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Public Meetings Scheduled on the West-End OHV Project Postponed Meetings will be rescheduled after the New Year.

The Heppner Ranger District is postponing three public meetings scheduled for Heppner, Fossil and Monument due to the hazardous weather conditions and will reschedule after the New Year, announced Tom Mafera, Heppner District Ranger. The meetings, originally set for December 17, 18, and 22, were to discuss the five alternatives developed for the West End OHV Project Draft Environmental Assessment (EA).

"We'll reschedule the meetings in January and hope that the road conditions will have improved enough to ensure a better turnout," said Mafera.

A copy of the West End OHV Project Area Draft Environmental Assessment will be available at the District Office at 117 South Main Street in Heppner, OR the week of December 15, 2008. The Draft EA will also be available online at: <u>http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/projects/readroom/</u>.

More information about the West End OHV Project can be found on the Umatilla National Forest website at <u>http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/uma/</u> or by contacting Janet Plocharsky, Heppner District Planner at 541-676-2148.

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