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CENTRAL OREGON—The Prineville District BLM continues its collaborative planning process for the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan (UDRMP), a large-scale plan that will shape the future management of public lands that stretch north to Lake Billy Chinook, south to La Pine, west to Sisters and east to Prineville Reservoir.

To date, several issue team meetings have assisted local government planners in developing this large-scale land use plan. The issue teams provide a link back to the local communities, thus providing extensive public involvement in the planning process.

The issue teams are chartered working groups of the Deschutes Provincial Advisory Committee and include a wide cross section of federal, tribal and local governments and agencies, special interest groups and other members of local communities

“Our issue team meetings have helped us identify important environmental, cultural and socio-economic issues, which in turn has assisted us in developing creative alternatives for the plan,” said Project Manager Mollie Chaudet.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th from 8:30-4:00 at the Eagle Crest Resort in the Conference Center. The issue teams will discuss a process for developing consensus on a preferred alternative.

“This is yet another opportunity for people who value public lands to stay involved in the plan as it continues to develop,” said Prineville District Manager Barron Bail.

The issue team meetings are open to the public, with a brief opportunity for public comment that may be submitted verbally or in written form. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement is scheduled for release the summer of 2003. At that time, the public will have a 90-day period in which to comment on the draft plan.

For more information on the Upper Deschutes Resource Management Plan, visit our website at http://www.or.blm.gov/Prineville/Deschutes_RMP/Home.htm or contact Mike Williams, Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or call (541) 416-6700.

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