

NEWS Release

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

3040 Biddle Road • Medford, Oregon 97504 • <http://www.blm.gov/or/medford>

Bureau of Land Management
For Release: August 23, 2007

Contact: Bill Freeland
(541) 618-2417

BLM's Western Oregon Planning Open Houses

Medford, OR – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Medford District, will hold six Open Houses and two Workshops to pass on information about the Western Oregon Plan Revision draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of the Open Houses will be information sharing where the public may come in anytime during the period to ask questions about the alternatives or analyses. The purpose of the Workshops will be to help the public formulate substantive comments, interact with the comment tools, and provide meaningful feedback to BLM.

BLM released the draft EIS on August 9, which started a 90-day public comment period. Comments and suggestions from the public will be used by the BLM to craft a proposed resource management plan for the Medford District that will be analyzed in a Final EIS that is due out in 2008. Copies of the draft EIS can be reviewed in BLM offices and paper documents and CDs are available from the BLM as well. The complete document and background information is available on the web at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr>

Comments must be received or postmarked before November 10, 2007. Comments can be submitted electronically from the web site or mailed to:

Western Oregon Plan Revisions
P.O. BOX 2965
Portland, OR 97208

Open Houses:

Sept. 5, 6 – 8 p.m., Ashland Springs Hotel, Crystal Room, 212 E. Main St., Ashland, OR

Sept. 6, 6 – 8 p.m., County Building, 102 S. Redwood Hwy., Cave Junction, OR

Sept. 10, 6 – 8 p.m., Azalea Grange, Azalea-Glen Rd. (Pisqually Ln.), off Quines Creek Rd. (I-5 Exit 86, Azalea, OR

Sept. 12, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE. Spalding Rd., Grants Pass, OR

Sept. 13, 3 – 4:30 p.m., Medford Interagency Office, 3040 Biddle Rd., Medford, OR

BLM
Medford District Office



NEWSRelease

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

3040 Biddle Road • Medford, Oregon 97504 • <http://www.blm.gov/or/medford>

Sept. 17, 6 – 8 p.m., Upper Rogue Community Center, 22465 Highway 62, Shady Cove, OR

Workshops:

Sept. 12, 6 – 9 p.m., Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE. Spalding Rd., Grants Pass, OR

Sept. 13, 6 – 9 p.m., Medford Interagency Office, 3040 Biddle Rd., Medford, OR

About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 258 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. Most of this public land is located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1.8 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, and cultural resources on the public lands.

###

BLM
Medford District Office

