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## Comment Period for Draft Timber Mountain Recreation Management Plan Extended

The Medford District Bureau of Land Management has extended the comment period for the Draft Timber Mountain Recreation Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement by 30 days. The comment period will now end on May 13, 2009. “We recognize that many people have an interest in this plan and we want to make sure everyone has a chance to study the Draft EIS and offer their comments,” said Tim Reuwsaat, District Manager.

The Timber Mountain area, commonly referred to as John’s Peak, is generally situated to the west of the City of Jacksonville and south of the Interstate-5 corridor in Jackson County. Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts recreate in the Timber Mountain Special Recreation Management Area and use has significantly increased in recent years. The draft Timber Mountain Recreation Management Plan will identify trails and roads to be designated and managed for OHVs.

“The extension gives us more time to involve all the interested parties and I encourage anyone who would like to discuss the alternatives to contact the Ashland Resource Area,” said John Gerritsma, Ashland Resource Area Field Manager. Questions and comments about the plan should be directed to Kristi Mastrofini of the BLM Medford District Office at (541) 618-2384. Additional information about the draft Timber Mountain Recreation Management Plan is also available online at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/recreation/timbermountain/index.php>

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