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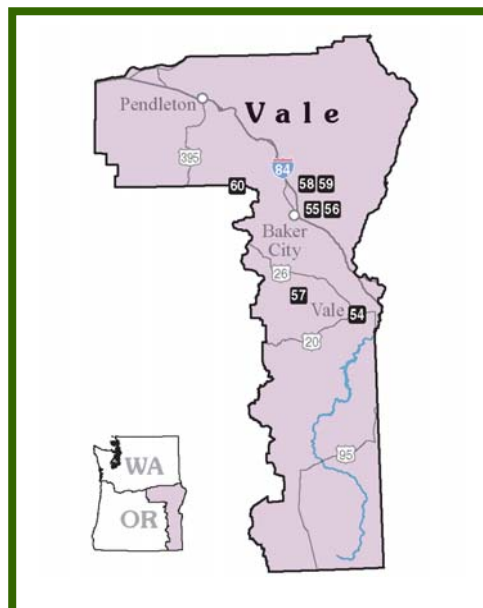


### John Day River & Vale District Weed Treatments – #60

**Need:** There are two Assistance Agreements in place with the Tri-County Cooperative Weed Management Area. One agreement is for work in Northeast Oregon in general and the other with Wallowa Resources for targeted projects in the Grande Ronde, Wallowa, and other significant river corridors, and one is for work in the Snake River area in Washington State.

These two agreements provide for coordinated weed management efforts including treatment, inventory, monitoring, restoration and early detection and rapid response. These agreements target Asotin County in Washington, and Wallowa, Union, and Baker Counties in Oregon.

A formal assistance agreement with Malheur County is also being finalized that will allow the BLM to expand the ongoing partnership and perform early detection and rapid response, treatment, inventory, and monitoring on lands outside of the major road corridors. Under the Malheur County Assistance Agreement the BLM will be able to concentrate efforts in the Wild and Scenic Owyhee River corridor.



**Recovery Act Funding:** Work would begin immediately and last until December 2009, weather permitting. These projects would create four to six jobs.

**Benefits:** Each of these projects has multiple partners and a history of successful coordination. Stimulus funding would allow the BLM Vale District to continue to champion the weed battle and enable us to concentrate our efforts in these Wild and Scenic River corridors.



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