Land Ownership Issue Team

2:00 - 5:00 pm, Wednesday, January 9, 2002

Rock Springs Guest Ranch

Members Present: Jamie Hildebrandt, Anne Homquist , Catherine Morrow, John Pewther, Darsie Strome, Alan Van Vliet, Kerrie Wallace, Mimi Graves, Barbara Pieper, Martin Winch, and Ron Wortman.

Members Absent: Kate Kimball, Terry Eccles

Others Present: Butch Crume (a La Pine resident representing the CAT team who will be a member of the issue team), Mollie Chaudet (BLM), and Phil Paterno (BLM).

Meetings and Other Scheduled Items:

1. An All Issue Teams Meeting will be held on January 29, 2002, from 9:00 to 3:00 at Eagle Crest.
2. The third meeting of the Lands Ownership Issue Team will be held on **Friday, February 1, 2002, from 2 to 5pm at <u>Eagle Crest</u> (the meeting was to be held at Rock Springs, but is now at Eagle Crest)**.
3. The fourth meeting of the Lands Ownership Issue Team will be held on **Wednesday, March 13, 2002, from 2 to 5pm**. Location has yet to be determined.
4. BLM remains without E-mail. The rest of the team is communicating with e-mail.
5. The team selected to hold the majority of its indoor meetings near Redmond because of its central location.
6. If other meetings are needed, they will be selected by the team during a scheduled meeting.
7. The subject of outdoor meetings was not discussed.
8. Schedules may be revised.

Assignments and Requests:

1. Team members should consider the values (desired conditions) they will assign to parcels. Remember you represent the community, state, and country. *See Agenda Item #4.*
2. Team members should consider various dispositions of public lands. *See Agenda Item #4.*
3. Combining item 1 and 2 above begin to develop alternatives for public land large blocks, isolated blocks, and fringe areas attached to blocks. *For the next team*

meeting.

4. Team members should read public comment letters. *For the next team meeting.*
5. Shawn Servoss to produce a map for the team with the following: The Lands Ownership Team is requesting a single map of the Deschutes RMP area (La Pine may be on a separate sheet) with the following: (1) BLM lands with current zone designations; (2) Current Deschutes and Crook County Urban Growth Boundaries; (3) WL corridors; (4) topographic lines; (5) BLM designations for ACECs, Wild and Scenic River Corridors, and the WSA, (6) ROW corridors, and (7) all other ROW if available. The scale should be 1.5 to 2 inches per mile. We need this map by January 23 for preperation for the next team meeting. *For the next team meeting, request submitted on 1/16/2002.*
6. Ron writes about Eminent Domain. *See Agenda Item #6.*
7. Ron writes about BLM Zoning. *See Agenda Item #5.*
8. Ron to send Butch and Tammy earlier paperwork. *Done*
9. Ron to send Phil copy of the teams final issues. *Done*
10. Ron to type Desired Condition pages. *See Agenda Item #4.*
11. Develop list and map of potential community requests including an airport in Redmond; community expansion south of Redmond; airport location, effluent system expansion, recreation facilities in La Pine; recreation facilities in Crook County including Barnes Butte and Powell Buttes; etc. *Ongoing.*

Agenda Item #1

Continued discussion of interests and team composition. No specific time set aside.

Team Discussed

1. The team decided to explain their individual interests during the course of other discussions, but not as a specific agenda topic.
2. The team will continue the above examination of interests during general discussions.
3. Public Participation: At the beginning of each meeting, guests will be given the opportunity to state if they intend to offer comment and granted the option of speaking before or after the meeting for five minutes, or before and after for two and a half minutes each.

Team Did Not Discuss

The interests of the facilitator. It is unlikely we will discuss this topic because the facilitator may change at each meeting.

Action Items (Who needs to do what and when is it due)

1. Butch Crume will be the representative from La Pine CAT team.
2. (Not at meeting) Tammy Sailors will be the representative from Central Oregon Irrigation District.

Agenda Item #2

The team reviewed the edits to the issues that were discussed during the last meeting. The team agreed on the following:

Preliminary Issues
Population growth in Central Oregon has placed increasing demands on private lands:

- Isolated private parcels surrounded by blocks of public lands are being more intensively developed than in the past.
- In some cases public land ownership blocks private access to private lands.

And public lands:

- Development is beginning to surround small, isolated blocks of public lands. This affects the ability of these lands to provide wildlife habitat or other public benefits.
- In some cases private land ownership blocks public access to public lands
- Public lands are increasingly desirable as a source of land for urban growth and infrastructure to support growth.
- Increased recreational use, casual use, or permitted use on public lands affects the ability to effectively or economically manage grazing allotments, develop and maintain commercial uses and activities such as mining or wood harvesting, and conduct structured recreational or educational activities.
- Land ownership status can affect management of natural resources such as minerals or ground and surface water, and less tangible resources like scenery, open space, and wildlife habitat.

Action Items (Who needs to do what and when is it due)

No further action.

Agenda Item #3

The team edited Decisions from table E-1. The team agreed on the following wording:

> Determine the desired location and arrangement of BLM managed lands in the planning area. The RMP will identify:

1. Lands available for disposal
2. Criteria for land acquisitions
3. Lands available for lease *(Leases are a Land Uses Team item.)*
4. Lands determined for retention

FLPMA criteria are located on page _____. Zone definitions are explained on page _____.

Action Items (Who needs to do what and when is it due)

Team review and final next meeting.

Agenda Item #4

The team brain stormed desired conditions to determine land ownership patterns. The Preliminary Range of Alternatives from Table E-1 is stated below under I. The teams list of desired conditions are listed under II.

I. Preliminary Range of Alternatives from Table E-1

Examine a range of desired conditions for land ownership patterns that would make public land available for sale, exchange, or lease:

- for community growth and infrastructure adjacent to major population center;
- for community or rural residential recreation and open space;
- to block up public or private ownership for improved efficiency;
- to maintain or improve wildlife habitats and populations for all life stages.

Examine conditions/criteria for the acquisition of private parcels and the r4etention or transfer of ownership of public land parcels including identifying areas or parcels of lands that would be priorities for acquisition.

II. The desired conditions brain stormed by the team are arranged below in two groupings: (A) directly from the flip charts with such edits as necessary for clarity and (B) matched with the bullets from the Preliminary Range of Alternatives from Table E-1 from the AMS.

A. Desired Conditions brain stormed by the team:

- Blocking up larger blocks: an example criteria would be vegetation.
- Make certain parcels accessible to the public, for example Powell Buttes.

- Get rid of isolated parcels.
- Meet community needs for public facilities such as parks, sewer, fire stations, and AIRPORTS.
- Consider access to parcels with high values.
- Connect larger blocks with corridors for wildlife.
- Visibility is a scenic value, for example, Powell Buttes.
- Determine if BLM is the best agency to administer specific parcels, hence, how we classify it.
- Identify parcels for corridors for travel (for recreational uses such as non-motor uses and stream within Wild and Scenic areas) which should be bigger than the anticipated width of the path. *(This is also a Travel Issue Team item.)*
- Removal of isolated parcels, but on a case-by-case basis.
- Meet community needs.
- Acquire headwaters.
- Determine the appropriateness of wildlife and fire on isolated parcels. *(This should be in the context of land ownership.)*
- Favor R&PP and exchange for community expansion needs.
- Identify those parcels to be retained in public ownership, but not necessarily BLM administration.
- Not threaten archeological sites, old growth forests, or water rights.
- Match block up with wildlife corridors.
- Reduce or minimize edge conflicts through arrangement of public lands.

B. Desired Conditions of the team matched with Desired Conditions from Table E-1:

For community growth and infrastructure adjacent to major population center;
- Favor R&PP and exchange for community expansion needs.
- Meet community needs.
- Meet community needs for public facilities such as parks, sewer, fire stations, and AIRPORTS.
- Prevention of sprawl between communities, specifically Bend and Redmond, but also in the larger context.

For community or rural residential recreation and open space;
- Identify parcels for corridors for travel (for recreational uses such as non-motor uses and stream within Wild and Scenic areas) which should be bigger than the anticipated width of the path.
- Determine if BLM is the best agency to administer specific parcels, hence, how we classify it.
- Consider access to parcels with high values.
- Make certain parcels accessible to the public, for example Powell Buttes.

To block up public or private ownership for improved efficiency;

- Reduce or minimize edge conflicts through arrangement of public lands. *(Buffers?)*
- Identify those parcels to be retained in public ownership, but not necessarily BLM administration.
- Removal of isolated parcels, but on a case-by-case basis.
- Get rid of isolated parcels.

To maintain or improve wildlife habitats and populations for all life stages.
- Blocking up larger blocks: an example criteria would be vegetation.
- Match block up with wildlife corridors.
- Determine the appropriateness of wildlife and fire on isolated parcels
- Connect larger blocks with corridors for wildlife.

Other (not directly connected with range of desired conditions in AMS)
- Not threaten crcheological sites, old growth forests, or water rights.
- Acquire headwaters.
- Visibility is a scenic value, for example, Powell Buttes.

Action Items (Who needs to do what and when is it due)

For homework, the team will match the their brain stormed desired conditions with the desired condition bullets (B is an example) in from the Table E-1 for compatibility. Determine if groupings under B expresses the intent of the team. Determine if another desired condition is appropriate for the grouping under "Other" or if those items can be consolidated under the existing desired conditions by broadening the language. Finally, merge the common themes into finished desired condition statements.

Agenda Item #5

The association between Taylor Grazing Act and Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA)

The disposition of lands of interest to the government are retain, dispose, or acquire. Lands identified to be retained lands are those that have a value or values that should be kept in federal ownership, but they may also have a proviso that these lands may be exchanged for lands having greater values; these lands are generally associated with zone 1 or 2 (Z-1, Z-2). Lands identified for disposal are generally associated with zone 3. Private lands identified for acquisition are usually acquired for retention purposes.

Under the Taylor Grazing Act lands are identified for retention, or disposal through exchange, or disposal through sale. The designation of sale may also includes disposal through exchange. Finally, under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP), lands may be designated for

Meeting Evaluation

- No group intimacy session, thank goodness.
- We were direct and got to business.
- Team input was both formal and informal, which helped assure that team members had the opportunity to speak.
- Attendance of Mollie and Phil helped.

Ground Rules for Lands Ownership Team:

1. Pay attention and be a good listener.
2. Be concise and to the point.
3. Be tactful and respectful of other values and viewpoints.
4. Make choices to prepare well for future land actions.
5. Create a plan that's able to be implemented and will impact the community positively.