

Ecosystem Health and Diversity
Issue Team Meeting Notes
Upper Deschutes RMP/EIS
1/31/02 at Best Western, Prineville

Attending:

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Geoff Babb
Steve Castillo
Mollie Chaudet

Bob Davison
Bill Dean
Anne Holmquist
Tim Lillebo

Sandy Lonsdale
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Agenda:

- * Introductions
- * Intergovernmental Meeting
- * Ecological terms, CFL classification
- * Desired Conditions and Methods
- * Information Gaps
- * Summary

Introductions

Welcome to Tim Lillebo from Oregon Natural Resources Council who has joined the ecosystems team. The BLM website and e-mail should be available via the USFS computer system sometime next week.

Intergovernmental Meeting

Some editorial comments to the issue descriptions that were brought up at the 1/30 IG meeting were noted. A third option for the planning area boundary extension around Prineville Reservoir was proposed. No final decision yet.

Ecological terms and CFL classification question were deferred until the next issue team meeting.

Desired Conditions and Methods

Team continued work that was started at the All Issue-Team meeting on 1/29. BLM proposed a table format for describing values, issues, desired condition and methods. Team decided on a modified format and proceeded to identify additional issue categories and filled out the table based on desired conditions and methods for achieving desired conditions. The table was completed in an abbreviated manner for most of the issue categories. The Ecosystem Team will add some

economic/commercial components regarding timber and special forest products to the Ecosystems desired condition. The Land Uses Team will add some economic/commercial components regarding grazing and mining to the Land Uses desired conditions. Steve will fill out the table with a little more detail and mail to team members for additions (see assignments).

Information Gaps identified to date were: vegetative condition (more detail), old-growth juniper, juniper woodland distribution and densities, improved vegetation map, and historic sage grouse range. Team to identify additional info needs and send to Steve.

Summary

Assignments:

-Steve will edit table and send to team (this has been done - attached)
-Team will review table and add additional desired conditions and methods needed to achieve desired conditions (see list of issues and proposed actions that Steve handed out at meeting). Desired conditions should reflect a variety of interests, not just your own. Your edited table is due back to the BLM by 2/15. Please use italics or some other way to highlight changes/additions. When you respond with your edits you can respond directly to the e-mail that sent you these meeting notes or use this e-mail address:

mikewilliams@fs.fed.us

-Team will also identify any additional information gaps and bring to next team meeting
-Steve will bring copies of Rick Miller's old-growth juniper research paper to next meeting.
-Shawn will provide a list of all GIS layers available and GIS layers in progress. Will bring to next meeting.
-BLM will try to have a draft old-growth juniper map available at next meeting

Next Meeting - February 22 8:30 am - 2:30 pm at the BLM (this is the confirmed location).

We also tentatively set the next four meeting dates: 3/1, 3/18, 4/14, and 4/29. All will be 8:30am - 2:30 pm at the BLM conference room.

Agenda for 2/22:

- Review changes to desired condition and methods table
- Develop alternatives and begin alternative maps