

Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan Update

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Issue Teams Develop Recommendations on Alternatives

Since our last update, our Issue Teams developed recommendations for draft alternatives to be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. On June 21 those recommendations were finalized, and forwarded to the Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee. On September 12, the Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee formally forwarded its recommendations to the BLM.

BLM works on Alternatives

Since the last Issue Team meeting in June, the BLM Interdisciplinary team has been working to turn the Issue Team recommendations into detailed Alternatives that match the required format for a Resource Management Plan.

Once that work is completed, the Team will be working on the preliminary Environmental Consequences section. That section will help determine whether the alternatives meet our requirements and address the important issues in a meaningful way.

Update on Timeline

Our timeline has been slightly altered, to give some additional time for the BLM and Issue Teams to work out the draft alternatives, and because some of our key members spent time this summer on the numerous fires in the west. As we head into the fall and holiday seasons our goal is to have a Draft Environmental Impact Statement available for public review early next spring.

Issue Teams to Work on a Preferred Alternative

One goal of this process is to figure where we have areas of agreement, and where we do not.



We are anticipating convening the Issue Teams in late fall and early winter to determine where these areas of agreement are, and whether the teams can agree on what a “Preferred” Alternative might look like.

Questions and Contacts

Any questions on the process so far or where we’re going – please contact one of the Issue Team leaders, or visit our website.

Internet Access

You may contact us via e-mail at upper_deschutes_RMP@or.blm.gov

In addition, the BLM’s public websites are accessible through the World Wide Web. Information about the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan will be available at: http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/Deschutes_RMP/Home.htm.

Traditional Access

You may also contact us for information via mail (3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754), by phone, or in person.

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