should be set aside and very well supervised by BLM law enforcement.
- There are too many regulations, restrictions, permits, etc. required. Year after year more are thrust upon us-the citizens and owners. There is even ridiculous talk of permitting use of the Deschutes River. Who owns it? We do. Too much influence by Native Americans in proportion to their population. We are all Americans-treat us all equally. BLM seems to have foregone agenda and does what it wants to regardless of public input.
- My wife and I are responsible OHV riders and we greatly value our trips to Central Oregon to enjoy our rides on the trails there. We are no longer able to hike the miles we used to be able to do. Our ATV's enable us to get out onto our public lands and still enjoy the solitude. Being able to ride the trails on BLM and USFS lands is very, very, important to us.
- As a recreational vehicle family we are glad to have opportunities for these activities on BLM lands. Please keep us in mind when multiple use decisions are being made.
- The public lands are truly the essence of Central Oregon. They provide a sense of space, openness, tremendous recreation opportunity and help buffer the development of private

lands. Private and community development is much more efficient with the public lands restricting the spreading effect. All public (BLM) lands in planning area should be retained except for trades with other government agencies (USDA Grassland, USFS) for management purposes. Tracks of land with no public access 40 acres or less, little resource value, and with the agreement of all adjacent land owner could be traded for blocking up or access.

- Please take all public input into consideration when changing or making new plans.
- I think it is very important for BLM to sell or exchange lands that are isolated. I own a ranch that completely surrounds 80 acres of BLM. You have never been on this 80 acres unless you crossed my private land without my knowledge. Sell it!
- Thank you for this survey-noticing my age, I have been used to freedom in my lifetime and when I purchased my land bordering BLM I expected the peace and tranquility the rest of my days here. I do not accept BLM to make any sales or exchanges for anything other than keeping our empty (from buildings etc.) land. We need to keep undeveloped land for those of us that have chosen that lifestyle. Thank you. A 30 year neighbor.
- Changing the wording on many questions would change my answer. Go Ducks!!
- It is time to stop grazing on desert lands.
- We are opposed to the land swap in Powel Butte. We would like public access to this land. Currently it is surrounded by private land and access to the BLM has to be granted by the property owner of the private land. A possible BLM easement should be worked out between BLM and private property owner.
- Preserve open access. I understand and accept that due to population growth and high usage some areas face additional restrictions but as much as possible please keep the wide open spaces of the west open for unimpeded, point to point, recreational and exploratory uses.
- Very important to safeguard "Golden Triangle" area for multi use. It should be a special management area for recreation and no mining or mineral should be allowed in this area other than the small cinder pit that already exists!
- If the BLM had been managing this land proactively, this plan update would be unnecessary. I see too much management of public land to meet the needs of private interests. It's time a major 'update' of the BLM to serve ecological/environmental interests first.
- I one thing could be eliminated I'd like it to be dogs. The crap all over and the owners never clean it up. They threaten and bite. They jump up on you or shake water on you.
- Good survey. Neutral option a good choice for outliers like me.
- The two largest problems associated with BLM lands that I have use are the numerous off-road tracks made by ORV's (These unauthorized, illegal tracks have caused tremendous erosion and other environmental damage), and vast acreage of over grazed land stocked with range cattle (also the course of considerable environmental damage-particularly in denuded riparian areas which also suffer from erosion).
- Need more policing of activities such as bough cutting and off road use.
- BLM must thoroughly evaluate urban day use of BLM lands. BLM must provide picnic, geology, mgt, driving tours to provide for family day use of lands.
- We can't emphasize enough how we feel that the isolated tract of 160A and under should be sold or traded off. For economic and management planning, they are nothing but a headache for the surrounding landowners and BLM.

- BLM lands, along with other public lands, are one of our nation's greatest treasures. A public land system as extensive and varied as our is perhaps the unique in the world. BLM lands offer a special value to our crowded world because of their vastness, their remoteness, and their diversity. They offer solitude, something that is becoming more rare in our society with each passing year. They offer the chance for personal discovery of the beauty and mystery in Nature, without having it pre-digested and over interpreted. They offer sufficiently large blocks of habitat to sustain populations of disturbance-sensitive species such as grouse, pronghorn antelope, elk and mountain lion, if properly managed. And they offer some economic opportunities, such as livestock grazing and firewood gathering, that can be compatible with restoring and maintaining ecosystem health, if these opportunities are managed within sustainable limits. Please think for the long term when making management choices for these lands and remember Aldo Leopold's advice: "The first rule of intelligent tinkering is to keep all the parts."
- This survey does not adequately address snowmobiling on BLM land. The impact of ATV's and the impact of snowmobiling is not comparable. Both are traditional uses but different guidelines must be established. (USFS for example)
- The Deschutes Management Plan is illegal as written and administered. The boater pass fee is illegal. BLM has lied to the Deschutes-John Day Outfitters for over 20 years. BLM is a renegade agency. They could learn a lot from USFS. Screw the BLM Bureau of Land Management.
- I found many of the questions to be misleading, leading, and/or ambiguous. All in all I give the actual survey a grade of D-.
- I like those cute juniper trees. Please don't replace them with miles on end of barren grassland and brush. You can find those elsewhere if you want them. Our junipers are irreplaceable.
- Require all environmental activists to complete college course: Common Sense 101-105, or stay in Eugene, San Fran, Afgan, etc., etc.....
- I believe a program in which volunteers videotape illegal activities for use in law enforcement should be instituted and widely publicized. With BLM's limited resources, this is the only thing I can imagine that will help clean up the problems.
- Have environmental people pay for their screw ups.
- I am very skeptical about land exchanges because the "public" usually gets screwed.
- The BLM is an out of control government bureaucracy. Over 9 months after a request to use BLM lands. After the dates of the events they disallowed access. They are an impediment of the land use by the people that own the land. US citizens!
- There must be a way to have multiple use so any tax payer may participate in the use of government land! The alternative is to close it to access by everyone-no forest service-BLM employees other than enforcement. Then let our grandchildren decide what to do with it. The tendency to allow use by a very limited group must be done away with.
- Some questions were a little leading. In general I approve of most BLM management land trades to block BLM are excellent obtaining desirable but land must be done only on a "willing buyer/willing seller" basis.
- I believe BLM is currently an effective agency, do not become political, continue protecting the small user!!

- The juniper trees in my area are taking over from lack of fire.
- It is most important to me that this land is respected in its pristine nature. Abuse from recreational, economic or environmental consciousness needs to be carefully considered. My native Oregonian roots pioneer the preservation of the gifts the earth provides. May we all use our highest consciousness to maintain our human relationship with this incredible life experience. Thank you for your interest and efforts to the greatest state of balance.
- I do not like BLM closing old established roads, and installation of costly fences to eliminate access. More enforcement is necessary to prevent abuse of already existing laws. Demand access is required for public access to BLM isolated properties. Road closures due to eagle nesting need to be reviewed yearly and open roads when eagles do not nest.
- I used to ride the Milliken Valley China Hat area for 11years. Then the rich enviros from California moved in and convinced the BLM and Forest Service to start closing out the motorized users. I haven't ridden there since 1995. I really miss this area.
- Thank you for sending this comment document.
- We need more trails for motorized recreation. Need law enforcement people in the field on weekends during normal use periods. Citations should be issued when motorists go off the trail or in streams. Must keep the land open to the public. Avoid all closures.
- The public needs areas to recreate with off road motorized vehicles. We need to keep those areas open. We have seen too many of our riding areas closed and this needs to stop. Work needs to be done to open up more areas for OHV use.
- Q7-I do not agree with the paradigm that BLM uses with resource management. There is no reason to believe that with proper planning differing uses cannot coexist. Q9-Another paradigm shift needs to occur with land managers is the elimination of conflict management among users groups and adopt shared use planning. Q13-14-The present plan for consolidation of non-contiguous public lands is pathetic-It's under prioritized, managed, and funded. Perpetual reciprocal right of ways should become standard in all matrixed (checker board) areas. Q14 and 17-Susceptible to manipulation to wealthy and powerful businesses such as Les Schwab at Millikan. Q18-Important to note that only OHV use is the only recreational use singled out-A patter consistent with BLM management even in areas with long history as OHV designations. Q20-Is this a trick question-or just intended to impact the answer? Have you read any Recreation 2000 documents a lot of this is old info being reshuffled.
- I pains me to see how much litter is left on public land-more campaigns to pick it up and transport it out could improve the looks and also the pride of public land users.
- Since I live in Oxnard California-I really didn't feel I could answer your questions since I wouldn't know what I'm talking about. My parents invested in the land years ago with the idea it was a developed area for housing. I would prefer to sell it, the land , since I don't plan to move to Oregon. Do you know some honest person that could help me?
- Some of the questions seem biased, The one's I commented on are very misleading and I feel that parts of this should not be used. Noted by a (symbol for star) When you put and "etc" what does that mean?
- I support the encouragement of dispersed recreation and the reduction of non-regulated motorized use of BLM lands. I support the efforts to return these lands to a Pre-European natural state given the limits imposed by current human use: where possible allow fire to run its natural course, obliterate many of the numerous roads, reduce the amount of juniper

growing outside its natural habitat, encourage wildlife. Do not increased developed recreation. Above all, do not implement user fees for recreational use of BLM lands!!!

- A lot of this depends on what proposals are put forward. The questions are generic.
- We have a mandate to ten the Garden---to steward it well, & have dominion. To set it aside to worship it is evil!
- I would never support the BLM in any action that would reduce recreational use/access due to low or moderate environmental and/or social impact!
- On Deschutes River Area-Trout Creek to mouth-Limit camping to only designated sites and maintaining rest rooms for the site-This is a river use permit area. 2) I feel on all BLM administered lands in Oregon that BLM has done a very good job.
- We need better patrols-I rarely see any while visiting BLM land, especially during hunting season.
- I think one of the big problems to the deterioration to BLM lands is the policy of allowing cattlemen (a very small minority) to use public lands for grazing at very minimal rate. It is my experience that this grazing policy really damages our public lands.
- To me, the most interesting and important new information to be considered in the RMP/EIS is the incredible age of Central Oregon's old growth junipers. That 50% of the Juniper woodlands in the planning area are "Old Growth" and that less than 3% of the 5 million acres of western juniper woodlands growing in Oregon are characterized by trees greater than 100 years old. The oldest western junipers are Central Oregon residents. These unique and important woodlands must be protected. Pristine woodlands preserved and abused woodlands restored. "Open Space" designations in old growth woodlands must be replaced with ones that protect these unique areas for future generations. Collecting of ancient snags and limbs for landscaping strips these woodland of their beauty and character. The same is true for juniper furniture makers. Profiteering from old growth furniture is unethical. Old growth junipers should be spared form mutilation. Juniper bough collecting for the Christmas wreath industry should be allowed only form post settlement juniper populations.
- I feel you need to keep horse trails open and build new ones.
- I run a guide service on the Jean Day River. The public overnight outings where they can drive in do a very poor job of leaving clean campsites. They seldom bring porta potties and therefore, leave their feces and toilet paper everywhere. The river floaters are 80% good 20% poor on campsite techniques of cleanliness. They consistently violate fire closure laws.
- I would like to get a permit to guide fishing and ecotour trips into his area and have a hard time getting to look at my ideas and help me acquire a permit to do so. (I currently hold permits to do this in other areas!)
- RE:-Q14 Land exchanges that are of equal size, or nearly so, are most appropriate. -Q18 Would prefer no OHV use, can live with limited areas- small and specific. How much of "Mother Earth" can we afford to decimate? -"Productive"-Is this in a monetary sense, or as in "providing" open space for public to enjoy-Body, mind, and soul! BLM should not have to be concerned about producing money. Thank you for the opportunity to participate!
- In general the increased population within Central Oregon has put added pressure on public lands- 1)ORV have designated areas for use in Millican Valley limit off road motorized to this area- 2) Hunters have designated areas for target shooting limit shooting to these areas.
- Provide more Recreation Access and travel via many methods.

- The BLM needs to increase multiple-use behavior near towns and cities like this planning area. Larger populated areas need flexibility. These areas need to support human activities. These ecosystems are continuously changing. Mandate methods that are flexible in populated areas. "Humans are our most important resource!"
- Gentlemen: These BLM lands as outlined on your map, are currently a very important asset to the growing populations of the towns around this area. These lands should be retained in a "Natural State" as much as possible. The area is in itself, a unique and historic landscape, of a Juniper Forest, growing on an ancient Lava bed, with many caves and Lava outcrops. It contains an abundance of Central Oregon's Development History, such as routes of transportation, dating to its earliest penetration of Caucasian occupancy. It cannot be replaced nor duplicated. It is currently a very valuable asset to the present population and the generations to come. "It could be rightfully claimed, as a Pristine Unique Park Land to be protected and enjoyed in a pristine cleaned up state, for Generations to come." It is not a place for Golf Courses, nor a suburbia, with streets, houses and garbage. Just as is, it should be retained. Not spoiled. It cannot be replaced.!! PS: My comments are not directed to the (The Lapine Area) but are directed to the Bend, Redmond, Prineville Area.
- I think BLM in general, is doing a good job.
- The BLM does not do an adequate job of reaching the public regarding the opportunities input on management activities; not all residents and visitors read the local papers or pay attention to other local media; they should not rely on individuals' own initiative to be on mailing lists and stay informed. 2) The BLM (like other federal agencies) makes it very inconvenient to operate guided recreation and education programs on the land; the agency admits to shrinking budgets and limited staff resources but they do not acknowledge the benefits of having private guides do their education for them; the permitting process is cumbersome and intimidating and often assumes recreation does not include education. I have solutions (not just complaints!) about these challenges and would be happy to be more involved-my card is enclosed.
- Any buyers for my land?
- I think the BLM should sell most of their property which would get them back on the tax rolls especially to adjoining ranches. The prescribed burns of BLM land get out of control more than the good they do. The cutting of the juniper takes away shelter from the wildlife and leaves the land barren. The grass grows more under the juniper than when cut off. Also leads to increased erosion.
- One of the biggest problems BLM has is off road vehicle use. These machines when traveling off road always cause environmental damage to public land. There is no reason they should be allowed off road to ruin the aesthetics for all the other BLM land users.
- Nearly 15 years ago a group of concerned citizens and conservation organizations offered to work with the BLM on the establishment of a Juniper-Grasslands Ecosystem Preserve and Interpretative Area. Volunteer labor and materials are ready and available to complete this plan. This plan has tremendous support by area citizens and we plan to work with conflicting user groups to restore and maintain the ecological health of the Cline Buttes area while providing for multiple uses. The BLM is far too interested in maintaining current overgrazing levels by domestic livestock. The BLM has failed in its mission of maintaining and enhancing the ecological health and integrity of lands they manage on the public's behalf. Major reforms are necessary.

- Should look for fire hazards in BLM near my property! Don't say we will study the problems. Be proactive in control in fire hazard in down and dead timber!
- The last thing BLM should be doing with public lands is selling or trading to accommodate human growth. That growth is insatiable. That would lead to loss of all public lands. You can bet on it.
- Preservation of the environment should be our primary concern. Activity on BLM lands should not be allowed to damage the land. This should be the standard.
- Too many vehicles going off road and tearing up plants and causing erosion. Motorcycles too.
- I am quite concerned with the "vocal few" affecting my access to BLM lands because they don't care for hunting or shooting type activities. Open BLM lands are the only place left where this can be done safely. Folks who seldom use the lands should not dictate the activities of us who use it a lot.
- Respect and honor RS 2477 roads.
- Some questions are biased and/or ambiguous.
- If you do choose to sell any BLM lands: Please send me information on how to buy and where. Please make simple explanation. When government sells land and it is confusing, what, where, and how much. If you choose to close certain BLM lands, I'm sure the public would like to know why. Often people tend to blame BLM for closing lands for no reason.
- I am an avid user of public lands. I hunt, fish, sightsee, view wildlife, explore, target practice, drive my jeep and hike. I think all public lands should be managed for the majority of the people, NOT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS! I think all public land should remain public land After All It Is Ours!
- I enjoy hiking BLM land because of very easy access from my place, undeveloped areas, old roads to hike on, also, wildflowers, birds. Always see deer and an occasional elk. With the noisy vehicles were not there at times, but I guess they have a right to use it also! Not all mine!
- Motorized recreation should not be reduced because of population growth and minority of people who disagree with that form of recreation. Is a family event that is a wonderful experience for all. Always remember public lands care for the public! Thank you.
- No mention of forestry. Harvesting and etc. or tree planting? No mention of grazing rights and AYM on lands? No mention of mining claims and reclaiming lands afterwards? No mention of watershed and resources therein?
- I realize this late but hope it will still be accepted.
- The BLM needs to make decisions based on Economic, environmental , recreation values, etc. Not just resource based, anti-use. Human health is a important factor in total ecosystem management. Thank you.
- I am more familiar with the Lower Deschutes Management area, and would like to be a participant in any future survey's you might evaluate/ participate in developing
- I would like to see less restrictions of off highway use. I would like to see more dirt bike events. Races, rallies, etc.
- You have some of the only open space left. Please continue to allow for motorized access, so as an old man I can continue to use the BLM lands without having to walk everywhere.

- Limit activities in small BLM properties. Like no hunting in 200 acre plot surrounded by private land. It's too dangerous. 10-20 hunters small area and too much trespass on private lands. South Jct. Campgrounds should be fishing only. BLM needs more law enforcement patrols.
- Thanks for doing this survey-Sorry I'm late in responding.
- I'm not sure how BLM defines isolated. In no way should BLM sell or trade isolated parcels to accommodate growth. These parcels are excellent buffers that enhance communities. Developers have done enough to adversely effect out lifestyle and no need for BLM to aid in further deterioration. Monetary issues and convenience for monitoring should be considered very, very closely. At all costs, BLM should consider and uphold all environmental issues. The off-road vehicles that do not use existing roads have no right to destroy vegetation, upset wildlife, cause erosion, etc.
- We need more off highway motorized opportunities.
- We are all caretakers of our land; however, there always those who are not stewards of one of our USA most precious possessions (land). Not only disrespectful and undereducated people contribute to desecration of the land but also, politicians and state regional and local governments have their own agenda. While individuals are a problem but the latter is the one hardest to control. Too many of those with political interests do not consider that the most important and vital component of central Oregon resides in its undisturbed land and the loss of farm and ranching lands to developers.
- This survey obviously is designed for the recreational user. We spend a lot of time on BLM ground on horseback, but not for recreation but for work, gathering cows.
- BLM is responsible for contribution to economic social and environmental sustainability. You are failing your mission through withdrawal and non-management. Be part of the sustainable future of rural Oregon, or go away.
- Two points: 1. I am a resident of Washington, but own vacation property on the Deschutes River upstream of Maupin. 2. The vast majority of my interest is therefore in the Lower Deschutes area. For these reasons you may wish to not count my answers. Since I am neither a household or a stakeholder in the Upper Deschutes Management Area
- There is too much vehicle access in this area
- The BLM needs to concentrate more on protecting the ecological values and biodiversity of the lands it already manages and less on making it available to the private exploitation. Specifically, there should be more public lands, not less; primitive dispersed recreation should be preferred to developed recreation; livestock grazing allotments should be retired and cancelled to allow the land to recover from decades of overgrazing
- In order to decrease overuse in some overused/sensitive areas, it may be beneficial to slightly develop a few key areas that can handle more intense use. In general, I'd like to see BLM managed lands stay largely undeveloped and managed in more of a "hands-off" low-key manner. Please do not include these lands in Fee Demo's Northwest Forest Pass. The pass is discriminatory, inconvenient, anti-freedom, restrictive, and definitely discourages volunteerism.
- I wonder why timber was harvested at the junction of highway 31 and 97 after this location was designated a National Scenic Byway? Was it covered in the environmental assessment? I would like to work very close with you to plan for tourism along Oregon's Outback National Scenic Byway.

- Because of the Extent of Dumping in some areas, it may be a good idea to give dump passes to low income people to curb the problem. Also, less access points means easier ability to monitor problems areas.
- I would approve of trading existing BLM lands only if it would add to improved access to more recreational areas (i.e. rivers and lakes) as long as the existing lands were not adjacent to residential areas where people enjoy those areas. We need more access to BLM from urban areas and develop "some" trail systems (ex: Tam-a-Law trail above Lake Billy Chinook)
- I believe a priority of the local BLM should be to reduce or eliminate public lands grazing and begin to emphasize the ecological and recreational values of BLM-managed lands
- Great questions. But fewer would be better.
- Do whatever it take to protect/restore riparian areas and watersheds! Work toward reducing or eliminating the degradation of these public lands by grazing. (Why didn't you ask about this "use" specifically?)
- Q-7: Depends on how you define health; Actually, too many ORV's!; Define health! Q-13: Humans are not the only organism "accessing" BLM land. It is an important refuge for wildlife as well. Q-14: These exchanges are often at a net loss to the public-- See the GAO Report on land exchanges. They often benefit individual developers or corporations, not the public who owns the land. They should not be engaged. Q-22: If it is done with the understanding that historically, fires would have left a mosaic of habitats-- including juniper forests. Also: As the (human) population of Central Oregon increases, native grasslands, sagebrush steppe, ponderosa forests and juniper forests are converted to housing, businesses, pavement and pastures. Public land will be increasingly important as the last refuge for valued and important wildlife species. Golden eagles, pronghorn, mule deer, and a wide variety of songbirds, sage grouse, and other birds, as well as mammals and reptiles, rely on the continued existence of nature habitats on public land. Every effort should be made to preserve these areas for wildlife, as well as the respectful and low-impact enjoyment of nature. Thank you for your interest.
- Q-13. I think these parcels should be looked at for future parks on an individual basis. Q-25-27 and 21: I worry that over reaction and reducing access will only encourage a safer environment for illegal use and activity this is when I feel at risk when I'm out. The more people out (good and concerned people) will reduce some of these problems.... self-monitoring in effect.
- If the BLM wants success at motorized vehicle recreation in the future, they need to hire management level people with motorized recreation backgrounds. Please note! This questionnaire is difficult to properly answer as it lacks direction of motorized recreation input. Many question are confusing or misdirected. This is the 5th year that motorized recreation has increased at 22% to 27% this a huge growth that the BLM needs to realize this potential by involving management level people into their system with motorized recreation backgrounds and history's.
- I run my dog team 4 days a week from Sept - Jan and often until May. I have never had a problem with other people or (tanks any). Sometimes it becomes rutted in the winter on the main roads. We never go off road.
- We want to build our home there. We bought land. The land was divided before the su

- Past President Cline Buttes Recreation Association. I have been on CAC for ODOT appeared on TV, radio, newspaper concerning these issues all last year. I have a file cabinet full of info. Opinions etc.
- Please note: You did not define "grazing" to mean grazing by domestic livestock (cows, sheep) but we assume that is the grazing you mean. BLM employees should live on our near land under their management to increase monitoring and care for the land and reduce travel time and cost. Interface with district office on range condition, wildlife, vandalism, dumping, shooting, etc. By computer uplink to satellite databank kept at district office. BLM employees should be out on the land (horseback, ATV, or on foot) doing restoration activities and interfacing with the public. Law enforcement should also be located out on the land, near major entry points to high use/ high impact areas.
- We appreciate the effort to gain public opinion. Redefining the BLM's planning process and plan is needed. Several of your questions are rather difficult to answer. Many situations truly need to be looked at on an isolated basis to make fair evaluation. Thank you!
- In my opinion there are two major immediate concerns in this area; 1. Illegal garbage dumping. 2. Use of high speed, very noisy motorbikes
- Thanks for taking this survey-- hope it helps produce a more ecosystem friendly management philosophy
- Do not restrict the recreational cross section of the Millican Area by dissecting it with a relocated Hwy 27. Improve BLM road system by upgrading the number of all season road loops.
- I think BLM should be accessible to the public. The impact on the existing community should have a significant weight before allowing development of commercial activities.
- We want to insure this land be used for Public Recreation and not for ODOT to take and mine-We have enough sources of aggregate and companies in the area to serve us for at least 50 more years-ODOT test holes in old growth juniper and recreation areas.
- Provide more access for ORV's including areas where races can be held.
- RE #13 Disposition of BLM land would be dependent upon its relationship to neighboring property: its use and location. RE #17 Each listed intent particularly 1-5 (marked "0") requires specific site data and program description to answer properly. RE #18 Limiting road and trails and closing altogether could only be decided based on site specific data. RE #8 We are particularly concerned about proposed mineral/aggregate use of BLM land which is currently used for recreation near our growing population centers. This land must remain open space for our citizens, wild life and plant communities.
- Central Oregon is fortunate to be located within and surrounded by vast expanses of public lands. Diverse recreation is important to most of us who live here and for many who visit. Demands are great on the public lands close to the existing town/cities. The key to managing these close-in lands is to encourage tolerance in use and protect against illegal uses. Some areas of high use such as the "Golden Triangle"/Cline Buttes probably need designated routes of sufficient mileage to accommodate recreational growth needs for the future. This should include protection of all RS 2477-protected routes to help disperse recreation plus existing connections to make loop-route recreation possible. This specific area also has view points that should be incorporated into this route planning for protection and enjoyment of future generations. These resource values are disappearing from the area due to development and should be protected.

- Grazing is the most destructive activity taking place in Wilderness Areas. The BLM does not monitor grazing nor get tough with permuters who don't follow the rules. This should be the #1 priority. Noxious weeds will destroy ecosystem health and diversity if not managed immediately. Cattle spreads weeds. It is very sad to see public lands slowly deteriorating in service to one industry-grazing. Please monitor grazing and manage noxious weeds.
- BLM is doing a good job managing the land in their control. Land exchanges should be made for the betterment of us large a section of the public as possible, not financially motivated. As for Recreation facilities, keep them simple and easy to care for. Developing expensive fancy facilities makes for expensive up keep and the potential for expensive vandalism. Some primitive areas are better off primitive.
- Try to make some areas available to hiking (w/o dogs) only.
- Sec. 11 T175 RIZE Should be sold to the highest bidder for eventual inclusion into the Urban Growth Boundary of Bend, unless the property has special wildlife value.
- In my opinion we need to have a more open mind on all the people in the area not just the people who are moving in. So of use have liven here when you could walk and the land with out worrying what new rules we broke. Past and sing all area's so people will no what's going on (thanks)
- I believe the BLM should have a management plan so the land is used to good use for people and wildlife. I think that sometimes the BLM closes land that could be managed in a better way.
- In the LaPine Basin the BLM is an absentee landowner. The timberlands are not managed and the these lands are probably the greatest threat to the neighboring communities. Aggressive silvicultural practices such as logging, thinning, and fuels treatment should be the highest priority. If this does not occur, the BLM should sell all lands in the LaPine Basin so that private landowners can properly manage the land.
- Good survey. I'm glad for the opportunity to participate. Good grasp of the issues.
- Some of the questions struck me as being not neutral. On transportation, there was no option for opposing use of BLM lands for improved access. There was also no place to emphasize the value of being alone in BLM lands: not everyone goes in a group.
- I am opposed to ODOT aggregate mining on BLM property in the Cline Buttes area west of Redmond.
- I think it is great that BLM is finally getting around to this. However, it is one thing to come up with a plan; it is quite another thing to come up with funding to enforce and support that plan. If it isn't enforced you won't have a plan! Also, please keep in mind that off road vehicle use, particularly motorcycles and ATV's is completely incompatible with any other use. So it should be extremely limited and strictly enforced. We need to discourage there use and proliferation; not support and encourage there use.
- There are too many people sitting in offices doing nothing but thinking of ways to shut are public lands down. Get rid of some of them and hire more people that will do something worth while.
- It is more important to manage lands based on the needs of the majority of the users and not cater to the vocal minority. Managing the environment is good, preservationism is not.
- Land exchanges to block up ownerships are good. Land locked BLM parcels are a headache for the BLM, adjacent land owners, and even to the general public.

- Beware of environmentalists with their own agendas. Not good for the county to tie up natural resources
- I would like to see isolated areas, and urban growth areas either sold or traded to buy additional property to complete blocks of land, especially in wildlife sensitive areas. Also we need more law enforcement to stop illegal uses, dumping and off-road. Penalties for going off road and dumping need to be severe. I mean like 5-10 years in jail. People who dump and go off-road, in my opinion do more to destroy the ecosystem than any other use I see. It needs to be stopped.
- I am very concerned and somewhat frightened by the proposed ODOT Gravel/Aggregate Pit to be located in the Cline Buttes area. The loss of wildlife habitat, archeological resources and recreation area that would result from this pit is totally unacceptable especially when you consider that as central Oregon's population grows to recreate and enjoy wildlife will be increasingly valuable and rare. The risk to public safety resulting from a gravel pit in the Cline Buttes areas is pretty scary. The areas has a relatively high human population density. The heavy traffic and equipment that would result is a totally unacceptable risk given the human density and number of school bus stops in this area.
- I am very much against using BLM land for commercial uses.
- BLM management tends to favor use groups that would limit access to public lands as a cure all management tool. Not all users they represent, agree with this.
- I think that traditional uses in traditional areas should be maintained. As the area grows public land will be very important. Giving up these lands is short sighted. The growing population should be constrained to current developed areas and the sprawl should be constrained. Different people have different values and ideas. Separation of conflicting uses will be very difficult but should be a priority. All current uses should be maintained as much as practical.
- Appreciate your good work!
- Q18 is biased. If there is a separate question on OHVS there should also be a separate question on grazing and shooting-both are huge issues. Many questions would require more information on circumstances in order to make an intelligent answer.
- BLM has had a "past" position of closing off public access and use of the public's land. They often treat the land as a private playground when it belongs to all-this must stop.
- BLM is afraid of the environmental extremist. They always get their way.
- It is extremely important to preserve our public lands for the health and well-being of our community. We cannot sacrifice our ecology for the sake of monetary gain and population growth. I would rather pay higher taxes and higher fees for certain commodities rather than say, having new gravel pits open up on BLM land.
- Questions are hard answer. Not information on many.
- Motorized vehicle use should be separated from all other activities and should be patrolled for illegal use.
- I like BLM land here in the area the way it is. We purchase here because it's rural feeling.
- You do not need to block access to reduce illegal activities. Public education/involvement and increased law enforcement can do this. Do not want to see public land traded for expansion of housing/development. Maintain or increase access points.

- Our biggest concern is other people dumping garbage, dead animals and washers and dryers out in the desert. They also don't know that they are to shut gates, when it says to shut them, especially when livestock are in there.
- I have used BLM land for many years. Biggest problems are all related to lack of sufficient law enforcement. Illegal dumping of trash. Off road vehicles (cars and motorcycles) permanently scarring the land in unauthorized areas. The BLM also seems to consider calls (complaints) about gunfire in private/BLM interface areas a huge safety issue. Our gun club did some research and actual authorization on this issue and we believe most of this gunfire originates on private lands. People shooting sage rats off their decks, etc. Also, 911 receives hundreds of calls about gunfire every year in Deschutes County but the county sheriff very rarely finds illegal or unsafe shooting activity occurring. BLM needs to investigate these issues, not just log it as an "incident."
- Limit firearm use within golden triangle. Too many homes next to and within BLM boundaries. Vandalism on private property adjacent to BLM is a problem. How to educate and raise awareness is a good goal.
- I don't feel that squatters should ever be able to move in and take over our public lands!
- The urban interface plan seems to be at a standstill. BLM land which interfaces with urban areas should be recreational, not use for cattle grazing. Education and enforcement go hand in hand. 4WD vehicles tend to destroy unimproved roads in poor weather and seasonal closures are totally appropriate. Bike/equine/ped trail between Smith Rock and Pilot Butte would be enjoyed by many. Get cattle off the Butte... O yeah, That's natural grasslands. Sorry.
- Due to the rapid population growth in the central Oregon (Bend, Prineville, Redmond area) area...it is very important to preserve and protect the existing BLM lands for wildlife it sustains and for those whose activities are the least impact on the environment. OPEN SPACES ARE IMPORTANT!
- It would only be appropriate for you to notify all people with property surrounded by or adjacent to BLM lands in the upper Deschutes Resource Management area.
- Prineville BLM has a history of planning to death and no action. Please speed up progress.
- Post signs against dumping and shooting across roads and provide phone numbers to report violators. Work with local user groups, control Oregon Trail Alliance to develop and Control Trails on Horse Ridge, Dry Canyon, and Cline Butte. Provide access to Powell Butte.
- We as a family believe that BLM should be used for the public and never for commercial use. We like the feeling of reclusion when we want to get away from it all and BLM does that well.
- Please make shooting legal in only a few designated areas.
- Please lets use those small BLM areas maybe for ORV - Motorcycles closer to town. These people need somewhere to go but sadly they don't seem to be aware of the damage they do off road.
- Thanks for sending me "another" survey - don't know where the 1st one went.
- Regarding to question Q-27 - I think that illegal dumping that people responsible for it would be made example of it if caught. Such as there names should be printed in local paper.

- BLM lands are the best place for horseback riding. We need to find a way to avoid all the garbage dumped on BLM land! Very important. Thanks.
- High erosion causing vehicles should have certain areas because of the impact they have - 1) destroying the ecosystem, 2) extreme noise, 3) wild parties (of a few). Public should have say in exchanges. Shouldn't be sold!
- End commercial extraction by corporations and others on all public lands: No grazing, logging, mining, destructive OHV/ORV use, etc. et. al. No land trades. Protect wildlife and native biodiversity/ecology. Far too much damage has been done already. Restoration = Jobs and future heritage.
- I live within the boundaries of the plan area and have seen how impossible it is for the BLM with its limited resources to police the area. I and my neighbors have attempted to adopt and oversee as best we can. Increased use would make this a difficult task. Trying to discourage off-road motor vehicle use - even though not followed in our area - is a difficult and frustrating duty. Yet multiple use is "multiple use" and how do you draw the line? I would hate to see the desire of mountain bikers supported over those of horseback riders and hunters.
- I live out of state. I bought a parcel in Juniper acres in 1962, strictly for speculation, and I have never seen the property. Any potential buyers?
- Please offer more timber sales, as much of the land is too dense and needs thinning. Better to do it and plan for it or fire will and destroy others homes in the process. Pay for road upkeep, law enforcement, camps with revenue from timber sales.
- Too many environmentalists on staff without enough to do.
- BLM's responsibility is to the free populace first. User fees are wrong except maybe the existing campgrounds. More regulation is unfavorable when you cannot enforce existing regulation.
- Sorry I lost the envelope and this is late. I am a Realtor, avid horseman and hunter ed instructor. I am taking courses toward a minor in Natural Resources. I would be very happy to participate in public forums or committees. Junipers, in particular, need control - open more areas to firewood cutting - will help the water situation.
- Most public land would be better consolidated - no more checker boarding. Also plans, regulations, etc. are worthless, unless they can be supported (dollars and people) thru time (years). E.g. enforcement. Population 'WILL' keep growing - consolidate as much BLM land as possible, outside this resource block so you don't have to waste more time doing this again in a few years.
- It has been my observation that the majority of resource damage or illegal activity on public lands revolves around the use of vehicles. People drive to dump garbage, or to poach. What needs to be said about unrestricted OHV use, other than its an obsolete management plan? If you control vehicles, you can eliminate a lot of problems. When dealing with multiple use issues, understand that multiple use often equates to singular use when the powerful and aggressive OHVer displaces the non-motorized user. Thanks.
- Would like to see more developed trail systems for biking, hiking, running. Overall I think the BLM does a good job.
- Management of OHV areas always means restrictions. Everyone has the right to pursue their chosen recreation. The Environmental movement has chipped away at OHV activities

for 20+ years. Our areas get smaller, the impacts increase, see any correlation? Leave the public alone! Less government = better government!

- BLM needs to acknowledge the work that was done by the community of LaPine to identify public lands that are needed for growth and adjust the Casey land exchange.
- I am a participant in the BLM Recreation planning group.
- BLM has a reputation (well deserved) of poor management and protection of the resource. They fail to remember that without a resource there is nothing for anyone else to enjoy. They also are poor \$ managers and are 50% overstaffed by paperpushers. Their office staff fails miserably to remember that they work for the public and the resource. Most are little feet that couldn't survive in private enterprise. They don't know when to stop playing God. All and all they are the "bad dudes."
- One of our fears is the ever threatening possibility of selling or trading BLM for mineral use/extraction/gravel pits close to homes. Central Oregon is blessed by her expansive BLM land, created and enjoyed by young and old alike. We are grateful for our years of enjoyment on BLM land. Careful examination should take place before land is traded or sold. Public access is a big issue. BLM are public lands, and others like ourselves should enjoy them. Selling off for development is a concern.
- I am glad to fill out your survey and did the best I could. I own approximately 30 acres just adjacent to a small parcel of BLM East of Bend. I live just East of the airport allotment on the Southeast corner of that 720 acres. I, and all members of my family have a huge interest in the parcel. My business is boarding horses and my clients use the area on a regular basis. I train horses and give lessons and use the BLM extensively for both activities.

This area is currently under a road closure mainly because there was such a problem with people dumping garbage and dead animals. There was also a conflict between vehicles and hikers, bicycles, horses. There was a great deal of damage to the area from people who drive off roads. The closure has helped a great deal with many of these problems. The dumping of trash has been almost completely eliminated, although people still often dump their dead animal or game carcasses near the entrance.

I have for some time been the watchdog of the dead animals and dispose of them. I am always vigilant to any clues of previous ownership, but here is rarely any evidence. I have also picked up the remnants of beer parties, etc. and called law enforcement whenever possible.

We have gotten one conviction of people driving illegally in the area and I am always on the lookout for other offenders. I have discovered lightning fires in the BLM and reported them. I have worked closely with several of the officers in the sheriff's office and Tom Teaford and several of his people. I was recently acquainted with Don Wilson. We had another citation, some time back, to a gentleman for littering and driving illegally in the BLM. The particular man was making out with fruit! We have had a few weirdos.....

The BLM is still open for hunting and I would like to see that changed. Also target practicing is allowed. I come from a long line of hunters so I am not anti-hunting or anti-gun but this area is way too small for the safe discharge of firearms. There are many, many people who jog-ride their bikes, walk their dogs and ride in this area. I personally have had bullets whiz by my head 3 different times when kids began shooting and didn't know I was

there. I came across a guy not long ago practicing with his pistol using a paper plate and shooting not 50 yards from the most used road in this section (shooting towards the road). Head had no idea the road was there or that people could have been shot. He was happy to find a safer spot when I suggested one. The area is surrounded by private residences-mine is just a matter of yards from the BLM boundary and the others have houses very close to the boundary as well. Alfalfa Market Road borders approximately one mile of this parcel with its heavy traffic load. I would love to see hunting and shooting eliminated on this parcel. It is not what they aim at-it's what is behind that becomes endangered.

This parcel is filled with wildlife. There is a large population of owls-all the Red tail hawks you could hope to see. Sparrow hawks, quail, dove all the little brown bird types and moss recently coopers and sharp-skinned hawks. We also have porcupines, skunks (probably the spotted from what I can tell), marmots, raccoons, and way too many coyotes! Lots of deer-probably elk and lord knows what else.

There are wildflowers as well depending on what moisture we get in the spring and how badly the grazing cattle have damaged and torn up things. (Also very dependent on the moisture before and during the allotted time out there.) We have way too many weeds; knapweed abounds, toadflax-mullen and along the ditch-poison water hemlock.

This areas is becoming more and more used and people are driving not only from surrounding neighborhoods but also from town- Many of these people are unaware how vulnerable this area is-but they would not want to lose it.

About 8-10 years ago there was a neighborhood group that for several years mounted extensive clean up efforts with the blessing of the BLM. This was very successful and just because we have not gotten together does not mean we are not interested in the area. As I said before the road closure and help of the law enforcement officials have gone a long way to eliminate most of the dumping.

The dead things can't wait for earth day so I take care of them and other litter things that blow in are often picked up by us or others.

I am very opposed to selling or trading this area for economic profit- We would lose a great deal to have it filled with homes. As far as organized recreation goes that would be wasting the area and robbing us all of its natural beauty. It is currently accessible to a large number of people both from town and country. The conflicts are few here. We police it ourselves and most every one is courteous and respectful of each others needs and services. We don't need it to be changed or managed, with the possible exception of a more clear parking plan. The signs are evident to all who care to read them-but some people are confused as to where they can and can't park. What roads not to block, etc.

Other than that I'm pretty sure you would get a majority vote on leaving it alone. There is much potential for experimenting with native grasses and there are areas that could easily be used for this and probably respected by most of the users, though not maybe the cattle.

We need green space-to run our dogs off leash-ride our horses, jog or hike. I'm aware that there is a density issue here and that the more people who use the area the more the problems are supposed to be; but in this case I can say for certain there are more people using the area now than 10 years ago and the problems to BLM personnel have decreased-

unless I'm missing something big.

Clearly I have a vested interest! I ride for my own pleasure 7 days a week. Spring, summer, and fall-only slightly less during the winter. I also use the trails for training horses and giving lessons. I don't make much money but a large part of what I do make is tied to this parcel of BLM. Most importantly it is my sanity-to have a space to go and relax and enjoy. I am not alone in feeling this. Many share my interest in maintaining and protecting what we have here.

I suppose I should stop now but a part of me could go on and on. I do want at this time to make sure you if anything were ever to happen to this parcel as in trading and selling I would be most interested in purchasing as much as possible for my own protection. I border this parcel on 2 sides and as my house is so close to the boundary it would be devastating to all I hold dear. I will enclose a separate page at the end stating my desire.

So I guess 7+ pages is enough! Please excuse the penmanship. I have 5 stitches in the index finger of my right hand. Writing is painful. And more sloppy than usual-but typing was out of the question. Please know I am doing my part for this section of BLM and I am not alone. With some time and effort I imagine we could gain a huge support team. Please, please don't take this away from us. Yes it might be valuable in an economic sense but there is way too much being taken away these days from people who just seek and open quiet area for quiet pursuits.

Thank you for including me in this survey. Sorry I burdened you with this letter but you did ask for my other comments-I couldn't write small enough to get all this in that space! If I can be of any further assistance please let me know!

I own property at 22820 Alfalfa Market Road which borders the airport allotment on the West and North boundaries of the property.

If ever the parcel is to be sold or traded I would beg you to allow me to purchase enough to protect my interests here. My house is just yards away from the BLM to my West.

Thank you-If this need official paperwork please send it to me.

- I would like to commend the BLM for its efforts to wisely plan for the future of our public lands. Providing a "Social Value Survey" like this is a good first step in facing the challenges of managing our lands in the midst of greater public use. In the public meetings my husband and I attended, we were both impressed with the high caliber of BLM employees from the Prineville District-their commitment to their work, their knowledge, and their willingness to inform the public and work with us to protect our heritage of public land.

Having lived in Central Oregon for decades, I have seen the damage done to the High Desert from increased population...one of the greatest challenges is to manage the BLM lands so that the public can enjoy the beautiful Central Oregon region without destroying it by overuse. Unfortunately, it seems that this necessitates increasing enforcement activities and reducing access to eliminate dumping, shooting, OHV damage, etc.

I have always greatly appreciated that the BLM has provided recreation opportunities that are non-developed or primitive facilities...this has been a wonderful gift in the open spaces of the High Desert, and along rivers too. I hope somehow, that the BLM can keep that focus, with an

adjustment of focus on lands nearest population centers. So, were certain areas have been damaged, increased management is provided by improved trail systems, and regulation and enforcement to prevent more damage. Also, educational efforts.

It is a high priority that our public lands are protected and managed for future generations-including protection from overuse:

1. Use containment, providing certain areas that are regulated and separate from most public use, so the rest of us can enjoy the quiet of the High Desert, without fear of aggressive motorcycles and other OHV drivers running horseback riders and hikers off trails and roads.
2. Provide designated shooting areas, so the whole area doesn't become unsafe for the public.
3. Provide education: Remember how successful "Smokey the Bear" was to generations of kids? And "not to litter"? Target children in the schools, particularly as assemblies or job or nature days-educate about the fragile, no tearing up the land with OHV's (as seen in truck commercials), the need to protect archaeological sites and respect for traditional uses of the land and the history of an area, to not dump, and the value of open range and habitat, to "walk lightly" when hiking/camping, etc.
4. Keep the emphasis on non-developed areas, with certain areas providing especially improved trails.
5. Where an area does have a developed site, (as on the Crooked River, where the sites are beautifully done, and it is very gratifying to see a wheel-chair accessible site: kudos to the BLM for that exceptional area)...use that as a model for other lovely areas....And, also provide non-developed sites nearby, so if one can't afford the camping fees, and just wants to have some picnics with the kids for a day or so.. that it is also easy to do that...even some simple wider parking places along the road. Especially in areas close to population centers...and that would be a good place to have a small tasteful educational sign about the geologic/habitat/traditional historical use, such as hunting/gathering and later grazing/archaeological significance/fragility/homesteads nearby, etc.
6. To investigate and make use of Federal monies that have to do with identifying and protecting archaeological sites. To work closely with the Federal agencies involved, and the Warm Springs elders, etc., to make a more pro-active approach in identifying and mapping areas on the BLM lands, so they can be protected and researched (and not lost to future generations). (So shooting areas and horseback trails and picnic areas, for example, don't end up inadvertently near sites.) To make illustrative signs and education for children also a priority. Since this is such a cultural area, and the BLM has the backing of a Congressional Act, funding to develop a cultural resource program should be intensely pursued so the BLM can follow mandates of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act and the National Historic Preservation Act with excellence and pride.
7. It would seem the BLM could just simply manage the range, but in the face of population pressures so our resources aren't damaged, realistically, to wisely manage the great resources of our public lands, education of youth and protection are priorities.
8. Oregon has been a leader in Land Use Planning, and, that has kept our state extraordinarily beautiful. In Central Oregon, the damaging effects of unwise growth are affecting all of us, and this forcing the BLM to perhaps enlarge its focus to include more land use management ideals, especially near Bend and in interface areas. I commend the BLM for facing these challenges, and working diligently to come up with wise use plans. Another priority in this area is to preserve the open scenic area as much as possible. To not "sell out" to

the pressures of developers by allowing more roads across our public lands to ease commutes- if they live a distance away, then our public lands should not be sacrificed to make up for poor land use planning. The BLM shouldn't be in the business of "enabling more growth." Obviously, in the Central Oregon area, the economy is fine, and the BLM should focus more on protection of habitat, ethno-biology and open areas, and archaeological sites, and geological/historical places of interest, and recreation...rather than providing more opportunities for growth and development: that just brings more population pressure. The developers are doing just fine.

9. Developers are required to pay CCR's...developments are propose adjacent to BLM lands, why not charge them for the privilege? The are making money form our public lands, actually playgrounds for the clients in their subdivisions, why should the BLM shoulder the costs of these people wanting more enforcement, regulation, trails for their use-while they limit access to the general public? Perhaps based on the basis of the acres next to BLM boundaries, there should be fees that would provide for additional access and trail development open to the public near their own area, for example. The BLM shouldn't be in the business of managing playgrounds for new subdivisions-and, if by placement they are adjacent, then, charging the developers for the increased land management issues.

10. Trading or selling all lands next to population centers is not the solution... how about keeping the extraordinary beauty of Central Oregon available for generations to come, by retaining public lands near Bend and Powell Butte, for example, (except for small isolated pieces), and using those areas as showpieces of what the BLM does so well. For example, open range management, habitat areas, providing some trails for hikers and horseback riders, educational opportunities, another finely planned and attractive recreation site, (as along the Crooked River, developed and primitive, some areas just for parking for 1 or 2 cars), etc. It could be a showpiece for fire and habitat management.

11. Especially in this area, public lands should not provide gravel pits for ODOT as a matter of course. Here the resource value lies in scenic beauty, habitat, and range. Just because developers want more growth, does not mean that our heritage ahs to be sacrificed to poor land use planning. If the BLM does not stand firm to protect our public lands, who will? Private existing pits nearest the growth areas in Bend should be sued, and that is just one of the downsides of growth that Bendites have to pay if they insist on more growth; if the gravel costs more, than it is another downside-such is the cost of growth, and developers should carry that burden. If an existing pit is used on BLM land, despite public outcry, than at least the price to the user should reflect the cost of growth in Central Oregon...the BLM should receive fair recompense for our gravel and the loss of natural habitat/beauty/quiet, and recognize the trade-off, the cost should be comparable to private pits. Other factors to be included are the wear and tear and traffic dangers on roads in transporting gravel across public lands. I appreciate that the BLM listens to the public viewpoint about our lands, especially in this issue.

12. The use of fires to manage ecosystems is important to maintain and increase the grasslands in Central Oregon, I am confident that the BLM will use this tool wisely and can enhance habitat and reseeding even in the face of these past drought years.

13. In my travels in the United States, I have always come home to Oregon and been grateful for the heritage of the BLM lands. I have appreciated that a person could simply stop by the side of the road to take a break, or have the luxury of a primitive camp to enjoy or incredible land, in so many states so much is fenced of regulated or "loved to death." I am

indeed grateful the BLM has managed our land so well up to now, and look forward to a future of continued wisdom and commitment.

14. I realize that the BLM is looking at issues in this survey, rather than at specific areas. Nevertheless, as one who lives near Powell Butte and who is aware of the awesome nature of this particular parcel of BLM land, I would ask the BLM to reflect that specialness by adding the Powell Butte BLM land to its Z-1 zone. This is a wonderful resource, not in the sense of that word as something to be exploited, but rather as something to be cherished and protected.

15. I appreciate the opportunity to comment via this survey.

Interest groups

- BLM should not allow 1)destination resorts 2) grazing 3) sprawl. BLM should consolidate public holdings and protect wildlife corridors, close roads, better enforcement of illegal dumping, off road vehicles, etc.
- I do not live in Central Oregon. However, I am very concerned regarding the management of our federal lands.
- I believe Q-9 is improperly setup to negatively highlight motorized recreation-it is the only activity you have asked about eliminating to protect natural resources. Q-18 is even worse! I believe the tone of the motorized vehicle issue is negative-restrictive and the only reason it is considered is so that it can be closed-no mention is made to address the increased use and satisfaction motored users experience or increasing opportunities to recreate-your bias is showing!
- Thanks - good questions. I hope BLM can get some more funding in order to have enough resources to be "outstanding" stewards for our BLM lands!
- BLM decisions should be based on solid scientific analysis and not be influenced by public pressure. One example is reducing the DBH of cut trees on juniper cuts. If anything, the DBH should be increasing because the age of post settlement juniper is increasing.
- Population pressure requires a fine balance between resource use and resource health; nevertheless the emphasis in Public Lands must be on the word public! The purpose of government is to serve the public, not the other way around.