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CENTRAL OREGON—The Prineville District BLM completed its most recent set of Issue Team Meetings for the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan. During these two weeks of meetings the BLM discussed and took comments on the draft alternatives for this plan.

The BLM is currently reviewing the comments in order to determine how best to revise the alternatives. Based on our initial review of the comments, we are postponing the next issue team meeting. **The meeting will still be held at Eagle Crest from 9 until 3 but on June 21 rather than June 6 as originally scheduled.** On the new meeting date we will review comments received from Issue Team members and Intergovernmental partners, and provide recommendations on how the alternatives should be changed to respond to these comments.

The work in progress is part of preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement which, when completed, will provide a more formal opportunity for public comment this winter.

The Issue Teams are chartered working groups of the Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee and include a cross-section of federal, tribal, and local governments and agencies, special interest groups and other members of the local communities. The public is invited to attend the June 21 meeting. Time will be set aside for public comment.

Check for meeting updates or changes by visiting the BLM website at http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/Deschutes_RMP/Home.htm For further information, contact Virginia Gibbons, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or call (541) 416-6700.

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