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Introduction

This Planning Update is part of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)'s commitment to keep you informed of the management of public lands in southeastern Oregon. Planning Updates, like this one, are published periodically, usually on an annual basis for all BLM Districts in Oregon and Washington. It is our hope this update will help you understand land management decisions and current proposals occurring within the BLM's Burns District; including Three Rivers and Andrews/Steens Resource Areas (RA). This document is not intended to be a comprehensive description of all activities, but rather a summary of land use plan implementation activities completed in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011, FY12, and activities planned for FY13.

Burns District manages over three million acres of public lands located primarily in Harney County (southeastern Oregon) and is divided into two RAs: Andrews/Steens RA and Three Rivers RA. The two RAs are further divided into lands contained within the boundary of Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA) and those outside the boundary; in Andrews/Steens RA, the latter is referred to as Andrews Management Unit (AMU). The two RAs differ in the major types of management activities that occur due to differences in types of natural resource values present.

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What You Can Find In This Document

While the format is flexible, major sections similar to those described below will be included in each edition.

Summary of Work: This section identifies the FY accomplishments and work proposed for the following year. Usually only exceptional work or issues are discussed. Additional information is available to individuals upon request.

Rangeland Program Summary: This section outlines progress being made in implementing rangeland management objectives identified in the RA's land use plans and identifies recent actions in allotments.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Register: Listed in this section are those NEPA documents completed in past years as well as FY11, FY12, and documents initiated in FY13.

Appendices:

- An Acronym/Abbreviation Guide: A list of acronyms and abbreviations used throughout the document.
- Resource Management Plan (RMP) Maintenance Sheets: Minor changes, refinements, or clarifications in the RMP, including incorporating new data, are called plan maintenance actions. Plan maintenance actions do not expand the scope of resource uses or restrictions or change terms, conditions, or decisions of the approved RMPs. Maintenance actions are not considered plan amendments or revisions and do not require formal public involvement and interagency coordination. These types of actions are reported in Planning Updates.
- Categorical Exclusion (CX) Guide: Provides a definition and use of CXs specific to the Forestry Program.

Summary Of Work Accomplishments

This document is not intended to be a comprehensive description of all activities, but rather a summary of land use plan implementation activities, both accomplished and planned. For additional information, please contact Burns District Office.

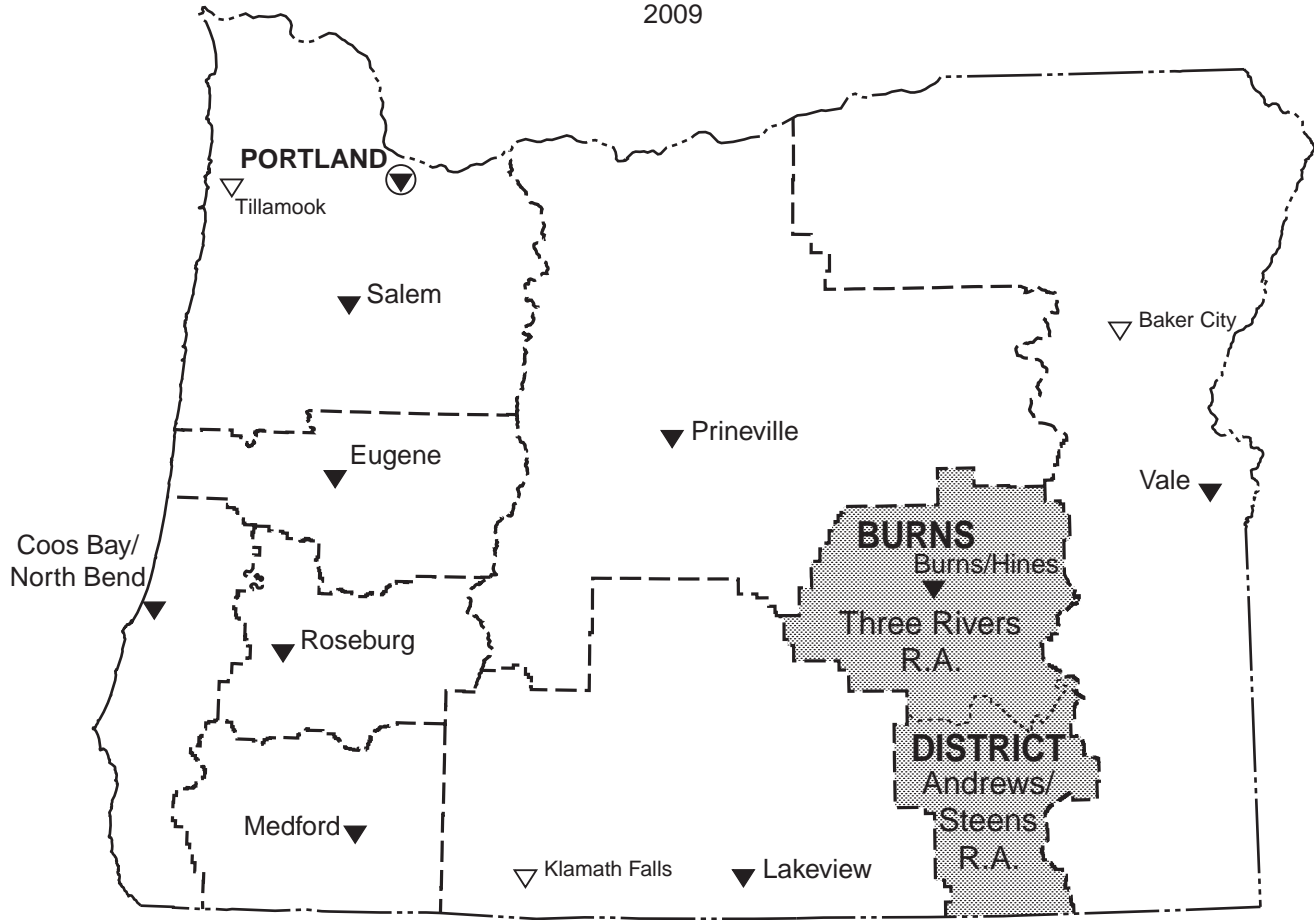
This summary includes FY11 and FY12 accomplishments and planned work for FY13 for the following:

- Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management
- Noxious Weeds
- Special Areas
- Cultural Resource Program
- Recreation
- Woodlands and Forest Management
- Minerals
- Land Tenure Adjustments, Access and Rights-of-Way (ROW)
- Hazardous Materials
- Wildfire and Fuels Management
- Law Enforcement
- Wild Horse and Burro (WHB) Program
- Volunteers and Outreach

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FIGURE 1 - GENERAL LOCATION MAP

2009



40 0 40 80 Miles

40 0 40 80 Kilometers

LEGEND

-  BLM State Office
-  BLM District Office
-  BLM Resource Area Office
-  BLM District Boundary
-  BLM Resource Area Boundary



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The following table (Table S-1) provides a summary of resource management actions, directions, and accomplishments for the AMU and CMPA RMPs. A table is not represented for the Three Rivers RMP due to its completion date (1992) and new requirements for Planning Updates since then.

Land use plans are periodically evaluated to determine; if decisions remain relevant to current issues, if decisions are effective in achieving (or making progress toward achieving) desired outcomes, if any decisions need to be revised, if any decisions need to be dropped from further consideration, and if any areas require new decisions. In making these determinations, the evaluation should consider if mitigation measures are satisfactory, if there are significant changes in the related plans of other entities, and if there are new data of significance to this plan.

Plan evaluations are completed prior to any plan revisions or major plan amendments. Special or unscheduled evaluations may also be required to review unexpected management actions or significant changes in the related plans of American Indian Tribes, other Federal agencies, State, and local governments, or to evaluate legislation or litigation that has potential to trigger an RMP amendment or revision. Evaluations may identify resource needs and means for correcting deficiencies and addressing issues through plan maintenance, amendments, or new starts. They should also identify where new and emerging resource issues and other values have surfaced. Evaluations may also identify new and innovative practices that improve effectiveness and efficiency so other offices may benefit.

The Three Rivers RMP was completed in 1992 and was evaluated in FY10. The Three Rivers RMP was found to be outdated and in need of updating. New science, program guidance, methodologies, species lists, climate change, and resource uses were identified as needs in multiple program areas. In most instances, the existing plan does not prevent the incorporation of this new information into environmental analyses and agency decision-making at the project scale. Projects are proceeding in accordance with the plans' objectives; however, some specific direction is constraining or inappropriate given current science or best management practices.

The AMU and CMPA RMPs were also evaluated in FY10. Overall, the results show the AMU and CMPA RMPs are providing the necessary guidance, allocations, and program-specific direction to allow for plan implementation through a wide variety of projects in conformance with the RMPs. Step-down analyses required by the plan have been completed (travel management) or are proceeding (Comprehensive Recreation Plan (CRP)), although at a slower pace than originally envisioned due to competing priorities and fiscal and staffing constraints.

In April 2010, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) determined that the Greater Sage-Grouse warranted protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), but that listing the species was precluded by the need to address other, higher-priority species first. One reason for the FWS decision was an identified need for "improved regulatory mechanisms" to ensure species conservation. The principal regulatory mechanisms for BLM are Resource Management Plans (RMPs).

Currently underway is preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to amend eight RMPs in Oregon BLM including the three RMPs within the BLM, Burns District.

The BLM formally published a notice of intent to amend land use plans in the *Federal Register* in FY12. Shortly thereafter, an active public involvement process to solicit input on potential science-based management actions was conducted.

By the end of FY13, it is expected the draft EIS needed to amend our three BLM, Burns District RMPs will be released for public comment. All of the public involvement will culminate in revised or amended RMPs and publication of the Final EIS in 2014.

Table S-1: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area and Andrews Management Unit Resource Management Plans Planning Areas, Summary of Resource Management Actions, Directions, and Accomplishments

RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity/Units	FY11 Accomplishments or Program Status	FY12 Accomplishments or Program Status	Cumulative Practices, since RMP Approval*
Realty, Rights-of-Way (ROWs), and Transportation Systems				
Land sales	Actions/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0(AMU)/ 0/0CMPA	1/240 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Land acquisitions by purchase, donation, withdrawal revocation, etc.	Actions/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 1/33.32 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 3/68.32 (CMPA)
Land exchanges	Actions/acres acquired or acres disposed	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	1/1,124 (AMU)/ 1/233 (CMPA)
Recreation and Public Purpose actions	Number leases or patents/ acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	1/2.5 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Utility ROWs authorized	Actions/miles	1/.36 (AMU)/ 1/.25 (CMPA)	2/12.1 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	56/49.96 (AMU)/ 1/.25 (CMPA)
Road ROWs acquired for public/agency use	Actions/miles	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	2/1.69 (AMU)/ 1/14.43 (CMPA)
Road ROWs granted	Actions/mile	0/0(AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	6/15.36 (AMU)/ 1/1.75 (CMPA)
Film Permits Authorized	Actions/acres	1/100 (AMU)/ 1/1,200 (CMPA)	0/0)AMU/ 1/100 (CMPA)	1/100 (AMU)/ 2/1,300 (CMPA)
Roads constructed or authorized	Actions/miles or acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	1/0.94 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Roads decommissioned/obliterated	Actions/miles or acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Roads closed/gated	Actions/miles	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	1/.25 (AMU)/ 1/8.6 (CMPA)
Wind energy feasibility studies/ROWs	Actions/acres	2/33,400 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	4/66,919 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Withdrawals completed	Actions/units	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Withdrawals revoked	Actions/units	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)

RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity/Units	FY11 Accomplishments or Program Status	FY12 Accomplishments or Program Status	Cumulative Practices, since RMP Approval*
Minerals and Energy Resources				
Oil and Gas leases/storage agreements	Actions/units	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Geothermal leases	Actions/units	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Other mineral leases (specify type)	Actions/units	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMP)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Locatable minerals	Mining plans approved/units	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Locatable minerals	Patents issued/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Salable mineral materials	Sites opened/closed, acres	N/A	N/A	Included in Total below
Salable material sites available, sites/acres	Sites/acres	17/982 - closed 15/(AMU)/ 8/661 – closed 5/ (CMPA)	17/982 - closed 15/(AMU)/ 8/661 – closed 5/ (CMPA)	17/982 - closed 15/(AMU)/ 8/661 – closed 5/ (CMPA)
Designated recreational rock-hounded or panning, sites/acres	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Abandoned Mine Lands	Sites remediated	11 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	11 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	11 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)
Recreation and Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Use Areas				
Developed camping	Sites/spaces available, sites/units	0/0 (AMU)/ 4/92 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 4/92 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 4/92 (CMPA)
Developed day use	Sites available	0 (AMU)/ 3 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 3 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 3 (CMPA)
Maintained OHV staging areas	Sites available	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)
Maintained OHV trails or routes	Units/miles	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Maintained hiking trails/equestrian trails or routes	Units/miles	0/0 (AMU)/ 1/3 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 2/3 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 16/84 (CMPA)
Maintained back-country discovery or scenic routes	Units/miles	0/0 (AMU)/ 10/56 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 10/56 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 10/56 (CMPA)

RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity/Units	FY11 Accomplishments or Program Status	FY12 Accomplishments or Program Status	Cumulative Practices, since RMP Approval*
Interpretive sites or trails	Units/miles	0/0 (AMU)/ 1/5 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 1/5 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 1/5 (CMPA)
Cultural and Paleontological Resources				
Cultural resource inventories completed	Sites/acres	4/240 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	2/100 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	6/447 (AMU)/ 6/403 (CMPA)
Paleontological resource inventories completed	Sites/acres	1/5 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	3/45 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Cultural/historic sites on Historic Register, sites managed	Sites managed	2 (AMU)/ 4 (CMPA)	2 (AMU)/ 2 (CMPA)	8 (AMU)/ 11 (CMPA)
Cultural/historic sites nominated to Historic Register	Sites or Districts nominated	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)
Cultural/historic sites restored, recovered or stabilized	Sites	1 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	1 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	12 (AMU)/ 10 (CMPA)
Hazardous Materials and Sites				
Hazardous material sites identified, under treatment or remediation completed	Units	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 1 (CMPA)
Rangeland and Woodland Resources				
Livestock grazing permits or leases	Total renewed units/Animal Unit Months (AUM)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	18/42,567 AUMs (AMU)/ 6/9,132 AUMs (CMPA)
Livestock AUMs banked or relinquished	Units/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)
Livestock fences constructed	Units/miles	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	5.5 miles (AMU)/ 20.5 miles (CMPA)
Livestock fences removed	Units/miles	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	3 (AMU)/ 0.5 (CMPA)**
Water developments maintained (wells, springs, pipelines, etc.)	Units	10 (AMU)/ 1 (CMPA)	10 (AMU)/ 1 (CMPA)	44 (AMU)/ 20 (CMPA)
Wild horses and burros removed and adopted***	Number of head	166 removed/115 adopted***	0 removed/0 adopted***	739 removed/210 adopted***

RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity/Units	FY11 Accomplishments or Program Status	FY12 Accomplishments or Program Status	Cumulative Practices, since RMP Approval*
WHB herd composite populations(s)** AML = Appropriate Management Level HMA = Herd Management Area L = Low H = High EP = Estimated Population	Authorized management level/estimated current population	N/A**	N/A**	N/A**
Prescribed burning - forage management****	Actions/acres	N/A****	N/A****	N/A****
Noxious weeds chemical control	Sites/acres	17/218.14 (AMU)/ 29/63.69 (CMPA)	28/275.85 (AMU)/ 32/2601.58 (CMPA)	45/1,011.74 (AMU)/ 61/5,582.41 (CMPA)
Noxious weeds, estimated biological control	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 4/4 (CMPA)	25/25 (AMU)/ 56/56 (CMPA)
Noxious weeds, by other control methods	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 2/.00101 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 2/.00101 (CMPA)
Invasive species control by mechanical (option to specify species in text section)	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 1/300 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 2/652 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 15/458(CMPA)
Invasive species control by prescribed fire (option to specify species in text section)	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 2/5200 (CMPA)
Brush field/hardwood conversion	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Woodland species restoration (option to specify species in text section)	Sites/acres	3 Units/37 Acres	8 Units/84 Acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 11/121 acres (CMPA)
Forest Management and Forest Health				
Regeneration harvest or fire salvage	Acres	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)
Commercial thinning/density management/uneven age harvest	Acres	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)

RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity/Units	FY11 Accomplishments or Program Status	FY12 Accomplishments or Program Status	Cumulative Practices, since RMP Approval*
Timber sale volume offered for sale	MM board feet/ MM cubic feet	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Timber sale quantity harvested	MM board feet/ MM cubic feet	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Special forest products sales, sales and quantities (e.g., boughs, fenceposts, corral poles, fuel wood)	Actions/units (chords) by type	0/0 (AMU) 4/17 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU) 44/181 (CMPA)	38/96 (AMU)/ 48/264 (CMPA)
Site preparation - prescribed fire (includes ecosystem enhancement projects)	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 25/~31,513 (CMPA)
Site preparation - other (specify)	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	9/? (AMU) 16/6,149 (CMPA)
Prescribed burning - hazard reduction	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 2/200 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 2/282 (CMPA)	1/22 (AMU)/ 1/6,633 (CMPA)
Natural fire for ecosystem enhancement	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 1/300 (CMPA)
Vegetation control - mechanical/hand	Sites/acres	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)	0/0 (AMU)/ 0/0 (CMPA)
Planting - regular stock, acres	Acres	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)
Fertilization, acres	Acres	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)
Special Management Areas				
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)/Research Natural Areas (RNA)	Areas monitored	7 (AMU)/ 1 (CMPA)	8 (AMU)/ 2 (CMPA)	22 (AMU)/ 9 (CMPA)
Significant Caves	Sites inventoried/ evaluated/ monitored	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present
Designated Wilderness Areas	Areas monitored	0 (AMU)/ 1 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 1 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 1 (CMPA)

RMP Resource Allocation or Management Practice or Activity	Activity/Units	FY11 Accomplishments or Program Status	FY12 Accomplishments or Program Status	Cumulative Practices, since RMP Approval*
Wilderness Study Areas (WSA), areas monitored	Areas monitored	18 (AMU)/ 5 (CMPA)	18 (AMU)/ 5 (CMPA)	18 (AMU)/ 5 (CMPA)
Designated Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSR), areas monitored	Areas monitored	0 (AMU)/ 3 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 3 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 3 (CMPA)
Administratively suitable WSRs, areas monitored	Areas monitored	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)	0 (AMU)/ 0 (CMPA)
National Monuments (if any), areas monitored	Areas monitored	Not Present	Not Present	Not Present

* Implementation began in FY06.

** Total does not include 27.5 miles of fence removed within the No Livestock Grazing Area within Steens Mountain Wilderness.

*** Portions of HMA's fall outside the CMPA boundary and within Three Rivers RA. Numbers shown include horses gathered and adopted within the entire HMA.

**** Prescribed burning for forage management is conducted in combination with other resource values. Please refer to Forest Management and Forest Health.

Summary Of Work

Terrestrial Habitat And Species Management

See Special Areas Section for information regarding ACECs and RNAs.

Botanical

Native Plant Materials Development: Burns District had three Native Plant Material projects funded for FY11 and one for FY12. Collections of target species for each project were accomplished as planned. Seasonal workers were utilized as seed collection teams with excellent results. The team was not funded for FY13 to continue the collections started in 2009.

Ongoing and one-time projects that were completed in 2011:

The Salt Desert Shrub Restoration Project.
Native Grass Seed Project.
Native Forb Seed Project.

Eight units of species collected (Program Element JZ) were assigned to the Burns District Native Plant Program. Logistics involved in managing four seed collection projects spread over 2.5 million acres were handled successfully through early planning and highly coordinated site visitation.

Early in the collection season the District experienced sustained rainfall events which delayed collection; however, the collection season lasted well into the fall due to a milder than average fall and late winter.

Number of species collected: 15 species were collected in 2011.

Scientific	Common
<i>Ab natherum hyn enoides</i>	Indian ricegrass
<i>Ab natherum nelø nii</i>	Nelson needlegrass
<i>Ab natherum thurberianum</i>	Thurber's needlegrass
<i>Agas ab e urtic folia</i>	Nettleleaf giant hyssop
<i>Allium aa minatum</i>	Wild onion
<i>Arenaria aa leata</i>	Prickly sandwort
<i>Arnica o rdifolia</i>	Heartleaf arnica
<i>Balsamorhiza a gittata</i>	Arrowleaf balsamroot
<i>Elymus elyn oides</i>	Bottlebrush squirreltail
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	Idaho fescue
<i>Geum triflorum</i>	Old man's beard
<i>Grayia p inosa</i>	Spiny hopsage
<i>Hesperotis ipa o mata</i>	Needleandthread grass
<i>Pic othamnus des rtorum</i>	Bud sagebrush
<i>Trifolium mac oe phalum</i>	Large head clover

In general, 2011 seed collection efforts were very successful.

Number of species collected: 17 species were collected in 2012.

2012 Seeds of Success Collection	
Scientific	Common
<i>Arnica montana</i>	Heart-leaf Arnica
<i>Lomatium nudicaule</i>	cous biscuitroot
<i>Wegelia helianthoides</i>	sunflower mule-ears
<i>Blepharipappus albertus</i>	rough eyelashweed
<i>Erigeron linearis</i>	desert yellow fleabane
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	annual rabbitsfoot grass
<i>Antennaria rosea</i>	rosy pussytoes
<i>Geum triflorum</i> var. <i>ciliatum</i>	Old man's whiskers
<i>Arnica montana</i>	twin arnica
<i>Erigeron bloomeri</i> var. <i>bloomeri</i>	scabland fleabane
<i>Arenaria montana</i>	ballhead sandwort
<i>Wegelia amplexicaulis</i>	mule-ears
<i>Agastache urticifolia</i> var. <i>urticifolia</i>	nettleleaf giant hyssop
<i>Allium acuminatum</i>	tapertip onion
<i>Clarkia pulchella</i>	pinkfairies
<i>Erigeron longifolius</i>	longleaf fleabane
<i>Hymenoxys hoopesii</i>	orange sneezeweed

The year 2012 collections were greatly hampered by the drought conditions and insect infestations in some populations resulting in low seed yields.

Planned for 2013

Funding was received in the Native Plant Program and collections will focus again on species related to sage-grouse as well as Wyoming big sagebrush and antelope bitterbrush. These species will be used for grow out to assist with the demand for sagebrush and bitterbrush plugs resulting from the 2012 catastrophic wildfires and overall restoration of these burned acres.

Federal Threatened and Endangered and BLM Sensitive Species: Eight populations from 5 BLM sensitive plant species in Three Rivers RA and 16 populations of BLM sensitive plant species in Andrews/Steens RA were monitored, mostly in Alvord Basin, Pueblo Mountains and forest fringe/front range for FY11.

Nine populations of *Stephanomeria malheurensis* (Malheur wirelettuce) (Federally Listed Threatened) were monitored in 2011. All monitoring activities took place in Three Rivers RA as all associated critical habitat occurs within the RA. BLM continued a cooperative effort with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Native Plant Society, and other interested parties to attempt to reestablish self-sustaining populations of Malheur wirelettuce. Monitoring of associated Federally Designated Critical Habitat also occurred. Rebecca Currin and Bob Meinkie of the ODA have worked with this species for many years and generously allowed portions of the Malheur wirelettuce reintroduction and seed bulking report to be utilized in this update.

World-wide, this plant species is found only in South Narrows ACEC and a sand dune site 15 miles to the west within Three Rivers RA. Malheur wirelettuce has disappeared from its original critical habitat in the ACEC, probably due to drought and competition from exotic annual plant species. Seed had been collected in the past when plants numbered about 2,000 individuals and stored at Berry Botanic Garden in

Portland, Oregon. Seed had also been propagated at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Seed from both sites were obtained and germinated in a greenhouse and planted at the ACEC. A report of reintroduction activities was prepared by ODA (the lead agency), and was presented at a FY12 collaborative meeting. Because of funding issues, the late summer/fall monitoring of the Malheur wirelettuce was not performed by ODA.

Assistance provided by BLM in FY11 included mobile water sources, population monitoring, out-planting assistance, and watering plants through early June.

Funding was not received in FY12 or FY13 to continue reintroduction efforts for the Malheur wirelettuce. Surveys of the planting sites were performed in FY12 with no plants found. Initial surveys in FY13 have not found any plants; however, a more in depth survey will take place in late spring of FY13.

Botanical Clearance for Ground-disturbing Projects: Burns District currently has one permanent botanical position for the district. This position is responsible for the district RNA/ACEC and Botanical (NEPA input, Special Status Species (SSS) Management, Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species of Flora, RNA and ACEC monitoring and T&E species reintroduction efforts) programs.

Botanical clearances are the earliest form of implementation of a given project and are critical for project design and success. Botanical clearances were conducted at 10 project sites in Andrews/Steens RA and Three Rivers RA for a total of 15,000 acres in FY11. Clearances were conducted for projects such as juniper cutting, prescribed fire, trough replacement, fence construction, and various other range improvement projects.

Botanical clearances were conducted for forest health, ecosystem restoration, prescribed fire, juniper cutting, sage-grouse corridor enhancement, ROWs, road maintenance, and range improvement projects planned or proposed for 2012 and out years.

Monitoring were conducted on 8 populations of BLM SSS of flora in Andrews/Steens and 3 populations in Three Rivers RA, including front-range endemics and species found in the CMPA.

Planned Work for 2013

Reestablishment efforts for Malheur wirelettuce are on hold for 2013 as funding was not secured by BLM. Monitoring for Malheur wirelettuce will continue, however out plantings will not occur. Botanical clearances will be conducted for forest health, ecosystem restoration, prescribed fire, juniper cutting, sage-grouse corridor enhancement, ROWs, road maintenance, and range improvement projects planned or proposed for 2013 and out years.

Monitoring will be conducted on 8 populations of BLM SSS of flora in Andrews/Steens and 3 populations in Three Rivers RA, including front-range endemics and species found in the CMPA.

Wildlife And Special Status Species

Completed Work for FY11 and FY12

Approximately 70 Greater Sage-Grouse lek surveys were completed in coordination with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) during Fy11 and FY12. Most of these leks are visited yearly by BLM or ODFW staff as part of a long-term population monitoring effort.

To improve sage-grouse habitat, 900 acres of western juniper cutting in Camp Harney and Chalk Hills areas occurred along with 377 acres of machine piling. Sage-grouse lek attendance was and will continue to be monitored in these areas.

The Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat Improvement Project and Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzed juniper control treatments on approximately 19,700 acres of the Three Rivers Resource Area in western Harney County. A decision for this project was made in July 2011 to move forward on juniper treatments. Approximately 2000 acres of juniper were cut in this project area during FY12, most of which was machine piled by an excavator with some lop and scatter of juniper branches in areas where the excavator could not reach due to rough terrain. The lop and scatter method allows the contractor to remove branches from the downed junipers that stick above the ground more than four feet to reduce perches for raptors and ravens that might prey on sage-grouse or their nests. The juniper control treatments will immediately restore and improve sage-grouse habitat, and maintain connectivity between the Glass Buttes and Rye Grass lek complexes.

Census of wintering bald eagle populations were conducted during FY11 and FY12 in conjunction with ODFW, Malheur National Forest, and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Biologists conducted monthly (December to March) raptor surveys on two previously established routes. These surveys are completed as part of a national monitoring effort to determine raptor presence and wintering population numbers for different areas throughout the state and nation.

In 2011, approximately 1,800 acres were inventoried for the presence of goshawks. This was clearance work associated with forestry and fuels work. A few goshawks were observed in the vicinity of the treatment areas, but no new nests were identified.

Waterfowl brood counts were conducted at eight reservoirs in FY11 and FY12. These are conducted at reservoirs where projects were completed to improve waterfowl nesting and brooding habitat. These are not completed every year based on availability of personnel to complete them.

A test plot was established in FY07 for a new method of reestablishing sagebrush in wildfire areas with reduced sagebrush cover in the Wyoming sagebrush vegetation type. Seed heads are cut from sagebrush plants in mid-November and laid in small piles in a grid design. In FY08 the seed head piling method was used on approximately 260 acres of the Granddad Fire (2006) in Steens Mountain and another 230 acres were completed during FY09. Several new areas for this project were also laid out in FY09. No funding was available in FY11 or FY12 for this project. Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center (EOARC) established comparison plots in this area in FY08 for a study to determine if this method might work better than more traditional methods of planting sagebrush. They continued to monitor these sites in FY11 and FY12.

Several known sites occupied by Columbia spotted frogs were visited incidentally to other work to determine if frogs were present. No new surveys were conducted in Burns District. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) visited known sites on the Burns District during FY11 to look at the persistence of spotted frogs at different sites. A couple of sites with spotted frog populations in 2000-2003 were absent of frogs in FY11. Spotted frogs were found in a couple of other locations previously not surveyed. In FY12, Malheur NWR contracted to have spotted frogs inventoried on the refuge. The contractor also completed some surveys on BLM land adjacent to the refuge where suitable habitat existed. Most of the areas on BLM were known to have spotted frogs previously and surveys located in those areas again.

In 2011, three wildlife guzzlers in the Three Rivers RA were repaired/reconstructed and several others had minor maintenance performed. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) partnered with the BLM and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to carry out the major maintenance and reconstruction on these guzzlers. Several other guzzlers were inspected during FY11 and repairs on three more guzzlers were completed in FY12.

The BLM, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and RMEF have also partnered up to carry out a contract to thin ponderosa pine and remove juniper on 183 acres in the Three Rivers Resource Area in FY12 to benefit elk, deer, and other wildlife species. All cut vegetation was piled and burned when the vegetation had cured. The project protected and enhanced existing large stands of mountain mahogany and aspen. The area is classified as elk winter range.

Several livestock allotments were monitored for compliance with authorized use and input was provided on special status species, migratory birds and other wildlife for allotment evaluations, Allotment Management Plans (AMP) and other NEPA documents.

During FY12, grazing allotments that were being monitored as part of assessing conditions of sage-grouse habitat were also monitored for migratory birds at the same trend plots. Numbers of birds as well as general vegetation characteristics were collected in an effort to determine use of the sagebrush steppe by different sagebrush dependent birds.

Planned Work for FY13

Greater Sage-Grouse leks will be monitored during FY13 as part of the ongoing effort with ODFW to monitor certain leks as part of the population estimate that ODFW completes every year. Most of the leks monitored will be the same as those monitored in past years.

Census of wintering bald eagle populations will be conducted during FY13 in conjunction with ODFW, Malheur National Forest, and Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) as part of an ongoing effort to monitor wintering bald eagle populations in the Harney Basin of the Burns District. Many of the areas monitored have been monitored since the late 1980s.

Several wildlife guzzlers will be inspected throughout the Burns District to determine what if any repairs need to be completed for the guzzlers to remain functional and provide water for wildlife in remote and drier parts of the District. One guzzler that was destroyed in the 2006 Pueblo Fire will be replaced in cooperation with ODFW and members of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS). This guzzler provided water bighorn sheep and other wildlife in the Alvord Peaks area.

During FY13, grazing allotments that are coming up for permit renewal will be monitored for migratory bird use similar to those that were completed in FY12. The presence of sagebrush dependent bird species as well as other migratory birds will help assess the diversity of birds. The vegetation characteristics will help with assessing the health of the sagebrush steppe in that particular area.

The contractor inventorying Columbia spotted frogs on Malheur NWR will continue his work on the refuge during FY13 and will also monitor several sites on surrounding BLM lands. Data from this work will be useful in determining linkages between different populations on the refuge as well as on surrounding BLM lands.

Riparian, Fish And Water Quality

Completed Work for FY11 and FY12

Staff completed inventory and monitoring on streams and associated riparian habitat in the Three Rivers Resource Area during FY11 and FY12. Assessment methodologies consisted of photo monitoring, Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) Assessments, Multiple Indicator Monitoring (MIM). In total, riparian habitat was evaluated along approximately 60 stream miles in Three Rivers RA. In addition 15 acres of wetlands were inventoried for PFC. Water Quality was assessed by measuring stream shade or water temperatures on 18 streams. Water temperature data followed Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) Guidelines. An excess of 50 stream miles were surveyed in the Andrews Management Unit/ Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (AMU/Steens CMPA) for the purpose of gathering data for riparian, habitat and photo monitoring.

The Burns District hosted two riparian monitoring trainings. These trainings were well attended (25-30 participants each) and included a Multiple Indicator Monitoring and Lentic Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) workshops.

The Upper Malheur Water Quality Restoration Plan was updated and submitted to the ODEQ for approval.

Livestock exclosures were built around Smyth and Frog Creeks. These exclosures were constructed because current livestock management was not compatible with riparian objectives. Livestock grazing was excluded from four stream miles in total.

Engineering Plans have been completed for the Alder Creek Headcut Restoration. This project will stabilize an existing headcut at the lower end of a 35 acre wet meadow.

In 2012, BLM water resources were asked to provide water information as part of a proposed project to pave a 21 mile section of East Steens Road. This was an attempt to find a BLM water source that could produce 1 million gallons of water for the duration of the project. Possible options for water availability were looked at and discussed. This information was gathered for Harney County and ACW Rock and Ready-Mix, the contractor for the project.

In 2012 BLM staff took part in the Alvord Chub Locale Study by providing water related information (Water Temperature and Water Quality) within the Alvord Sub Basin study area. This is a collaborative study done in association with ODFW, USFWS, and OSU Fisheries Research Lab in Corvallis. This is a climate change funded project. In addition, 34 sites were trapped in 2012 for the absence or presence of Alvord Chub.

A Climate Change Base map is to be constructed for the Alvord Sub Basin for both water quality and water temperature using data collected from 105 test sites during the 2012 field season. This will be done in association with climate change funding and research.

Work was continued on the Page Springs Gauging Weir Fish Passage Project Environmental Assessment. Collaborative meetings were held with USFWS, ODFW, and BLM during 2012 to discuss water measurement issues that may result from weir removal. Site visits were also conducted to Page Springs Weir to gather information for the EA in 2012. Notching of the weir is being analyzed as well as total removal to allow for all native fish passage.

Water rights staff worked on a minimum of 30 water rights related projects that were either researched and or implemented in 2012. These actions were a mix of new and amended filings, trespasses, inquiries, and water rights research for other projects. Water rights staff was also asked to provide water well and aquifer information to ORMAT, LLC., for the Mahogany Ridge and Midnight Point Geothermal Exploration Project. Ten dam inspections were performed during FY12 as well as deployment of 40 temperature data loggers in select streams. The data loggers were retrieved, and information downloaded to determine if selected waterways were meeting temperature standards. Information was added to the existing data files and reports were created.

During FY12, staff completed inventory and monitoring on streams and associated riparian habitat in Burns District. Assessment methodologies consisted of photo monitoring, Proper Functioning Condition (PFC) Assessments, Greenline Monitoring and water temperature monitoring. Most perennial and intermittent stream habitat visited in Andrews/Steens RA was within the Donner und Blitzen (including WSR corridors) and Alvord Subbasins. The remainder of monitoring and inventory occurred in the Guano Subbasin. Intermittent streams were assessed for presence of riparian characteristics, contribution to perennial flows, and potential for fish presence. The collected data was added to and compared with existing data from previous monitoring efforts.

BLM participated with various organizations in riparian restoration work intended to improve stream stability and function, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat including:

Staff participated as a member of the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Northern Genetic Management Unit Workgroup in support of the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout and Borax Lake chub Recovery Plans, the Great Basin Redband Trout viability study, the Desert Fishes Working Group, and acting in the lead role of the Alvord Chub Locale survey.

Personnel from the Burns District participated on the Harney County Watershed Council as a member of the steering committee with for the Donner und Blitzen Watershed Action Plan and attendance at monthly council meetings.

Preparation of the Donner und Blitzen Subbasin Water Quality Restoration Plan continued in accordance with the USFS and BLM Protocol for Addressing Clean Water Act Section 303(d) Listed Waters and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Management Plan.

BLM personnel participated in the annual population assessment for the federally endangered Borax Lake chub (*Gila borax bius*). In addition, efforts to delist the chub include; photo monitoring and trend analysis of stability and riparian health along the shoreline and associated springs. These processes involved coordination with The Nature Conservancy (landowner), USFWS, and ODFW. A fence was also completed and a gate installed to limit vehicular traffic around the edge of Borax Lake due to concerns in the recovery plan that driving along the edge would

Planned Work for FY13

Three Rivers staff will complete the environmental assessment for the Alder Creek Restoration. This project will stabilize an existing headcut at the lower end of a 35 acre wet meadow. Staff will continue current monitoring/inventory of riparian areas and water quality on approximately 50 stream miles in Three Rivers.

Three Rivers staff will also complete NEPA and implement road maintenance on the Smyth Creek Road crossing. This project is needed to reduce sediment entering Smyth Creek from an unnamed spring drainage which runs down Swamp Creek Road (unsurfaced). Smyth Creek is 303(d) listed for water temperature and is special status species redband trout habitat. The project site lies within the Kiger Mustang Herd Management Area and Area of Critical Environmental Concern. This area is used regularly for wild horse viewing. Currently, stormwater and water from an unnamed spring flow directly down the road, transporting excessive amounts of sediment into Smyth Creek. The original french drain and a culvert further up the road are not functioning properly, causing year round muddy conditions along approximately 100 feet of Swamp Creek Road. The muddy area is driven upon regularly, increasing erosion and causing obvious sedimentation into Smyth Creek throughout most of the year. The project proposal is to reconstruct the french drain and place boulders along it to help keep vehicles out of the spring drainage. This would reduce sedimentation into this 303(d) listed fish bearing stream. This area has been surveyed for cultural resources by BLM staff and no resources were found in the proposed project area.

Page Springs Gauging Weir Fish Passage EA will be completed during FY13. Originally, this project was to allow passage for redband trout, a BLM Sensitive species, but radio telemetry work showed that larger redband trout were able to pass during spring spawning migrations. Notching of the weir is being analyzed as well as total removal to allow for all native fish passage.

A Climate Change Base map will be constructed for the Alvord Sub Basin for both water quality and water temperature using data collected from 105 test sites during the 2012 field season as part of the Alvord chub population study. Data collected in 2013 will be added to this map.

In 2013 BLM water resources will continue with the Alvord Chub Locale Study by providing fish habitat information, absence or presence of Alvord Chub, and water related information pertaining to water temperature and water quality within the Alvord Sub Basin study area. This is a collaborative study done in association with ODFW, USFWS, and OSU Fisheries Research Lab in Corvallis. This is a climate change funded project.

Water rights staff will continue to work on water rights related projects that will either be researched and or implemented in 2013 as filings for water rights occur on public lands. These actions will be a mix of new and amended filings, trespasses, inquiries, and water rights research for other projects. Water rights staff will continue to conduct dam inspections and propose projects for dams identified by Oregon Water Resources Department that need to allow for all water passage. Approximately 30 stream miles will be

surveyed and monitored for habitat and inventory purposes and 40 temperature data loggers will be deployed, retrieved, and the information downloaded as part of the monitoring water temperature on 303(d) listed streams.

Completion of the Borax Lake Chub Cooperative Management Plan in coordination with USFWS, ODFW, and The Nature Conservancy is expected to occur in 2013. This plan outlines responsibilities of the entities involved to aid in the downlisting effort of the Borax Lake chub from endangered to threatened.

Andrews/Steens CMPA staff will continue to visit areas where PFC data needs to be collected to continue to update GIS information on intermittent streams and continue work on the Donner und Blitzen Water Quality Restoration Plan.

Noxious Weed Program

Completed Work for FY11

During 2011, the Burns District BLM participated in most of the activities of the Harney County Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA), as well as limited participation in activities of the Grant County CWMA.

Harney County CWMA Projects in FY11 included:

Education/Awareness Events:

- Pesticide Recertification Training
- Weeds in the Classroom
- Free Spray Day
- Weedy Evening – Identification, Control, and Management of Medusahead Rye
- Harney County Fair
- Weed Awareness Kiosks



Photo NW-1: Weedy Evening dinner and Medusahead Presentations August 25, 2011 at the Burns Elk Lodge

Cooperative Projects:

- Medusahead Control Projects
- Harney Basin African Rue Management Project
- Material Sites Treatments
- Alien Invasion Curriculum Implementation: Year 3
- Eastside (of OR) week-long workshop at Malheur Field Station –
 - Attended by eight teachers representing Deschutes, Harney, Malheur, Klamath, and Ada (Idaho) counties

Biocontrol Projects:

- Continued our Agreement with ARS-European Biocontrol Lab to develop biocontrols for medusahead
- Canada thistle – Released another batch (2,500 bugs) of stem mining weevils *Ceutorhynchus litura*
 - Shepherd Creek in the 5 Creeks Project area
- Purple Loosestrife – monitored prior releases
- Diffuse knapweed – monitored Faye Canyon Nursery site

Research Projects:

- Medusahead Projects – various, ongoing
- Russian Knapweed Projects – ongoing
- Biocontrol dispersal monitoring – ongoing
- African Rue management research - ongoing



Photo NW-2: Russian knapweed management project in Harney Basin incorporating targeted goat grazing and competitive desirable vegetation.

Highlights of the Grant County CWMA in FY11 included:

- “Purge Your Spurge” at Home and Garden Exposition
- Pesticide Recertification Training
 - Kathy Voth’s “Training Cows to Eat Weeds” Program
 - Biocontrol Collection and Releases

In addition, the following weed program activities occurred on the Burns District in FY11:

- 4,487 new acres were inventoried for noxious weeds
- Applied chemical treatment to 2,922 acres, non-classical biological controls to 260 acres and 2 new biological releases on BLM-administered land. In addition to upland habitat improvements, these treatments also benefited 20 miles of riparian habitat and 150 acres of wetland habitat.
- 219,078 acres of weed sites/treatments were monitored, including wildfire areas from previous years, forest health projects and many landscape-scale projects involving prescribed burning.

The Burns District continued our agreement with Harney County for the services of the Strategic Weed Attack Team (SWAT). The crew started in June and continued with an intensive field season through early November.

In 2011, a four-person crew again was able to cover a lot of country, surveying for and treating noxious weeds all across the District. In addition to previous years’ wildfires, the type of areas surveyed post-treatment included prescribed burns, forest and rangeland health, and habitat improvement in both uplands and riparian areas. Additional units were pre-surveyed prior to treatment implementation. The crew also looked at miscellaneous areas such as roads, reservoirs and pastures in the course of surveying scattered units. Of the total acreages listed above, the SWAT crew accomplished 4,487 acres of inventory, 90 acres of treatment, and 97,698 acres of monitoring.

The SWAT efforts account for a large portion of Burns BLM’s field workload. Their work accomplishes early detection in areas that might otherwise not get looked at for years. By incorporating their rapid response to new invasions, small infestations are controlled quickly and economically, averting the potential spread and increase to unmanageable levels of obscure noxious weed populations.



Photo NW-3: A SWAT crew member in action

Completed Work for FT12

During 2012, the Burns District BLM participated in most of the activities of the Harney County CWMA.

HC CWMA Projects in FY12 include:

Education/Awareness Events:

- Weedy Evening focusing on Hay Growers
- Pesticide Recertification Training
- Weeds in the Classroom
- Free Spray Day
- City-wide Weed WipeOut
- *Plants on the Move* Curriculum Implementation – Year 4 Eastside workshop
- Harney County Fair

On-the-Ground Weed Projects

- Riley area extensive weed inventory
- South End Noxious Weed Control
- Otis Valley Noxious Weed Control
- BLM-CWMA Medusahead Monitoring Project
- Rangeland Monitoring Project
- Countywide Medusahead Treatments
- Harney Valley African Rue Management Project
- Cooperative Treatment of Material Sites

Biocontrol Projects:

- Continued Burns BLM's Agreement with ARS-European Biocontrol Lab to develop biocontrols for medusahead
 - Canada thistle – Released another batch (2,500 bugs) (batch 2) of stem mining weevils *Ceutorhynchus litura* in Shepherd's Creek in the 5 Creeks Project area
- Purple Loosestrife – monitored prior releases
- Diffuse knapweed – monitored Faye Canyon Nursery site; released additional 2000 agents in various locations around the county.

Research Projects:

- Medusahead Projects – various, ongoing
- Russian Knapweed Projects – ongoing

In addition, the following weed program activities occurred on the Burns District in FY12:

- 2,720 new acres were inventoried for noxious weeds
- Applied chemical treatment to 11,027 acres (3,106 by ground and 7,921 by air), non-classical biological controls to 260 acres and 7 new biological releases on BLM land. In addition to upland habitat improvements, these treatments also benefited 20 miles of riparian habitat and 150 acres of wetland habitat.
- 99,796 acres of weed sites/treatments were monitored, including areas burned by wildfire from previous years, forest health projects and many landscape scale projects involving prescribed burning.

Our most noteworthy weed management project of 2012 was a cooperative medusahead treatment project wherein 7,921 acres of BLM lands were treated along with 7,725 acres of private lands, for a total of 15,646 acres of treatment of medusahead infestations. The treatments were made with helicopters.

The Burns District continued our agreement with Harney County for the services of the Strategic Weed Attack Team (SWAT). The crew started in June and continued with an intensive field season through early November.

In 2011 a four person crew again was able to cover a lot of country, surveying for and treating noxious weeds all across the District. In addition to previous years' wildfires, the type of areas surveyed post-treatment included prescribed burns, forest and rangeland health, and habitat improvement in both uplands and riparian areas. Additional units were pre-surveyed prior to treatment implementation. The crew also looked at miscellaneous areas such as roads, reservoirs and pastures in the course of surveying scattered units. Of the total acreages listed above, the SWAT crew accomplished 2,720 acres of inventory, 105.1 acres of treatment, and 64,422.3 acres of monitoring. This year we had the opportunity to use the SWAT crew to seed areas where trees had been cut, piled and then burned. The crew (along with one of our Forestry Techs) seeded burn piles in 23 Units totaling 1083 acres.



The SWAT efforts account for a large portion of Burns BLM's field work load. Their work accomplishes early detection in areas that might otherwise not get looked at for years. By incorporating their rapid response to new invasions, small infestations are controlled quickly and economically, averting the potential spread and increase to unmanageable levels of obscure noxious weed populations.



A SWAT crew member in action spraying weeds.

Planned Work for FY13

Weed management plans for FY13 include as many partnership activities as possible including:

- Various Educational Presentations and Workshops
- Medusahead Management Projects
- Riley Medusahead Project
- Free Spray Day
- Annual County Weed Educational Presentation and the continuation of programs for inventory, treatments, and monitoring on BLM administered lands.

Projected acreages include:

- 2,000 acres of inventory
- 12,000 acres of treatment
- 400,000 acres of monitoring
- 10 miles of stream and/or riparian treatment and monitoring

It looks like it will be another busy year!

Special Areas

Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area

The Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) established by the Steens Act met twice in FY12. Meetings are typically held approximately every 2-3 months and not less than once per year. Agenda topics are related to implementing the management plan for the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area. In FY12, the SMAC mostly discussed fencing (i.e. no livestock grazing area, let down fences, move fences, etc.), travel/transportation and access, and the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan. Due to the short meeting schedule, the SMAC did not make any specific recommendation to the BLM this fiscal year. The group did come to several general consensus agreements regarding the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan.

Future topics identified for SMAC involvement for FY13 and beyond include continuation of the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan, the South Steens Allotment Management Plan EA, and wind energy/testing, wild horses and sage-grouse. The SMAC has become a valuable asset to the BLM in its recommendation-making processes to care for and manage the land for future generations.

Travel Management Plan: The Steens Act directed the BLM to develop a Transportation Plan (TP) for the CMPA which was made part of the CMPA Resource Management Plan (RMP) and identified maintenance levels for roads, defined route management categories, and prescribed other specific transportation management actions.

The TP also called for an intensive inventory of the motorized route system within the CMPA so a Travel Management Plan (TMP) designating level of use was developed. The Harney County Court participated in the inventory as a cooperating agency with BLM. Both entities ensured all stakeholders had the opportunity to identify roads and routes not currently in BLM or County inventories. Input was used to complete a final map of the planning area from which options for management of roads were considered.

A Final Decision was issued November 28, 2007, which was timely appealed by five parties including ONDA. Final decision by the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) was issued on February 19, 2009. The BLM was affirmed in part and reversed in part. The IBLA found in favor of the appellants and reversed the Field Manager's decision to open obscure routes to motorized use stating such use would be contrary to the Steens Act, Section 112. The BLM was affirmed on all other points. The TMP was subsequently appealed to U.S. District Court in April 2009 and a court hearing was held in November 2010.

On July 8, 2011, District Court Judge Papak declined to vacate the Interior Board of Land Appeal (IBLA) decision of February 2009 but instead remanded it back to IBLA; and required ONDA and BLM to confer and submit a joint proposal (or separate proposals) for an injunction either stating or depicting precisely which routes are allegedly obscure and should be exempt from maintenance.

On July 28, 2011 Judge Papak's Opinion and Order provided that "BLM may also engage in the planned maintenance of the portions of Smyth Ranch Road, Ward Place/McLean Road, and Bone Creek Road depicted in red on BLM's maps." In accordance with this order, portions of these routes were maintained. The BLM reviewed all of ONDA's roads in question from their 2010 map as a reference point per Judge Papak. Each road segment was described on a Route Analysis Form (RAF) which included a map showing ownership and location as well as a map showing National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) imagery. Burns District made a recommendation to the court for limited maintenance on some routes and no maintenance on others. On August 25, 2011, the judge adopted BLM's proposal in full.

The ONDA again filed a motion to the Court to "issue an order granting ONDA's motion for leave to supplement the complaint, motion to modify the injunction, and motion to compel completion of the administrative record." ONDA's motion for leave to supplement its complaint (#161) was denied, ONDA's motion to modify the court's earlier temporary injunction (#162) was denied, and ONDA's motion to compel (#163) was granted. BLM was ordered to lodge in the administrative record the GIS data delineated in ONDA's motion to compel, at no cost to ONDA. Additionally, after BLM lodges the requested GIS data, ONDA may file a renewed motion to modify the court's temporary injunction pertaining only to routes designated by the Interim Management Plan (IMP) that were previously undisclosed by BLM in its interim GIS data sets.

ONDA again asked the Court to reconsider and revise its decision and grant ONDA leave to supplement the complaint to challenge that agency decision as unlawful under NEPA on July 12, 2012 on 0.6 mile of routes. On September 28, 2012, Judge Papak denied ONDA's motion for reconsideration, but cautioned BLM on the use of Categorical Exclusions (CX) for road maintenance and ordered BLM that no new culverts or rock crossings could be installed on "limited maintenance" routes covered by the existing injunction.

The case was remanded back to Interior Board of Land Appeals on February 11, 2013.

In addition, on December 20, 2012, ONDA filed a complaint against BLM regarding road maintenance activities within the Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA). On February 22, 2013, BLM signed a letter withdrawing the CX. The Transportation Plan and Travel Management Plan adequately addressed maintenance of roads within the CMPA. A CX was unnecessary and caused public confusion; ONDA withdrew their complaint.

The ONDA has filed Freedom of Information Act requests regarding road maintenance and most recently on March 27, 2013 submitted a discovery request.

Comprehensive Recreation Plan: On September 16 and 17, 2010, SMAC met to develop a mission statement for the CRP. The SMAC members met with USFS "NICHE" Planning experts to draft the mission statement in order to guide the development of the plan. (The mission statement is pending an official recommendation of the SMAC.) Plan alternatives have been developed and reviewed by the State Office and Solicitor's Office. The draft is expected to be available for public review in FY13.

General Management and Monitoring CMPA and Steens Mountain Wilderness: Monitoring data continues to be collected for campsites and trails, with the data indicating visitor use is not impairing designated areas. There are approximately 38 dispersed backcountry campsites located within the wilderness which get monitored one time in the spring and one time in the fall. The trend over the past few years is that in most campsites there is less use and fewer disturbances to the campsites. Campsite monitoring will continue in FY13.

In 2012 the winter recreation program issued fewer permits than the previous years. This is attributed to lack of precipitation causing the snow pack on the Steens Mountain to be low. Authorizing and monitoring of the winter recreation program will continue.

Year	Snow Shoes/Skiers	Snowmobiles	Total
2012	7	2	9
2011	14	4	18
2010	16	7	23

BLM continues to gather visitor use information via trailhead registration boxes. There was a new trail constructed in the Western Juniper Management Area (WJMA) in 2012. The trail is approximately one mile long with two resting benches that overlook the area. If funding allows there will be trail maintenance conducted in 2013.

Law enforcement efforts to detect wilderness violations continued in cooperation with the Oregon State Police Wildlife Enforcement Officer. There was one wilderness trespass in 2012 located in W.M., T. 34 S., R. 34 E., section 32. An adjacent land owner used heavy equipment to clear and grub a private fence line which he inadvertently trespassed into the wilderness. The reclamation efforts will take place in 2013.

Monitoring and sign maintenance of Steens Mountain Wilderness is ongoing and will continue through 2013.

Approximately 35 miles of Steens Mountain Wilderness boundary fence is monitored and maintained to ensure livestock remain outside the No Livestock Grazing Area every year. In 2013 maintenance and monitoring will continue.

Key areas of noxious weed infestations were identified and treated each year. Please refer to the Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management and Noxious Weed Sections of this update for additional information.

Trail Maintenance: Burns BLM District has no seasonal trail crew. Trail maintenance amounts to two to four weeks a year from the Northwest Youth Corps and volunteers.

The table below shows how many miles of trail maintenance have been completed within the last four years. No trail maintenance is expected to be conducted in FY13 due to lack of funding.

Completed Trail Maintenance

	2012	2011	2010	2009
Little Blitzen Trail			1.0	1.50
Big Indian Trail		3.0		
Nye Trail	0.50			
Wildhorse Trail			2.50	0.50
Donner un Blitzen Trail		2.0		1.0
Pike Creek Trail	2.0		0.50	
Wilderness Trail			1.0	
Total Miles	2.50	5.00	5.00	3.00

Fence Removal: BLM with the assistance of National Sierra Club, ONDA, and Oregon Sierra Club have removed fence (a manmade feature) from the No Grazing Area of the Steens Mountain Wilderness since 2003. The below table shows how many miles of fence has been removed in the last four years. The majority of fence that was stashed in caches on the mountain were removed in 2011.

In 2012 and 2013 ONDA and Oregon Sierra Club both volunteered to build a letdown fence on the border of the Steens Mountain No Graze Area.

Completed Fence Removal

	2012	2011	2010	2009
Riddle Brothers Ranch		1.5	3.5	2.0
Mud Creek		4.5		1.5
Ankle Creek				
Big Indian				
Donner un Blitzen				1.5
Total Miles	0	6.0	3.5	5.0

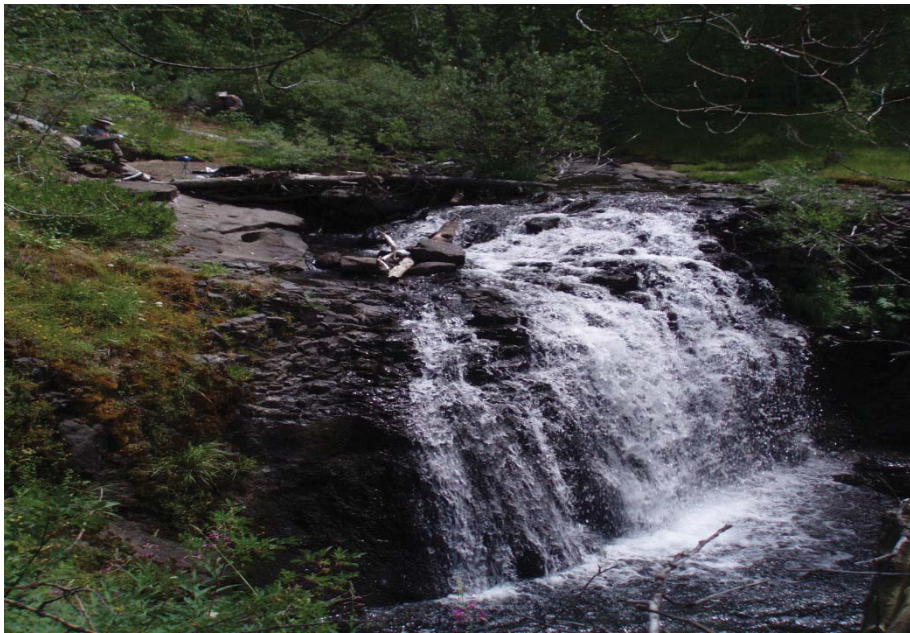


Oregon Sierra Club rolling up old fence

Wild & Scenic Rivers: There are 12 designated WSR segments that fall within the CMPA. All designated river segments in the CMPA were classified as Wilderness by Congress. Wild & Scenic River segments with a Wilderness classification are generally inaccessible except by trail, with watersheds and shorelines essentially primitive and waters unpolluted. There are a few facilities that continue to be maintained and will be replaced as necessary to provide public health and safety and resource protection. There were no violations in any of the WSRs in 2012.

Riddle Brothers Ranch is located within the Little Blitzen WSR (but not within wilderness). Approximately 37 acres of western juniper was cut and hand piled in October 2010. In 2012 there were approximately 84 acres of western juniper that was cut and hand piled. If funding allows, these piles will be burnt in the spring or fall of 2013 and approximately 28 additional acres of western juniper will be cut and piled. This activity implements a part of the North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project decision of 2007. The goal of the project was to preserve the historic structures at Riddle Brothers Ranch by reducing the hazardous fuels created by the increase in western juniper. The Riddle Brothers Ranch Historic District is listed on the *National Register of Historic Places*.

Wilderness Study Areas: The BLM Burns District continues to manage the 24 WSAs for their wilderness characteristics. Monitoring and sign maintenance of WSA boundaries and routes will continue in 2013.



Little Blitzen Wild & Scenic River

In 2009, a road constructed by a grazing permittee within the Basque Hills WSA to access a range improvement was discovered. This unauthorized road construction occurred in T. 37 S., R. 32 E., Sections 4 and 5 and T. 37 S., R. 31 E., Section 13. The BLM Burns District conducted the appropriate cultural and botanical surveys in FY11, and determined the length of the trespass to be approximately 1.8 miles long. The rehabilitation of the trespass was completed in 2012.

In November 2012, a trespass within the Pueblo Mountains WSA was discovered, in W.M., T. 41 S., R. 35 E., section 8. An individual had fenced off a spring and piped the water to private lands over 20 years ago and was using the source for potable water. The authorized grazing permittees, who had legal access to the spring, were prevented from watering livestock. Rehabilitation efforts are to remove the fence and the surface pipe which will take place in 2013.

Maintenance of range, wildlife and wild horse improvements in WSAs is ongoing in accordance with the 2005 EA.

Please refer to Wildfire and Fuels Management and Special Areas (Steens Mountain CMPA) sections for additional project information regarding North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project and TMP, respectively.

Wilderness Inventory: The Burns District BLM has continued wilderness inventory throughout 2012. There has been 792,705 acres inventoried in the Three Rivers Resource Area. BLM has found five units totaling 58,304 acres of BLM-administered lands as having wilderness character. There is still 825,612 acres of BLM land that has not been inventoried. The BLM will continue to inventory these acres throughout FY13. The Andrews/Steens Resource Area was inventoried in 2003 during the RMP process.

Areas of Critical Environmental Concern/Resource Natural Areas: Defensibility monitoring was conducted at 11 ACECs/RNAs in FY11 and 15 in FY12. This type of monitoring consists of assessing such resource risks as condition of fences (if present), recording unauthorized use of OHVs, and presence or spread of noxious weeds and invasive plants.

Please see the Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management, Federal T&E and BLM Sensitive Species Section for a discussion regarding Malheur wirelettuce within South Narrows ACEC.

In FY13 defensibility monitoring will be conducted at 10 ACEC/RNAs. Ecological status monitoring will be conducted at 5 ACEC/RNAs. Both types of monitoring will occur at 3 ACEC/RNAs.

Development of new ecological monitoring protocols for RNAs and ACECs will continue in FY13 with Implementation in FY13 and beyond.

Project planning for climate change/baseline data monitoring proposals within RNAs and ACECs will continue in 2013. Universities, independent researchers as well as State and Federal agencies are potential participants in these efforts.

Cultural Resources Programs

National Register Sites Managed

Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District, Roaring Butte, Sage Hen Gap, and Sheep Mountain Sites: Nine *National Register* eligible sites were managed in 2011 and six in 2012. The Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District in the Steens CMPA was open to the public for self-guided tours between June and October. Volunteer caretakers were available onsite to help tourists, to provide light maintenance on structures, and to keep a watchful eye on invaluable historic structures and period artifacts.

Sage Hen Gap site in Three Rivers RA was inspected by Oregon Archaeological Society volunteers in 2011. One additional Clovis spear point (13,000+ years old) was found. Stratigraphic trenching and study was also completed by archaeologists from the University of Oregon in 2011. They found one Clovis spear point as well, bringing the total to 12 Clovis spear points found at the site.

Sheep Mountain Clovis Site was excavated in 2011 and again in 2012. It is a 13,000+ year-old site located in Three Rivers RA. A 6-week field school was put on by University of Oregon (U of O) and Burns BLM in 2011. The District provided logistical support, some facilities and volunteers through the OAS. The excavations continued to reveal a well-developed series of soils below Mazama ash (7,600 years ago) produced by the explosive eruption of former Mount Mazama. Late Pleistocene – early Holocene artifacts were found below the ash, dating to at least 13,000 years ago. Attempts to date the site using sediment luminescence dating are in progress. Two weeks were spent at the site in 2012 to focus in on layers of the site thought to contain the oldest cultural deposits.

Trout Creek Paleo Camp near Alvord Desert in Andrews/Steens RA was collected twice in 2011 and once in 2012. A growing number of very old (10,000 to 12,000+ years old) artifacts are being collected from this site known for illegal collection activities.

Rimrock Draw Rockshelter site was tested by the U of O students and staff in September 2011. This rockshelter, located along a formerly flowing stream in Three Rivers RA, is deeply buried and contains artifacts dating to as early as 12,000 years ago (Photo #1 below). The project was funded in the Climate Change Theme and resulted in successful retrieval of numerous paleo-botanical samples as well as well stratified cultural remains to a depth of 6 feet (Photo #2 below). The site appears to have 9 feet of depth and contains artifacts that suggest it was occupied maybe as early as 13,000 years ago. It is the first site in Burns District with potential for datable carbon from the late Pleistocene. A six-week excavation with the University of Oregon, Oregon Archaeological Society (OAS) and BLM staff was held during summer 2012 and was followed up with two more weeks in September. The bottom of the site was reached at over 10 feet deep. The lowest levels of the site yielded extinct camel teeth fragments, artifacts and a 15,000-16,000 year old volcanic ash from Mt. St. Helens in Washington State. Six weeks of excavation, paleo-botany analysis and geo-archaeology field schools are scheduled for summer 2013.



University of Oregon Field School Director Patrick O'Grady working with students at Rimrock Draw Rockshelter.



Charred tule seed found in hearth deposits at Rimrock Draw Rockshelter.

Three prehistoric sites were tested in 2011 in the CMPA by graduate students from University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee; Emily and Ethan Epstein. One site near the top of Little Blitzen Gorge revealed a number of rock rings that may be wickiup rings. One was tested with no results. The site was re-surveyed and a number of spear points dating from 8,000 to 2,000 years ago were collected.

A second prehistoric site near the southern boundary of Riddle Brothers National Historic District was test excavated. Only two days' work was completed until a nearby wildfire required the excavation to close down. Further work will be pursued in 2013, depending on the availability of funding.

The third site to be tested in the CMPA was Ranger Rockshelter, located in the Home Creek drainage. It was excavated for a week revealing buried game bone, charcoal, waste flakes from flintknapping, grinding stones and a spear point. The spear point dated to about 6,000 to 2,000 years ago. Radiocarbon

dating, charcoal identification and obsidian studies of flakes and artifacts are pending. Additional excavation was completed at Ranger Rockshelter in summer 2012.

All excavation work at Sage Hen Gap, Sheep Mountain and Rimrock Draw Rockshelter was covered by a 2008 EA. The testing of CMPA sites was covered by a CX for testing in CMPA Wilderness Areas.

Surface collection at Lost Dune 2 site in the Alvord Desert occurred in 2011 and 2012. The site is a late prehistoric bison processing camp probably associated with Shoshone people from the Owyhee Basin to the southeast.

Planned Work for 2013: Seven *National Register* eligible or listed sites will be managed in FY13. One site, Badlands Stone Circles will be nominated to the *National Register of Historic Places*.

Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District in the CMPA will continue to be open to the public with caretakers in place.

Dry Creek Bone Pits site in Andrews will be mapped and collected in spring 2013. Test excavation will be completed in late FY13 under an EA to be completed by Carolyn Temple, Fuels Archaeologist. This site is a late prehistoric animal roasting location where many different species of bird and mammals were consumed. It was exposed in the 2012 Holloway Fire.

Lost Dune 3 and 4 sites will be surface collected and mapped in FY13. One site is located in the CMPA and the other in Andrews PU. Both sites are late prehistoric in age and probably associated with bison hunting and processing by Shoshone people from the Owyhee River Basin to the southeast.

Trout Creek Paleo Camp, located in the Alvord Desert in Andrews PU, will be monitored, mapped and collected during spring 2013.

Sheep Mountain Clovis site in Three Rivers RA will be studied by geo-archaeology students during the six-week University of Oregon Field School.

Excavation at Rimrock Draw Rockshelter in Three Rivers RA will be expanded in the six-week University of Oregon Field School in 2013. Approximately 40 field school students and 4 staff will work at the camp. OAS volunteers will work in conjunction with the field school.

Bartlett Spring Paleo Locality, dating to the Pliocene, will be monitored and surface collected in spring 2013.

Site Restoration, Stabilization, and Protection

No site restoration, stabilization or protection activities were completed in 2011 or 2012.

Planned Work for 2013: A rock wall and roof of one structure at Gap Ranch Civilian Conservation Corps will be restored in 2013.

Archaeological Inventories

Clovis Quest Inventory:

In 2011 the BLM archaeological staff continued systematic inventory of the north half of the District in search of Clovis spear points and associated artifacts. The BLM is very interested in discovering distribution of Clovis artifacts in southeastern Oregon and determining particular geographic locations preferred by people living off the land 13,000+ years ago. Archaeological staff is also determined to find a Clovis aged site(s) to recover datable material, such as charcoal or bone, to firmly date this technology and the people who used it in the northern Great Basin. The OAS and local volunteers spent 1 week in Three

Rivers RA in 2011 inventorying pre-selected locations and found 1 Clovis spear point each; at 2 different sites, completed 1997 acres of survey, recording 18 new sites and revisiting 5 sites.

The second week of 2011 survey was completed in the Alvord Desert. Because of flooding in the Alvord, the OAS and BLM survey crew had to concentrate on a survey area at the northern end of the valley. Only 240 acres of survey were completed with three new sites recorded and two sites revisited. No Clovis spear points were found but an historic blue glass trade bead was found at a site dating to about 1850 and collected (analysis pending) Because of this volunteer survey and other BLM staff work, the number of recent Clovis finds has increased. One additional Clovis spear point was found at Sage Hen Gap Site. 2012 Clovis Quest survey was focused again in locations in Three Rivers RA. Three weeks were spent by OAS volunteers and BLM staff. Five Clovis spear points were found, 8 new sites were recorded and 19 sites revisited. Over 1400 acres were surveyed.

Planned Work for 2013: BLM staff intend to spend 4 weeks surveying with OAS volunteers in Three Rivers RA.

Archaeological Site Research

See the National Register Sites Managed Section for discussion of Archaeological Site Research above.

Paleontological Inventories

Two paleontological inventories and monitoring took place in 2011. One was located in Weed Lake Ditch near Harney Lake in Three Rivers RA. The other occurred on Trout Creek – Buckskin Mountain area in Andrews/Steens RA.

No paleontological inventories or monitoring took place in FY12.

Planned Work for 2013: Bartlett Spring Paleo Locality will be monitored and collected in spring 2013. Thousand Springs located near Fields, Oregon will be monitored and collected in summer 2013.

Interpretation Activities

An active interpretive program, consisting of presentations to local and regional vocational groups and at professional meetings, was completed in 2011. Two articles about Clovis (13,000+ year old) sites were published in a professional journal. The District Archaeologist and Patrick O'Grady, research partner from the U of O, presented a paper on Clovis culture at the 2011 Society for American Archaeology (SAA) conference in Sacramento, California. This conference is the most prestigious in North America and will result in increased exposure to the cultural program at Burns BLM. The paper given at the SAA conference was incorporated into a peer reviewed publication for dissemination to readers throughout North America, published in 2012.

An additional 15 public education products were delivered to various groups throughout 2011. Oregon State Office personnel visited the District to record a "medicine wheel" prehistoric site in July 2010. They used low-elevation balloon photography to help map the various rock features at the site. After photography at the Medicine Wheel site, the balloon crew went to Sheep Mountain Clovis Site to photograph the U of O field school from above. Oregon Field Guide (Oregon Public Broadcasting) filmed a segment for their weekly program at the same time. It was shown in February 2012.

Interpretive activities in FY12 were similar in scope and intensity to FY11. In addition to presentations to local interest groups such as the Lions Club, Historical Society, elementary school and at the Migratory Bird Festival, cultural staff and partners made presentations at the Northwest Anthropological Conference and Society for American Archaeology meetings. One article on Burns BLM archaeology appeared in the Mammoth Trumpet, a popular press journal published by Texas A & M University. Two additional short articles on Clovis period sites were published in Current Research in the Pleistocene, also published by Texas A & M.

Planned Work for 2013: Three papers were given at the Great Basin Anthropological Conference in early FY13. Four more papers were presented at the Northwest Anthropological Conference in spring 2013. An additional three papers were presented at the Society for American Archaeology meeting in April 2013. All of these papers were focused on different aspects of Burns BLM archaeology and were presented by BLM staff and partners.

Additional presentations and tours were given at the Migratory Bird Festival in April 2013. A day-long tour is planned with the Archaeological Society of Central Oregon (ASCO) for May 2013. The District Archaeologist will visit two rock art sites and the Lost Dune site with ASCO members.

Two journal articles, one on Clovis period artifacts and sites and the other on Rimrock Draw Rockshelter, are expected to be published in peer reviewed journals in FY13. Local interest groups such as the Historical Society and schools will be visited by BLM staff in FY13.

Cultural Resources Clearances for District Projects

Twenty six projects were cleared for District projects in 2011. Over 12,460 acres were inventoried and 151 sites were recorded. Thirty one projects, 7074 acres of clearances and 249 sites were recorded in FY13.

Planned Work for 2013: Due to the very large wildfires in late FY12, over 26,000 acres were surveyed and 52 new sites were recorded in fall 2012. Estimated clearance acreage for the remainder of FY13 is expected to be near 10,000 acres.

Recreation

Please see Special Areas Section for a discussion regarding the Steens Mountain CRP.

During FY12, Burns BLM District wide recreation use monitoring continued, including the continued use of road counters to better understand recreation use throughout the area.

1. Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)

The following table depicts the number of Special Recreation Permits (SRP) by FY for the past three years:

FY*	Number of SRPs Issued
12	21
11	15
10	14

2. Fee Campgrounds

Recreation maintenance was conducted at all recreation sites; campground hosts were stationed at Chickahominy, Page Springs, and at Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District. The following table displays the number of visitors to the campgrounds:

Year	Fish Lake	Page Springs	Jackman Park	S. Steens Family	S. Steens Equestrian	Chickahominy Reservoir
2012	948	3883	253	584	163	1904
2011	616	2151	333	499	72	1098
2010	1292	3275	263	981	114	1664

3. Non Fee Campgrounds

There are two recognized non-fee camping sites; Mann Lake Recreation Site and Lily Lake.

At Mann Lake camping is allowed in two areas near the shore. The recreation site has vault toilets and a boat ramp. It is located approximately 22 miles south of Highway 78 on the East Steens Road. The lake is stocked with hatchery Lahontan cutthroat trout. Boats with motors are permitted.

Lily Lake is a non-developed campground with two locations to camp. Routine checks are made of the area to ensure cleanliness.

4. Winter Recreation

Winter recreation permits are issued on a first come first served basis to those who want to recreate beyond the North Loop Gate. The BLM allows people to cross country ski, snow shoe, and snowmobile. Snowmobiles are required to stay on the North Loop Road which is marked with snow poles to the Kiger Gorge turnoff. Snowmobiles are not allowed to go off road. Area is monitored by BLM personnel to ensure the area is safe and that rules and regulations are being obeyed.

Year	Snow Shoes/Skiers	Snowmobiles	Total
2012	7	2	9
2011	14	4	18
2010	16	7	23



Kiger Gorge

5. Byways

Steens Mountain Back Country Byway is managed in conformance with the Resource Management Plan (RMP). The BLM Burns District has traffic counter data for the last 3 years. Traffic counters are very unpredictable and sometimes do not give a very reliable reading due to counter malfunction.

Year	North Loop Road	South Loop Road	Total
2012	27,470	5,603	33,073
2011	13,279	3,684	16,963
2010	33,023	4,095	37,118

6. Overlooks and other points of Interest

Riddle Brothers Ranch is a historic piece of Oregon's pioneer settlement and livestock industry in the American West. The ranch was built in the early 1900s by the Riddle brothers who are part of Oregon's last frontier. In 1996 the BLM purchased the property and manages the ranch for its historic values. During the summer months a caretaker lives on site where they greet visitors and tell them about the historic values of the uniquely preserved complex of buildings that give testimony to ranch life and living conditions. The BLM has restored and stabilized the structures over the past decade.

Diamond Craters, located near the small ranching community of Diamond, Oregon, has some of the most diverse basaltic volcanic features in the nation clustered within a small, accessible area. This volcanic area was formed sometime in the past 25,000 years, with some of the eruptions taking place as late as 1,000 years ago. Visitors to the area can experience a self-guided tour where they identify craters and vents, cinder cones, spatter cones, lava tubes, driblet spires, a graben, and a water-filled maar. Routine checks of both Riddle Brothers Ranch and Diamond Craters are made to ensure cleanliness and are maintained when needed.



Frederik Riddle House

7. Reservoirs

Warm Springs, Moon and Poison Creek Reservoirs have non-fee primitive camping. They have vault toilets, boat ramps, parking areas, interpretive signs, and trash collection points. Primitive camping is allowed but no longer than 14 days. BLM personnel maintain these areas by collecting garbage and cleaning the vault toilets.

8. Trails

Trail counters to track visitation are set throughout the District. There are currently 2 trail counters in use located within the Steens Mountain Wilderness. These trail counters are old and routinely stop working or take incorrect counts. The Burns BLM is currently working on replacing them one at a time.

Trail	Miles	Trail Counter			Maintenance/Year
		2012	2011	2010	
Little Blitzen Trail	8.01				2008
Nye Trail	0.98				2012
Wet Blanket Trail	0.92				
Big Indian Trail	6.59	9217	1963	2296	2009
Mud/Ankle Creek Trail	7.40				
Blitzen River Trail	3.67				2010
Wilderness Trail	0.81				2010
Kiger Gorge Trail	0.52				
Wildhorse Lake Trail	0.69				2009
Pike Creek	1.30	2981	3021	1661	
Oregon High Desert National Recreation Trail	159.43				
Sagehen Hill Trail	0.50				2011
Total	190.82	12,198	3624	3957	

9. Traffic Counters

Traffic counters to track visitation are set throughout the District. Two new counters were purchased and set up on the Riddle Brothers Ranch Road and South Loop Road. For FY12, 174,954 visits were recorded in the CMPA and 213,612 visits were recorded for the entire Andrews/Steens RA. Data is collected at 32 sites. Visitation is listed in the chart below for some of the Steens sites:

Andrews/Steens Traffic Counters FY12

	2012	2011	2010
Mann Lake	3,391	3,208	2,790
Loop Road Total	76,067	72,824	54,298
North Loop Road	63,181	55,134	33,023
South Loop Road	12,886	17,690	21,275
South Steens	1,718	1,313	1,938
Page Springs Campground	8,930	4,947	7,532
Fish Lake	2,180	1,416	2,971
Jackman Park	589	765	604
Total	92,875	84,473	70,133

Three Rivers Traffic Counters FY12

Warm Springs Road (north end)	3,000
Warm Spring Road (south end)	3,000
Diamond Craters	2,000
Moon Reservoir	1,200
Poison Creek Recreation Site	1,000
Chickahominy Recreation Site	5,000

In 2013, road and trail counter monitoring throughout Burns District will continue. The Burns BLM is currently working on replacing the counters one at a time. General analysis shows use this year was higher than past years regardless of higher fuel prices.

10. Service First

The Zone Interagency Program between Emigrant Creek Ranger District (USFS) and BLM Burns District continued through FY11. This program falls under the umbrella of the "Service First" Initiative where the BLM and USFS are working together to deliver seamless service to customers and "boundary-less" care for the land. This program continues to be a win/win situation for the public, agencies involved, and the communities of Burns and Hines. Within guidelines of this agreement, the following were accomplished: quality recreation maintenance provided consistently throughout the USFS facilities; health and safety needs of the visiting public are meeting Federal and State standards; five concrete accessibility ramps were constructed at restrooms to conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and some other infrastructure repairs were completed; and better signing and organization of information boards within recreation sites and campgrounds have been established.

11. Radar Hill

Through a grant obtained from the Oregon State Parks All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Program, Radar Hill maintenance work occurred again in FY11. This grant expired June 30, 2012 and a new grant application has been submitted to the Oregon State Parks ATV Program to help with cost for maintenance from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. With help from the Harney County High Desert Wheelers Club a Public Lands Day Cleanup of Radar Hill OHV Area occurred again in FY11 with removal of several trucks and trailer loads of debris; in addition, a vault toilet was installed.

12. Moon Reservoir Improvements

An EA for improvements to the Moon Reservoir Boat Launching Facility was completed early summer of 2010. A construction contract was awarded in late September 2010 with work continuing into 2011 as weather conditions allowed. The project completion date was June 30, 2011. The project included a new boat ramp, parking areas, toilet, and road improvements. The project was developed and funded by a joint agreement between BLM, Harney County, Oregon State Marine Board, and "Sport Fish Restoration Funds" through ODFW. Since the completion of the new facilities at Moon Reservoir public comments have been received requesting BLM install a boat dock located along the new boat ramp. Planning is currently underway with assistance from the Oregon State Marine Board to determine the feasibility of installing a dock taking into account design constraints and budget considerations.

13. Steens Loop Road

Reconstruction of the Steens Loop Road was primarily funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). All reconstruction efforts were completed in fall 2012 which included sub-grade preparation, compaction, aggregate surfacing, and cross drainage improvements to the entire Steens Loop Road, Kiger Overlook Road, East Rim Overlook Road, Wildhorse Lake Overlook Road, and portions of Riddle Brothers Ranch Road (56.5 miles total).

With reconstruction efforts completed, additional stabilization efforts are scheduled to occur during summer/fall of 2013 in the area known as the "Rooster Comb". Plans are to remove loose rock from the cut slope and construct a mechanically stabilized earth (MSE) wall on the fill slope to mitigate safety concerns and stabilize and widen the road bed.

14. Wildland Juniper Management Area

WJMA Interpretive Panels: Congress designated an area of over 3,000 acres for juniper experiment and education in the Steens Act. Treatment plots have been established and signing was completed. Signing included development of seven interpretive panels. Three are at the first pullout and three at the study plots. A brochure is also under development and should be complete by summer 2012. Signs and brochures are the result of an Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB) grant.

15. Needs Assessment

A "Needs Assessment" was completed August 2011 in conformance with the Steens Mountain CMPA RMP/ROD.

Planned Work for FY13

1. Completion of the Comprehensive Recreation Plan EA and Decision.
2. Service First Agreement between BLM and the Emigrant Creek Ranger District is continuing. The BLM maintenance crew will be responsible for most of the recreation maintenance at the developed and dispersed recreation sites along with overseeing water systems and assisting with water sampling.
3. Proposed projects for FY13 include continuing maintenance of all recreation sites, continuing road and trail counter monitoring throughout Burns District, and conducting required NEPA analyses to accommodate new special recreation permittees such as outfitters, guides, and organized groups. Trail maintenance will take place if funding is available.
4. The installation of the new toilet and loading/unloading ramp at Radar Hill OHV staging area was completed. The grant application that was submitted to the Oregon State Parks ATV Program was approved for the time period from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 and a new grant application was submitted for the time period from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. These grant funds are for operations and maintenance.

Woodland And Forest Management

The forestry program is primarily limited to Three Rivers Resource Area (RA), except for a small number of special forest product sales and one stewardship contract in the Andrews/Steens RA.

Forest health treatments and associated hazardous fuels reduction projects continue to be the District's priority for forest management. Currently there is one forest health and fire reduction project on Burns District, Otis Mountain/Moffet Table. The project includes improving aspen and mountain mahogany stands, noncommercial thinning, slash piling and burning, timber harvest, road relocation/closures and underburning. Within the Otis Mountain/Moffet Table project area the 747 acre Rudy timber sale was completed in November 2012. In addition, a 271 acre Rudy II timber sale was negotiated in November of 2012 to improve quaking aspen stands and fire fighter and public safety along the Otis Valley road corridor.

Noncommercial thinning continues to be the main tool to reduce hazardous fuels in forest and woodland stands. In the Pinecraft Forest Health area, one 100-acre pre-commercial thinning and machine piling projects was completed. In Andrews/Steens RA, the Riddle Brothers Ranch juniper management project awarded 40 acres of noncommercial thinning and hand piling in 2012. Piles from the 2012 Riddle Brothers Ranch juniper management project will be burned in 2013. Younger junipers were cut to improve health of older juniper and health of grasses and other species native to a mountain sagebrush plant community.

No reforestation projects were completed in FY11 or FY12. No new reforestation projects are planned for FY13.

The District continues to utilize stewardship contracting for implementing forest and woodland restoration projects. There are currently three stewardship contracts in Burns District. Two are found in Three Rivers RA and one in Andrews's resource area. Mill Creek is Burns District's current active stewardship contract. The Mill Creek Stewardship contract was awarded in 2010 and will treat 350 acres of ponderosa pine/juniper woodlands with hazardous fuels. Improving wildlife habitat is the primary goal. To date 80 percent of all service work or harvest has been completed in the project area. Claw creek and Blitzen stewardship contracts were awarded in 2012 and work is expected to start in 2013. Claw Creek stewardship will treat 901 acres of ponderosa pine/western juniper woodlands. Goals include improving wildlife habitat, relocation and closure of roads in Claw Creek and aspen/riparian enhancement and hazardous fuels reduction. Blitzen Stewardship uses an Indefinite Delivery and Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract agent and current treatment includes 64 acres of western juniper woodland management and restoration, wildlife habitat improvement and reducing hazardous fuels.

Aspen stands are an important habitat that continues to be a District priority for restoration. Aspen management continues in both hazardous fuels reduction and forest health projects. This involves the removal of encroaching junipers, ponderosa pines and firs from these sites. If necessary and if project funding is available, fencing of small aspen stands allowing for regeneration without heavy wildlife browsing will be constructed.

Special forest products including juniper boughs, posts, and firewood continue to be provided as a service to the public.

Other juniper control projects have also been identified in the Terrestrial Habitat and Species Management, WJMA (Special Areas Section), and Wildfire and Fuels Management Sections of this update.

Planned Work for FY13

A 100 acre unit of noncommercial thinning and slash piling will occur in 2013 within the Otis Mountain/Moffet Table project area.

A 25 acre western juniper woodland thinning and hand piling project will be awarded in 2013 located in the Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District.

NEPA analysis continues for the Rattlesnake forest health and fire reduction project area. The project include improving aspen/riparian, mountain mahogany stands, improving choke cherry and bitter brush, noncommercial thinning, slash piling and burning, timber harvest, road relocation/closures and under burning.

A 66 acre timber sale to expand mining operations on the Eagle Picher mine was be awarded in early 2013. This sale is expected to start in fall of 2013.

No new stewardship contract(s) will be awarded in 2013.

Sale of special forest products including juniper boughs, posts, and firewood as a service to the public will continue.

Minerals

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the expansion of EP Minerals' Celatom Mine, which is a diatomite mine approximately 50 miles northeast of Burns, Oregon was completed in 2012. Bonding was completed for the Hidden Valley area of the complex as was the installation of a new down-gradient monitoring well. EP Mineral is currently implementing the sage-grouse mitigation plan and has signed a contract to have the timber removed in the winter of 2013/2014. Site preparation for the Hidden Valley area began in 2012 and production started in 2013.

The Celatom Mine processes approximately 350,000 yards of processed material to its mill in Vale, Oregon however moves about 950,000 cubic yards. They are working on stabilizing some slope failure issues at their Kelly Field area of the complex. They are also backfilling material as part of their normal operation for concurrent reclamation work. The district has evaluated the diatomite using the BLM industrial minerals laboratory in Worland, Wyoming. We are looking to see if the material has pozzolanic characteristics among other things.

The Burns District has been working with the Vale, Oregon District on bonding for the storage facility for the Celatom Mine (which is located on the Vale District). The agreement between the districts is that Burns performs the work, but reporting is included in that for the Vale District.

In the fall of 2010, ORMAT, Inc. filed an application with BLM to begin exploratory drilling for geothermal resources in the Glass Buttes area. They are proposing two geothermal exploration projects, one in Burns District and one in the Prineville District. If their exploration activities prove fruitful, ORMAT could build two separate geothermal-powered 50-MW producing facilities on their leases in the Glass Buttes area.

Under their exploration applications they are proposing up to 10 wells in the Burns District and 3 wells in the Prineville District. Of the 13 wells proposed, 7 would be "slim wells," smaller diameter holes (6 ½-inches at the bottom) drilled to 3,500 feet strictly used for exploration and monitoring of the geothermal resource (all located within the Burns District Boundary). The remainder would be production-sized wells (12 ¼-inb at the bottom) drilled to approximately 5,000 feet but, however, at this stage would be used only for exploration purposes. Four of the slim wells and one production well are eligible for grant money incentives through the U.S. Department of Energy if drilling commences this calendar year.

The ORMAT proposal included a quarry that was outside of the leased boundary and will need a ROW for the road leading to the quarry from the highway. It is anticipated that the EA will be complete in 2013 for possible exploratory well drilling starting in the third quarter of 2013. Stipulations have been proposed to protect sage-grouse core habitat, air and ground water quality, and include a reclamation plan. There are many outside agency partners on this project aiding through collaboration in preparing the EA.

The Minerals Program has also been involved with two geothermal requests and possible projects, one by the State of Oregon and one in the Alvord Desert. Both of these have significant technical issues with one likely to require Congressional approval to proceed.

Removal of small volumes of sand and gravel and flat rock for personal use is permitted by sales from 42 designated open pits (5,889 acres). We are monitoring as many as 19 closed pits (1,502 acres) and performing required inspections on approximately 77 Federal Title 23 pits or quarries. The District has 3 pits that are not documented, 2 of which are in use, and 1 pit may be relinquished in 2013. The District averages 20 small sales (10 to 500 cubic yards each) per year to the general public. Sales of large volumes for personal use are rare, however, in the past few years several exceeding 1,000 yards have occurred. Removal of large volumes of gravel by public entities such as Harney County Road Department is permitted by FUPs from community and one Free Use pit. The BLM averages five or more Free Use permits that are between 5,000 and 75,000 cubic yards to other government agencies. One Free Use Permit for a superior right was issued to the Harney County Road Department in 2013 with blasting and crushing of up to 70,000 cubic yards completed in 2013. The number of FUPs has been increasing as the District is holding to the BLM policy and requiring permits from all eligible parties. In 2011 and 2012 nearly 100 miles of roadway was reconstructed each year using material obtained from Federal lands. Road reconstruction will likely be less than 25 miles in 2013 but would anticipate at least 100 miles in 2014. The District is working on reviewing where the mineral needs are within the district so that there is material in the areas that are needed and close pits that are not needed. The plan is to make the material pits more efficient and effective in road maintenance while reducing the footprint and impacts of pits. In this effort, we are working with other agencies to improve public funds and resources for the benefit of the public. This effort is part of the long-term planning process and the material is needed for not only road maintenance and reconstruction, but also important in the agriculture and cattle operations. In short, the mineral material provides for a needed infrastructure to support a prosperous and economic viable County community.

There are two pits that need to have their boundaries adjusted, and one pit is in use, but has never been designated as a pit, thus work has begun to bring the pit into compliance. Another pit, partly due to road realignment by the County, has an access issue and we are working on obtaining a ROW, however, likely will not be completed in 2013. Another significant pit in the Skull Creek area (north of the City of Burns) was put on hold due to defunding of the road project.

The District has had a great deal of trespass issues in active as well as closed mineral material sites with greater than 60,000 yards documented. Site inspections have increased in the areas where there are higher trespass concerns as well as community outreach efforts in an effort to curb the rate and frequency of mineral trespass. We will be working with one private owner that has a BLM closed pit connected to

his private pit and trespass issues that exceed 30,000 yards from a reclaimed area. Additionally, inspections are finding equipment in mineral pits that do not have an authorized reason for being in the mineral pits.

The District has been very active in developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Highway Administration and the Oregon Department of Transportation to fully utilize their mineral resources. The goal would be to become more efficient and work cooperatively with other agencies to site mineral sources where they are needed and close sites that are not needed. Our efforts are focused on filling a legal requirement in the joint effort.

The District is working on complying with a Common Variety Determination to resolve a 6-year old mining claim dispute and targeting it to be completed in 2013; however, funding is a concern. We are actively working on the abandon mine inventory, site screening, and documentation for possible environmental issues. We have found an abandoned retort for mercury containing rock (Cinnabar). Additionally, preliminary screening using a portable XRF (X-ray fluorescence) has found that there may be material left over from an abandoned Cinnabar mine which has elevated mercury levels. This area is the subject of Geothermal Exploration, Wind Development, and increased use for recreation by the public, thus is considered a priority. It should be noted that many of the most elevated areas of environmental concerns have been addressed prior to 2010.

The minerals program is working closely with the Cultural Resources within BLM in determining the source of artifacts while at the same time collecting information that can be utilized for educational purposes. There are plans to work together on Paleontology sites and incorporate them into the GIS system.

Recreational rock hounding is prevalent as well as an increase in recreational mineral exploration within the District. There are annual obsidian events within the District, with one at Glass Buttes that draws from the region and includes 'Obsidian Days' in Burns which is the second weekend in June.

Initiation of abandoned mine lands (AML) field screening for mercury will be initiated in FY13 but funding will likely not be realized until 2014. As such the QA/QC (quality assurance/quality control) plan will be developed to account for assuring safety and quality of work (i.e., defensible) will be collected.

Planned Work for FY13

The Celatom Mine Expansion EIS will continue to be a major workload in the minerals program through FY13 that will include inspections and bonding to open a new area (i.e., North Kelly Field) and for the Kelly Field which has a fault and slope stability issues.

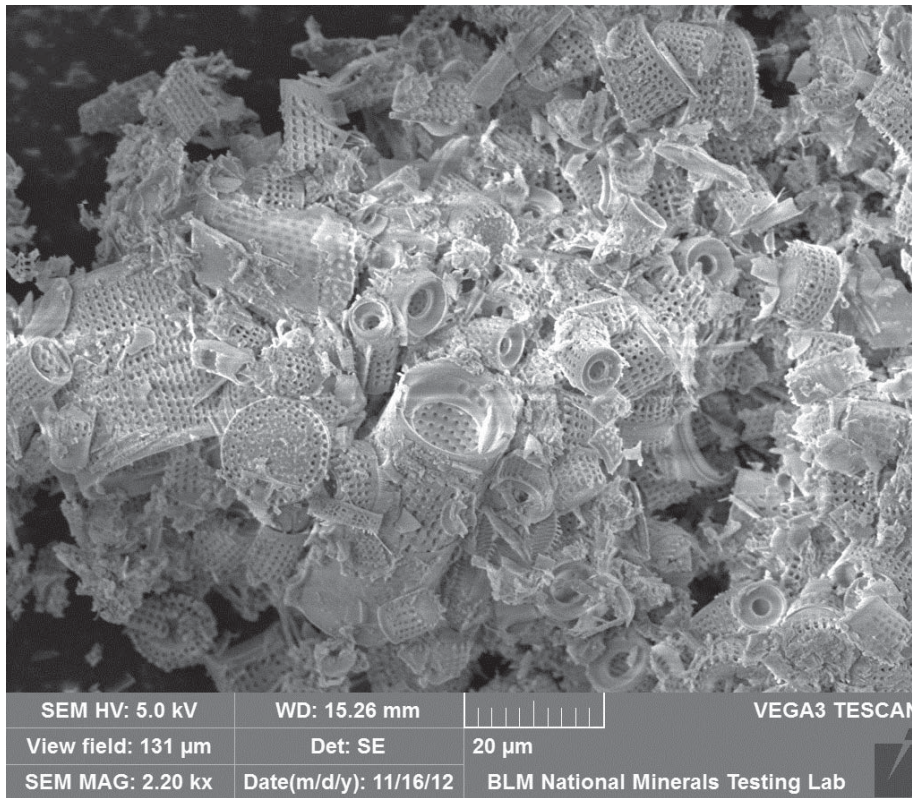
In 2013 BLM will review an EA and ultimately issue a decision on ORMATs proposed geothermal exploratory drilling operation and rock quarry in the Glass Buttes area.

Removal of small volumes of sand and gravel and flat rock for personal use will continue to be permitted as well as larger volumes to government entities. The MOU will likely not be addressed again until 2014 due to work loads. Early in 2014 fiscal year the NEPA is planned to be initiated on up to 5 mineral material sites. Inspections will be critical as some sites have compliance issues for the Mining Plan or NEPA compliance. Trespass is expected to remain a time consuming issue and public outreach will continue stress the need for permits.

The minerals program will continue to work with other disciplines and District plans for a more effective and efficient distribution of mineral materials throughout the District and in cooperation with other agencies as well as local and state governments. There are several land use requests that will need mineral material and this will be addressed as part of the NEPA process. The likely implementation of the ORMAT project will be time consuming to ensure compliance.

The financial issues for the common/uncommon variety exam are expected to be resolved and field mapping is planned to occur in FY13. The mineral potential work for greater than 400,000 acres will likely start in the first quarter of FY14, however, background information is being collected in FY13.

The Minerals program is working to document the paleo (i.e., historic) environments to aid in the public education of why and how our landscape looks as it does. This effort will eventually lead to public education documents for where to find the different types of rocks and include a geology self-guided tour. This effort was initiated in 2011; rock thin section and scanning electron microscope images were collected in FY12 and 2013 and will continue through FY14. The following is an example of some of the interesting up-close views of what appears to be just a white rock. Other rocks cut very thin and viewed under polarized light is similar to looking through a kaleidoscope and showing many different colors and shapes.



This picture is from a Scanning Electron Microscope of Diatomite and showing the historic diatoms that have a silica structure.

The minerals program will be working with colleges, conservation groups, and government agencies throughout the western United States on issues relating preservation of petrified wood sources, geologic mapping, and geologic risk management in an attempt to plan for possible future natural disasters.

Lands Tenure Adjustments, Access, And Rights-Of-Way

Wind testing continues to be an intense program area for the Burns District. In the past few years the District has completed an assignment, a relinquishment and dealt with issues relating to due diligence in regard to wind testing as well as general compliance and administration of these grants.

The District worked very hard throughout FY11 to complete the EIS for the North Steens Transmission Line for the Echanis project. In FY12 we worked on the other aspects of the North Steens Right-of-Way (ROW) and litigation. On Thursday, April 5, 2012 the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) and

Audubon Society filed suit against Secretary Ken Salazar over the Record of Decision (ROD) for the North Steens Transmission Line Project. The BLM filed their first brief to the court on November 2, 2012. The briefing process has been completed and oral arguments were completed in July 2013.

On February 21, 2013, the BLM canceled the Notice to Proceed and refunded the over \$650,000 bond. The letter stated BLM would recalculate the bond at a future date when construction was reasonably foreseeable.

In a Joint Status Report to District Court Judge Mosman dated March 8, 2013, ONDA states, "As Federal Defendants note, the North Steens Transmission Line Project is not currently authorized to proceed with any pre-construction or construction activities, because BLM has revoked the May 2012 Notice to Proceed... and other significant recent developments underscore that the Project is not likely to proceed at all during calendar year 2013, and that it may be cancelled or abandoned entirely in the near future."

On March 16, 2013, ONDA and Audubon Society wrote a letter to Secretary Salazar asking the Secretary to revoke the ROD and subsequent ROW. Their petition was based on changes to the technical and financial ability of the project to proceed including: 1) lack of an interconnection agreement for the project; 2) questionable status of the Power Purchase Agreement; 3) revocation of a Notice to Proceed and refunding of the project bond by the BLM; and 4) the withdrawal of legal counsel by the developer. In a status conference call with Judge Mosman, oral arguments were set for July 22, 2013.

In addition to the wind projects Burns District also handled Road and Utility ROWs, as well as processing a reciprocal ROW/easement to gain access to Federal land wholly surrounded by private. There are several easements for pipelines started in FY11 and will be finalized in FY12.

The District saw a slight bump in film permits on the district, mainly in WSA that would not have been possible if the film EA had not been completed previously on the District.

A land use plan amendment was completed in FY11 to allow the land sale necessary to finally resolve the boundary and ownership issues occurring with a long term inadvertent trespass in the Three Rivers Resource Area.

Burns District has been actively pursuing two acquisitions. The first is the acquisition of two 15+ acre parcels in the Steens Mountain Wilderness. This acquisition was completed in FY12. The other acquisition is for a small strip of land that currently belongs to the state of Oregon. Acquisition of this small parcel will provide access to thousands of acres of BLM land that are currently inaccessible. Burns District continues to seek opportunities to acquire land in the wilderness as directed by the Steens Act.

Completed Work for FY11

In 2011 the Burns District spent a large amount of time working towards a ROD on the North Steens Transmission Line which was ultimately signed in December of 2011.

FY11 also saw a slight increase in film permit applications, these were completed both on lands covered by the programmatic film EA and also on lands with no special designation.

In addition the Burns District also had an active easement acquisition program in 2011, negotiating and finalizing easements that provided public access and administrative access to lands that previously had none. Not only were easements for access completed but the District also completed easements for pipelines that will provide water for wildlife and livestock.

Completed Work for FY12

The District continued to respond to energy-related land use applications as its highest realty program priority. Applications for wind testing and development, geothermal, hydropower and related energy transmission will be processed as they are received. In FY12 the District worked to move toward the best decision on Pueblo Mountain as it relates to sage-grouse and Wind. The company reviewed its data in an effort to determine if they think they can make a viable project due to many environmental concerns.

Ultimately they decided to relinquish their ROW on Pueblo Mountain due to the uncertainty surrounded sage-grouse in the state in general and that area in particular. EnXco started their wildlife studies early to ensure they are complying with all aspects of surveys and studies that the BLM, ODFW and FWS are expecting. BLM coordinated with other agencies to ensure a transparent process.

The District completed the one acquisition in Steens Mountain Wilderness. Negotiations will continue with willing landowners in the CMPA to secure key parcels in public ownership and to protect and conserve other properties in the CMPA. The District will immediately undertake processing of any opportunities that arise to purchase additional wilderness inholdings. Land exchange proposals for wilderness inholdings will be considered a higher priority for processing than proposals in other areas.

The Burns District finalized a land sale of a small parcel to resolve an inadvertent cabin site trespass north of Burns. The cabin has been located on public land for at least 50 years but was only discovered to be encroaching onto public land several years ago. At that time BLM issued the owner a lease to authorize the cabin. The sale provided a final solution to this longstanding issue.

With the downturn in the national economy, rural residential and associated ROW activity has slowed somewhat. Regardless, all ROWs and land use permit applications for realty uses will continue to be processed as they are received and unauthorized use will be dealt with as it is discovered. Compliance inspections on authorized land uses will be conducted to ensure compliance with terms and conditions of the authorization.

Planned Work for FY13

The District will continue to respond to energy-related land use applications as its highest realty program priority. Applications for wind testing and development, geothermal, hydropower and related energy transmission will be processed as they are received.

The District expects to be processing two existing wind test ROWs as renewals and processing development applications. The appropriate NEPA document will be determined after more information is provided by the applicant as far as transmission and size of the wind development.

Burns District is currently working on an exchange to acquire the remainder of the private land near the Diamond Craters; the feasibility report should be going to Washington Office for review in the spring of 2013. In addition, the State of Oregon has brought forward a proposal to exchange minerals within the Steens Mountain Withdrawal Area for mineral near the large parcels owned by the state of Oregon on Riddle Mountain. The Steens Act of 2000 directs BLM to acquire the minerals from the state of Oregon within the withdrawal.

The Burns District currently has four utility ROWs that will be expiring in 2013. These are all pre-FLPMA ROWs that will require environmental clearances because clearances were not required at the time of their authorizations.

All ROWs and land use permit applications for realty uses will continue to be processed as they are received and unauthorized use dealt with as it is discovered. Compliance inspections on authorized land uses will be conducted to ensure compliance with terms and conditions of the authorization.

Hazardous Materials

Completed Work for FY11

Frenchglen Fire Guard Station Spill plan was finalized and signed.

Asbestos paint was removed from the Steens Mountain Communication Site before it was demolished.

An abandoned old barrel and old auto parts and pipe with suspected asbestos containing material were removed from the Glass Buttes area.

Sampling was done on two storage tanks containing fire retardant, secondary containment berm for the retardant and vertically mounted metal culvert sump at the SEAT base and sent to a certified lab for a waste characterization. The result of the sampling was the retardant exceeded regulatory standards for several heavy metals and was considered a hazardous waste.

Cache findings for hazmat were addressed. Several abandoned mine land sites throughout the District were monitored and checked.

Completed Work for FY12

Burns District SEAT base hazardous waste cleanup; the SEAT base had two retardant storage tanks and secondary berm an accumulation of sludge that tested over the regulatory standards for several heavy metals. The site was cleaned up by a contractor.

Updated the 2012 Oregon State Fire Marshals Report and the Emergency Planning and Community Right- To-Know Act (EPCRA), and the Hazardous Material Inventories.

BLM monitored the Glass Buttes AML Site.

Planned Work for FY13

Environmental Site Assessment for SEAT Base lease with the City of Burns.

Wildfire And Fuels

Preparedness Program

The BIFZ or Zone is comprised of State and Federal Agencies from across southeast Oregon including Burns District BLM, USFS Emigrant Creek Ranger District, USFS Malheur National Forest and Malheur NWR and Oregon Department of Forestry. The BIFZ annually staffs a mixture of firefighting resources consisting of 17 engines, 1 helicopter, a 10-person hand crew, a Single Engine Air Tanker, and 6 fire look-outs.

Prevention Program

The BIFZ fire prevention program consists of three basic elements: Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL), public awareness (awareness) and public outreach (outreach). These three elements are functioning at various levels.

The IFPL is a mandated function performed by Burns Interagency Communication Center and is fully functional. It consists of developing, tracking, and communicating IFPLs that regulate operations performed on public lands. It is a progressive scale raising restrictions as general fire danger increases from no restrictions to total shutdown of almost all operations. It is communicated by signs, an information line and notifying government employees overseeing contracts, agreements or industrial activities.

Awareness consists of developing, tracking, and communicating fire danger indices and somewhat restricts activities pursued on public lands. Awareness is accomplished through six zone entry portal signs, a collection of various signs placed across the zone and public service announcements through local newspapers and radio. This element is currently functioning at a minimum level. Noteworthy, however,

is the Red Flag Program. This program is a communication program where people and businesses post red flags during periods of hazardous fire weather conditions (Red Flag Warnings) as announced by the National Weather Service.

Outreach efforts consist of facilitating Smokey Bear appearances at local public events, namely the Harney County Fair, and maintaining a recorded phone message at (541) 573-4555 to provide updated IFPLs, fire danger, and public use restrictions information.

In the past the BIFZ had a dedicated prevention technician and funding to perform prevention functions. With decline in overall funding, the position has been vacant for several years and funded prevention activities are at a minimum. When staffed and funded, the prevention program had more robust approaches to accomplishing the three elements, especially awareness and outreach. The Harney County Community Wildfire Prevention Plan notes the need for increased awareness and outreach as does the BIFZ management staff.

Fire Planning Program

Wildland fire and aviation preparedness reviews are conducted annually prior to fire season to help the field unit prepare for fire season; identify operational, procedural, personnel or equipment deficiencies; and recommend corrective actions. National-level reviews occur every four years and Regional/State-level reviews are conducted every two years. A combined State/National review of the Zone's Suppression and Fire Business functions occurred in May 2009. The next State/National review will tentatively occur spring 2013.

The Fire Program Analysis (FPA) is underway. The purpose of the FPA System is to provide managers with a common interagency process for fire management, analysis, planning, and budgeting to evaluate effectiveness of alternative fire management strategies through time to meet land management goals and objectives. The FPA will reflect fire objectives and performance measures for the full scope of fire management activities. It is a joint initiative between five Federal wildland fire management agencies: USFS, BLM, National Park Service, USFWS, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. The FPA replaces the initial attack preparedness systems used by these five agencies prior to 2006. Phase 1 of FPA for the Burns Fire Planning Unit (FPU) was accomplished in 2006. The FPA had no activity occur in 2007 or 2008. Phase 2 of FPA began in 2009 and included updates to the program which analyzed long-term effects of fuels treatments, as well as large fires. Final analysis for the 2012 budget year was not completed in April 2010 as planned. As an interim solution to aid in budget allocation, National Interagency Fire Center has developed the Fire Program Decision Support System (FPDSS). The FPA and FPDSS require many of the same inputs and are very similar in operation. Data was requested from FPU planners in the fall of 2009 and is being used in continued development of the program.

Stabilization and Rehabilitation Planning

Several new Emergency Stabilization or Burned Area Rehabilitation Plans were initiated in 2011. Plans were initiated for the DSL Complex, Smyth Creek, Desert Meadows, Buckskin and Catlow fires. The Lamb Ranch Fire plan continued implementation in 2011 with the area being treated for weeds and recovery monitoring. Plans were submitted and approved for the following large fires from 2012. These included Miller Homestead, Holloway and Slope fires. These recovery efforts will continue in future years.

Agreements

Updated fire agreements were put in place during 2005 and have since been updated annually. These agreements provide mutual assistance to Oregon Department of Forestry; Oregon Division of State Lands; Burns and Hines Volunteer Fire Departments; County 911 center; and Crane-Drewsey, Silver Creek, and Fields-Andrews Rural Fire Protection Associations. These agreements provide suppression assistance, coordinated fire prevention planning, and joint training opportunities amongst participants. In

2009 a Service First Agreement with the Malheur NWR was forged to create a joint BLM and NWR Fuels Planner Position. This position was filled the fall of 2009 and is servicing both programs.

Fire Suppression

The following table provides information regarding suppression efforts for FY07-FY12:

FY*	Agency	Total Number of Fires	Total Acres	Lightning Caused (Number/Acres)	Human Caused (Number/Acres)
2007	BLM	58	99,574	43/89,578	15/9,996
	FS	78	101,510	53/101,446	25/64
	USFWS	7	28	6/26	1/2
2008	BLM	38	5,066	30/5060	8/6
	FS	37	13	23/6.5	14/6.5
	USFWS	4	251	0	4/251
2009	BLM	20	520	14/483	6/37
	FS	26	29	19/16	7/12
	USFWS		0	0	0
2010	BLM	13	361.95	8/327.05	5/34.9
	FS	41	18.45	32/16.9	9/1.55
	USFWS	0	0	0	0
2011	BLM	65	12703	58/12604.45	7/98.55
	FS	38	18.54	32/17.39	6/1.15
	USFWS	2	0.6	1/0.05	1/0.1
2012	BLM	28	179,710	22/179,377	6/333
	FS	18	8.39	6/6.26	12/2.13
	USFWS	2	1209	2/1209	0

Fuels Management Program

The Burns District manages a diverse landscape in the southern Blue Mountains and northern Great Basin of southeastern Oregon. Many vegetation types are represented within this area from conifer forest to the north to sagebrush-steppe on the southern end. Present and future fuels projects within Burns District are focused on reducing hazardous fuel concentrations and restoring native plant and animal communities that rely on periodic disturbance from fire.

Since the early 1980s, there has been a shift in how wildland fire is viewed by the public and managed by the BLM. Prior to European settlement, fire played a significant role in most Pacific Northwest ecosystems. Plants and animals developed mechanisms to escape, avoid or tolerate periodic fires. European settlement changed the view of periodic wildfires. Fires were viewed as a destructive force and a competitor for resources. Resources consumed by fire were thought to be lost. Land management agencies in the early part of the 20th century began a campaign to reduce land and resources lost to wildfires. Reduced influence of fire in these ecosystems allowed living and dead plant material to accumulate. Prior to the era of fire suppression, periodic fires in forests and rangelands kept the amount of dead and dying trees, or density and cover of shrubs, at a level where large-scale, high-intensity wildfires were a rare event. From the early part of the 20th century to the 1950s and 1960s there were little obvious impacts of fire suppression efforts. In the early 1980s, there appeared to be an increase in number of acres burned and average size of fires. This trend became readily apparent in the 1990s, when large-scale, high-intensity wildfires began to occur every fire season. Some of these fires received widespread attention because of their damage or threats to businesses and residences in areas adjacent to forests and wildlands, now called the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). In the latter part of the 1990s, Federal agencies began to work to reduce these threats.

The Healthy Forest Initiative was launched in 2002 to aid in implementation of projects from the Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA). The HFRA provides improved statutory processes for hazardous fuels reduction projects on BLM lands and also provides other authorities and direction to help reduce hazardous fuel and restore healthy forest and rangeland conditions on lands of all ownerships.

The BLM Fuels Management Program treated less than 60,000 acres nationwide prior to 1998. Since that time, the BLM has treated an average of 188,000 acres a year nationwide. The hazardous fuels reduction projects strive to mitigate threats to public safety, and enhance, restore, and/or maintain critical plant and animal communities.

Burns District has followed National direction by increasing the number of acres treated from under 2,500 acres in 1996 to a high of over 30,000 acres in 2009. A combination of prescribed fire and various mechanical treatments has been utilized to reduce threats to the public and enhance, maintain, and restore plant and animal communities. A summary of accomplishments and planned accomplishments are illustrated in the table below.

Burns District Hazardous Fuels Program Summary

FY*	Thinning Acres	Machine Pile Acres	Hand Pile Acres	Brush Mowing Acres	Seeded Acres	Pile Burn Acres	Prescribed Burn Acres	Total Acres
2005	5,834	1,857	764	1,500	1,153	1,130	5,441	17,679
2006	3,351	316	1,265	2,550	4,620	348	9,045	21,495
2007	1,863	165	12	1,400	325	1,359	5,687	10,811
2008	5,043	767	115	0	715	2,077	5,711	14,428
2009	3,351	1,145	237	0	2,833	179	23,321	31,066
2010	2,781	2,735	771	0	0	1,805	15,970	24,062
2011	2068	2524	75	0	1400	2500	12796	21,363
2012	2647	412	347	0	0	3000	8941	15,347
Planned 2013	820	231	653	0	0	3000	6155	10,859

A combination of mechanical fuels treatment and prescribed fire are being used to help reduce fuels accumulations in the ponderosa pine forests and adjacent sagebrush steppe on Burns District. Three Rivers RA has numerous project efforts taking place such as the Lake Creek/Boone Canyon Forest Restoration, Three Rivers Under Burning CX, Forks of Poison Creek/Devine Ridge Vegetation Management Restoration Projects, Camp Harney/Cow Creek Ecological Restoration Project located north of Harney, the SHED Forest Restoration Project, Dry Lake Ecological Restoration Project and Slickear/Claw Creek Restoration Project. The following provides an update for each project:

- **Three Rivers Under Burning Project:** The planning was completed in 2006 and implementation began the same year. The current project underway is the Rattlesnake prescribed fire. Approximately 250 acres of Rattlesnake prescribed fire was accomplished in 2012 with plans to burn another 175 acres spring 2013. Work on the project is ongoing.
- **Forks of Poison Creek/Devine Ridge Vegetation Management Restoration:** The project planning was completed in 2005 and implementation began the same year. A cooperative agreement with Tyler Brothers Ranches was developed to treat an additional estimated 1,500 acres of comingled public and private lands. Juniper cutting to prepare for a prescribed fire began fall 2008. In the winter of 2009-2010 approximately 189 acres of previously cut juniper were machine piled and burned. The prescribed fire in cooperation with the Tyler Bros, Harney Soil and Water Conservation District, and Burns BLM was completed in October 2010. Total acres treated were 686 acres for Tyler Brothers and 1,223 BLM acres. The burned area was seeded in spring 2011. Ongoing work includes maintaining several aspen fences in the burn area.

- **Slick Ear/Claw Creek Forest Restoration Project:** Planning for the Slick Ear/Claw Creek Forest Restoration Project began the winter of 2008. The goals of the project are to reduce hazardous fuels, restore plant communities, and improve wildlife habitat diversity. The emphasis on treatments will be in forested areas. Further reconnaissance and physical layout of treatment units occurred through summer 2011. 300 acres of thinning and machine piling was accomplished under the Claw Creek Stewardship. Work on the project is on going.
- **The SHED Forest Restoration Project:** Thinning and hand piling near Seneca was completed in 2009 and early 2010. Future implementation plans include further thinning, piling, pile burning and implementing a forest under burn. The 251 acre Big Pumpkin Thinning and Machine Pile was completed in 2012. This project should be completed by 2013.
- **Camp Harney/Cow Creek Ecological Restoration Project:** Planning was completed in 2007. Unit planning and layout were accomplished in 2008. Implementation began in 2009 with juniper cutting, thinning and hand piling. In FY11, 377 acres were machine piled and burned at Camp Harney. In 2012, 247 acres were thinned and hand piled. The piles are tentatively scheduled to be burned in 2014.
- **Dry Lake Ecological Restoration Project:** Planning was completed in 2006. In fall 2008 work began with thinning and machine piling in conjunction with the SHED project (as discussed above) and was completed in 2009. Pile burning was completed in 2011. Further thinning and piling are planned if budget allows.

Other fuels management projects being conducted are in sagebrush plant communities that have been, or are being, converted to western juniper woodlands. The primary goals of these projects are protecting life and private property located within and adjacent to these plant communities and restoring or maintaining sagebrush plant communities. Many wildlife species rely on these sagebrush plant communities for their life cycles. Western juniper has increased significantly over the last 150 years at the expense of sagebrush and associated plant species. Reduction in dominance of western juniper will help to reestablish mountain big sagebrush, quaking aspen, and riparian hardwood plant communities.

These projects include Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project (see specifically titled section below) located in the vicinity of Riddle Mountain; Dry Lake Ecological Restoration Project located west of Silver Creek in the northwestern quarter of the RA;; Otis Mountain/Moffet Table Vegetation Management Project situated due north of the community of Drewsey; Wyoming Big Sagebrush Fuel Break Project located generally south of Highway 20 and west of Highway 205; and North Steens Ecosystem Restoration, WJMA (projects located within the Steens Mountain Area), and the Frenchglen Community Wildland Protection (located near Frenchglen, Oregon) (see specifically titled sections below). The following provides an update for each project:

- **Otis Mountain/Moffet Table Vegetation Management Project:** Planning was completed in 2008. Implementation began in 2009 with thinning and piling in the Squaw Creek and Blue Bucket Creek Areas and reconnaissance and layout of other treatment areas for future years. In FY11 the first phases of cutting and piling were completed and piles burned in FY12. 100 acres were thinned and hand piled in 2012. Another 279 acres of thinning and hand piling, and 167 acres of thinning and machine piling are planned for 2013.
- **Wyoming Big Sagebrush Fuel Break Project:** Phases 1 through 4 were completed between 2003 and 2007. Approximately 2,950 acres were mowed. No work occurred in 2009. Maintenance mowing on 604 acres in Phase 1 began September 2010 and was completed. Subsequent phases are receiving maintenance mowing resuming in 2013.

Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project: The Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project is a landscape-scale vegetation treatment encompassing approximately 73,500 acres (approximately 26,000 acres in the CMPA). The primary purposes of this project are to return vegetation communities to historic compositions and reduce hazardous fuel loads. Various forms of prescribed fire and mechanical treatments have been utilized to reduce influence of encroaching western juniper. Project work is expected to continue through 2015.

Implementation began in 2007 with juniper cutting. In 2011, Healthy Lands Initiative (HL), American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Range, Soil Water and Air, Fisheries, Wildlife, and Riparian funds supported work throughout the Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project. Private funds supported project work on adjacent private lands. In 2011, work occurred in Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Approximately 1,487 public acres were cut and pulled away from range improvements, cut and left for jackpot burning, hand piled, or machine piled. These specific treatments were designed for the improved health of sage-grouse habitat, mahogany stands, riparian areas, and old-growth juniper stands. Weed surveys (inventory and monitoring) occurred across 50,000 acres (Units 1-5) with weed treatments occurring on 50 acres. Fence materials were purchased to repair any range improvements damaged by prescribed burning. Bio-control agents for Canada thistle were purchased and released along Shepherd Creek. Canada thistle has expanded in the uplands and riparian zones from the prescribed burning treatments. Aggressive treatment of this noxious weed is scheduled.

Prior to juniper treatments, all sites were surveyed for cultural and botanical resources and noxious weeds.

Fuels and HL funding supported the Burns Interagency Fire Zone (BIFZ) in the implementation of prescribed burning across Unit 4, approximately 6,569 acres. Full implementation included, but was not limited to, black lining the planned burn perimeter, the use of a helitorch and Plastic Sphere Dispenser (PSD) machine to burn internal acres, and hand lighting portions of the unit. Burning activities occurred with assistance from Boise, Winnemucca, Lakeview, and Vale BLM Fire Programs, along with Malheur USFS Fire Programs from Burns and John Day.

Approximately 2,784 acres of public land in Unit 4 were aerial seeded with a mix of desirable native and non-native grass and forb species following the Unit 4 prescribed burn. This seeding was necessary to facilitate recovery where closed canopy juniper had replaced the herbaceous and shrub understory or where the ground lacked a diverse, productive community pre-burn. These areas were generally in the more productive soils of east and north facing slopes or south facing slopes which had received historic heavy wild horse use, respectively.

Pretreatment monitoring occurred at 8 upland trend or photo sites across Unit 4 and its general vicinity covering approximately 5,683 acres. Post Burn monitoring also occurred at 27 upland trend and photo sites in Units 2, 3 and 4 across approximately 24,397 acres. Pre- and post-treatment monitoring of riparian zones also occurred along 16 stream miles. Monitoring will continue over the next several years to determine the overall success of treatments to plant communities.

In 2012, Healthy Lands Initiative (HL), Range, Soil Water and Air, Fisheries, Wildlife, T&E Species, Fuels and Riparian funds supported work throughout the Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project. In 2012, work occurred in Units 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Encroached juniper on approximately 566 upland acres were cut and left and 173 acres were cut and piled around riparian areas. 1,438 acres were burned and approximately 1,130 acres were seeded following burning. Burning activities this year were focused on riparian, old growth juniper, sage-grouse lek, and mahogany habitats. Burning activities were limited to late fall/winter timeframe and pile burning. This minimized loss of desirable shrubs in the treatment units. These site-specific treatments were designed for the improved health of sage-grouse habitat, mahogany stands, riparian areas, and old growth juniper stands.

Riparian livestock exclosures were built along Smyth and Frog Creek, two perennial, fish bearing streams. This eliminated livestock grazing along four stream miles. Previous to the exclosures, livestock management along these two streams was incompatible with riparian and fisheries objectives. Along Frog Creek juniper had historically been cut and left along the channel. This limited livestock access to the stream, but also increased fuel loading at the site. This juniper was piled along with an adjacent cut and machine pile unit. Removing the down juniper allowed for increased livestock access to the stream. Fencing was completed in October of 2012.

Throughout the region, there has been a decline in riparian trees. Black cottonwood were planted and protected with grow-tubes along Yank, Riddle and Smyth Creeks (six stream miles). Numerous aspen stands are present throughout the Project Area. We expect the juniper and fire treatments to invigorate

the declining stands. Monitoring of these stands is occurring. If monitoring shows stands are not increasing in size, planting may occur.

Weed surveys (inventory and monitoring) occurred across 74,942 acres (Units 1-5) with weed treatments occurring on 1,238 acres. Medusahead Rye, Scotch Thistle, Canadian Thistle, and Bull Thistle were the primary weeds treated. Bio-control agents for Canada thistle were purchased and released along Shepherd Creek for the second year. Canada thistle has expanded in the uplands and riparian zones from the prescribed burning treatments. Aggressive treatment of this noxious weed is scheduled.

Post treatment monitoring continued along 9 stream miles and 24,000 upland acres. Monitoring thus far indicates a strong recovery of herbaceous vegetation and cover.

The project continues to provide land management research opportunities. Several research projects being conducted by USDA-ARS, Sagebrush Steppe Treatment Evaluation Project (Sage STEP), and USGS continued through 2012 within the Project Area. ARS was awarded an NLCS Research Grant from the BLM in 2012. This research was specific to sagebrush communities; specifically to better understand methods of accelerating the recovery of key habitat elements for sagebrush associated wildlife (i.e. sage-grouse). Initial findings suggest that seeding mountain big sagebrush after prescribed burning encroaching western juniper can rapidly recover sagebrush cover and density and thereby provide habitat for sagebrush-associated wildlife species. This study also showed that the BLM's aerial seeding treatment accelerated the herbaceous recovery by approximately doubling large perennial grass cover and density.

Overall, project objectives were met for 2012 due to close coordination and cooperation with Burns BLM Resource Area Staff, Burns Interagency Fire Zone, Harney County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), USGS, ARS and four livestock grazing permittees/private land owners.

North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project: This project is a landscape-level project to improve ecological health of the area, reduce juniper-related fuel loading and encourage a healthy functioning ecosystem through appropriate land uses. This is a multiyear project and each year the extent of implementation varies depending on variables such as staff limitations, resource considerations, and climatic and operational conditions.

The proposed Project Area is located within the Andrews/Steens Resource Area primarily within the CMPA and encompasses approximately 336,000 acres of private and public land administered by the BLM.

The ROD was signed on September 26, 2007, and subsequently appealed to IBLA. The IBLA did not issue a stay. A final decision on all appealed elements was issued on June 9, 2008. The ROD was affirmed on all points.

In 2008, work began on the North Steens Project with the cutting of juniper in the Moon Hill Area to prepare for the first phase of prescribed burning.

EOARC has worked cooperatively with the BLM by placing intensive research sites on selected areas within the Project Area. The EOARC is jointly operated by OSU and USDA-ARS. The BLM has worked closely with EOARC to monitor project results.

Subsequent to IBLA's decision in 2008, the project decision was appealed to U.S. District Court. On November 15, 2011, Judge Garr King granted in part and denied in part ONDA's motion for Summary Judgment and BLM's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. ONDA's motion for Temporary Restraining Order/Motion for Preliminary Hearing was denied as moot and its Motion to Supplement the Administrative Record was granted. He went on to state that BLM is not required to issue a supplemental EIS with respect to sage-grouse, but was required to evaluate the significance of the Greater Echanis Project in light of the East and West Ridge portions of the project. Judge King also prohibited vegetative manipulation when not a pretreatment for prescribed burning within WSAs. Finally, the IBLA decision was remanded to the Department to address ONDA's argument that off-road motorized use in WSAs contemplated by the project was in violation of the Steens Act. The parties were to agree on a form of judgment.

A judgment was filed on December 15, 2011, stating until IBLA issues a final determination, BLM will not authorize the use of off-road vehicles in WSA in connection with this project except: 1) in emergency situations; 2) the use of an excavator to put into piles juniper cut for the purpose of prescribed burning within a WSA on up to no more than 200 acres cumulatively, and only after providing ONDA a two weeks' notice before such work is carried out to allow ONDA to observe, and 3) ONDA agrees in writing to a specific exception.

The case has not yet been submitted back to IBLA.

In 2012, the remaining units were cut. Landscape-scale burning is scheduled to begin in 2013. In 2010 juniper cutting was also started in the Tombstone Canyon Area to prepare for Phase 2 of prescribed burning. Due to ongoing sage-grouse concerns, the plan to conduct the Phase 2 prescribed burns was dropped in favor of piling and burning. In 2012, 458 acres of juniper cutting and hand piling started off the Tombstone cleanup efforts. Another 200 acres will be cut and hand piled in 2013. In 2013 the Blitzen Stewardship will be started on the South Loop Road with a 64 acre machine pile unit. As part of the North Steens project, 200 acres of juniper were being cut and machine piled in WSA as a demonstration unit.

Wildland Juniper Management Area: Various mechanical and prescribed fire treatments will be applied to demonstration plots in the WJMA on Steens Mountain Loop Road. The WJMA was established for the purpose of demonstrating and experimenting with management techniques intended for restoration of fire-adapted ecosystems and reduction of hazardous fuels on Steens Mountain.

Implementation on the demonstration plots in the WJMA began in 2006. In 2006 the juniper cut-and-leave and the cut-and-machine pile plots were completed. In 2007, juniper blasting and demonstration pile burning were completed on their respective plots. In 2008 further burning of the machine-pile plot occurred. In the hand-cut plot, 158 acres of clear cut and machine piling were accomplished fall of 2009. The broadcast burning plot still needs to be burned. Work on the project is ongoing.

Frenchglen Wildland Urban Interface: The Frenchglen WUI Project is a joint project between the Malheur NWR and Burns BLM. Located largely on Malheur NWR, the project includes portions of Andrews/Steens RA along the project's western boundary and immediately west of Frenchglen, Oregon. The primary purposes of this project are to implement a fuel break around Frenchglen as discussed in the *Harney County Communities Wildfire Protection Plan*; return vegetation communities to historic compositions; and reduce influence of encroaching western juniper in other areas. Mechanical and hand treatments and various forms of prescribed fire will be employed to reduce hazardous fuel loads around Frenchglen. Project planning was completed in 2008. Implementation started at the end of the year and piles were burned in 2011. This fuel break was tested in the 2012 Miller Homestead Fire, and dramatically reduced fire behavior immediately north of Frenchglen. Work on the Malheur Refuge portions is ongoing.

Planned Work for FY13

Planned work for FY13 is detailed in the above mentioned projects.

Per policy all treatments have permanent monitoring plots and plots are measured annually. Annual treatment monitoring will continue through 2013.

Planned work in the Five Creeks Rangeland Restoration Project for 2013 includes burning several hand pile units. Effectiveness monitoring of the previous cut and prescribed burning upland and riparian treatments across a majority of the project area. Inventory and treatment of noxious weeds in the project area will be occurring. This project is entering its final stages and will focus mostly on monitoring and inventory of completed treatments in future years.

In the Otis Mountain/Moffet Table Fuels Management Project, preparation is underway for the upcoming prescribed fire. These preparations include thinning and hand/machine piling around the boundaries to provide fuel breaks.

The 6000 acre Moon Hill prescribed fire is planned for September 2013.

Work continues with juniper cutting and machine/hand piling in the Tombstone area. This will be accomplished with significant funding contributions from the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. The Blitzen Stewardship will begin its first unit on the South Steens Loop Road.

Law Enforcement

Burns District has one, full-time BLM Law Enforcement Ranger, and through a law enforcement agreement with the Harney County Sheriff's Office, the service of one half-time Sheriff's Deputy.

Law enforcement efforts for FY11 included the following:

- Responding to and investigating natural resource crimes throughout the District
- Responding to emergencies, OHV accidents, aviation incidents, injuries, and deaths
- Investigating occupancy trespass cases and fire trespass cases
- Investigating drug/narcotic offenses
- Conducting Fire Cause and Origin Investigations for the Oregon Department of Forestry and United States Forest Service
- Investigating crimes against Federal employees and Federal property
- Coordinating law enforcement actions with other Federal, State and local departments including the Harney County Sheriff's Office, Burns Police Department, Hines Police Department, Oregon State Police, USFS, USFWS, and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Cases and incidents have resulted in written warnings, citations, physical arrests, and the referral of cases to other agencies.

The Burns District Law Enforcement Office entered 51 incidents/cases into the BLM LAWNET system in 2011. Two felonies and six misdemeanors were charged. Total value of resources and or property lost was \$102,000.

Law enforcement efforts for FY12 included the following:

- Responding to and investigating natural resource crimes throughout the District
- Responding to wildfire, evacuations and search and rescue
- Responding to emergencies, OHV accidents, and injuries
- Investigating occupancy trespass cases and fire trespass cases
- Investigating drug/narcotic offenses
- Investigating crimes against Federal employees and Federal property
- Coordinating law enforcement actions with other Federal, State and local departments including the Harney County Sheriff's Office, Burns Police Department, Hines Police Department, Oregon State Police, USFS, USFWS, and the Oregon Army National Guard.

Cases and incidents have resulted in written warnings, citations, physical arrests, the referral of cases to other agencies and administrative remedy

The Burns District Law Enforcement Office entered 54 incidents/cases into the BLM LAWNET system in 2012. Two Arson convictions were handed down by a Federal Jury in Pendleton Oregon. Steve Hammond was convicted of two felony counts of Arson and Dwight Hammond was convicted of one count of Arson. Dwight has served his three-month sentence and Steve is currently serving his sentence in SEATAC Federal Department of Corrections.



Convicted – Dwight Hammond



Convicted – Steve Hammond

Planned Work for FY13

Through an agreement, Burns District Law Enforcement will continue to use the Harney County Sheriff's Office for specific BLM patrols. Also, specific enforcement activities will be targeted in the CMPA, Alvord Desert WSA, and Pueblo WSA. The focus is enforcement of OHV regulations. Marijuana cultivation reconnaissance will continue throughout the District.

Wild Horse And Burro Program

Burns District is responsible for the Oregon and Washington (OR/WA) wild horse adoption and population management program. The District solely administers 6 Herd Management Areas (HMA's) and provides support for the management of 11 other HMA's in the Lakeview, Vale, and Prineville Districts. In addition, the Big Summit Wild Horse Territory (Territory) near Prineville is jointly managed by the Burns District BLM and the Ochoco National Forest, and the Murderers Creek Wild Horse Territory near Dayville is jointly managed by the Prineville District BLM and the Malheur National Forest.

Each HMA is generally gathered every 3-5 years depending on range conditions and population numbers determined by range studies and periodical inventory flights. During FY11, a total of 1,445 horses were gathered and 896 horses were removed from the Warm Springs, Riddle Mountain, Kiger, Jackies Butte, Three Fingers, Alvord/Tule Springs, Sheepshead/Heath Creek, and Sand Springs HMA's on BLM-managed land in Oregon. Another 60 horses were gathered from the Murderers Creek Wild Horse Territory, and 6 horses were gathered from the Big Summit HMA on U.S.F.S lands in Oregon. During our 2011 gathers, BLM Public Affairs and Law Enforcement employees spent countless hours providing for public viewing opportunities of the gather operations, and at the Corral Facility.

During FY12, drought caused a critical water shortage on Paisley HMA and necessitated the emergency removal of 206 wild horses from the HMA. The Long Draw Fire burned approximately 85 percent of habitat on Jackies Butte HMA, necessitating the emergency removal of 77 horses from the HMA. In addition to these emergency removals, 125 wild horses were removed from Murderers Creek Wild Horse Territory, and the Hart Mountain National Wildlife Refuge, removed 24 horses which had strayed off of Beauty's Butte HMA. Two additional horses were gathered off of private lands adjacent to Warm Springs and Pokegama HMA's. A total of 434 horses were gathered and removed from HMA's across Oregon during FY12.

All removed horses were transferred to Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines to be prepared for public adoption. Wild horses removed from Jackies Butte HMA will remain at this facility until post-fire habitat recovery occurs within the HMA. At that time, Jackies Butte HMA will be returned to low AML. In FY11, 188 horses were placed in private care from OR/WA adoption events. Adoption events in Oregon were held in Burns, Grants Pass, Powell Butte, Yamhill, and Salem. Another 353 horses prepared at the Wild Horse Corral Facility were transferred to adoption events within other states and/or to long-term holding facilities.

In FY12, 310 horses were placed in private care from OR/WA adoption events in Grants Pass, Moses Lake, Port Angeles, the Oregon State Fair, and at Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility in Hines. In early, 2012, the Corral Facility hosted a highly competitive adoption event for wild horses from Kiger and Riddle Mountain HMA's. During this event, 88 wild horses were adopted through the competitive bid process which netted \$76,550 in adoption fees, with a high bid of \$8,750 for a 2-year old dun stallion from Riddle Mountain HMA.

The Burns District also continued its partnership with the Mustang Heritage Foundation through the Trainer Incentive Program (TIP) and Youth and Yearling (YAY) Challenge events (www.mustangheritage-foundation.org). Approximately 53 horses were placed through TIP, and another 20 through YAY events in Oregon and Washington during 2011. In FY12, another 33 horses were placed through TIP, and 40 horses placed through YAY in Oregon and Washington. In addition to these programs, the Extreme Mustang Makeover competition returned to Oregon in 2012, where 33 horses were placed into private care. We continue to make every effort to photograph all mustangs available for adoption at the Corral Facility and place pictures online for viewing across the nation (www.blm.gov/adoptahorse/onsitegallery). This effort started in FY09 and has consistently generated interest for Oregon mustangs from adopters as far away as Maine and Florida! In FY12, Oregon participated in 5, national internet adoptions which placed an additional 12 horses into private care.

Over the last year, twelve "double gates" were installed on pasture division fences within the South Steens, Warm Springs, and Stinkingwater HMA's. These gates were designed and located to allow easier passage of wild horses through interior HMA fences to promote enhanced seasonal migration patterns. Within Stinkingwater HMA, one spring was developed to protect the spring source and pipe water off-site to a new trough. As a result of drought conditions in 2012, BLM and contractors hauled tens of thousands of gallons of water to temporary locations within Paisley, Sheephead/Heath Creek, and Warm Springs HMA's, to supplement horse habitat until conditions improved.

Planned Work for FY13

For FY13, approximately 50 wild horses which have strayed outside of HMA's are planned to be gathered and removed. Inventory flights are planned for Stinkingwater Warm Springs and Coyote Lake-Alvord-Tule Springs HMA's during 2013. Burns District will complete an EA to analyze various alternatives to achieving and maintaining appropriate management levels on South Steens HMA, with a gather anticipated sometime in FY2014.

Oregon's Wild Horse Corral Facility will be hosting the inaugural Mustang Million Adoption (sponsored by MHF) in April, 2013 where approximately 160 wild horses will be available for competitive adoption, and future competition at the Mustang Million Competition in Fort Worth, TX. Additional adoption events are set for Cle Elum (Washington), Washington State Horse Expo, Northwest Horse Expo, and the Oregon Teens and Mustangs event in McMinnville, OR. The Extreme Mustang Makeover is also scheduled to return to Albany, OR in early October, 2013.

The Burns District also plans to continue work on the WHB Program display/kiosk at Central Oregon's High Desert Museum and further develop a Wild Horse Adopters Assistance Web site in conjunction with our partners.

Information about the WHB Program is available through the internet at the following sites:

Burns (Oregon) District Wild Horse Program:
www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/wildhorse/index.php

Oregon/Washington Wild Horse and Burro Program:
www.blm.gov/or/resources/whb/index.php

National Wild Horse and Burro Program:
www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/wild_horse_and_burro.1.html

Adoption applications and information may also be obtained by calling the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400.

Volunteers And Outreach

The Burns District enjoyed a boost in contributed services in FY11 with 187 volunteers and hosted workers. Over 14,700 hours of service were donated by individuals, groups and partners across the northwest. The estimated value of such work is a whopping \$315,000!

As with most years, the majority of the volunteer and hosted worker hours were contributed in the recreation program through campground hosting. Other outstanding jobs, highlighted as National Public Lands Day projects, included:

Wildlands Juniper Management Area Trail Construction, OYCC and Northwest Youth Corps: The first phase of trail construction within the Wildlands Juniper Management Area on Steens Mountain was completed in the fall of 2011 with members from 2 youth crews: 6 from Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) and 12 from the Northwest Youth Corps (NYC). The trail was designed and marked by BLM employees. The youth crews performed most of the labor and, in the process, learned trail construction skills and about juniper expansion issues. The NYC crew received a presentation during a lunch break on the BLM mission and the types of jobs and career opportunities that the BLM offers.

The trail building consisted of using hand tools to grub out the brush and create a two-foot wide hiking trail. Drainage features were installed as needed to keep water off of the trail and prevent trail erosion. Approximately one mile of trail was completed with this initial effort. The complete trail system of 2.07 miles will allow visitors a close view of juniper treatments and their success in restoring native vegetation. In total, the 18 youth contributed 720 hours to this project.



Public Lands Clean-up, Harney County High Desert Wheelers: Ten volunteers from the Harney County High Desert Wheelers spent a full day on October 22 cleaning public lands in and around the Radar Hill Off-Highway Vehicle Area north of Burns. Several trailer loads of garbage and debris, including a large freezer, bathtub, chair, two couches, tables, and large tractor tire were removed. This is the third year in a row the High Desert Wheelers have assisted with a National Public Lands Day clean-up in the Radar Hill area. The High Desert Wheelers also spent a day placing protective metal roofing on the Cold Springs Cabin on Steens Mountain. The metal will help protect the structure until the original shake-roofing can be replaced.

The Wild Horse and Burro Program, Wilderness/Wilderness Study Area, and Cultural programs also enjoyed generous volunteer support in FY11. In addition, and for the first time in many years, the Riparian/Watershed and Minerals programs utilized volunteers and reaped 330 hours of service.

2011			
Number of Individuals	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED or DONATED WORKERS	TOTAL
	181	6	187
Number of Hours	VOLUNTEER HOURS	HOSTED or DONATED WORKER HOURS	TOTAL
Recreation	5876.5	130	6,006.5
Biological Resources	325.5		325.5
Wild Horse & Burro	3612		3,612
Cadastral Survey			
Wilderness/WSA	1060		1,060
Riparian/Watershed	90		90
Cultural/Historical	3391		3,391
Minerals	240		240
Support Services			
Environmental Ed./Interpretation			
Other			
Total	14,595	130	14,725
Funds Expended			
Value of Work <i>(based on 2010 value of \$21.36/hour as calculated by Independent Set or)</i>	\$311,749.20	\$2,776.80	\$314,526.00
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS <i>(age 25 and under)</i>			
	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED WORKERS	TOTAL
Number of youth volunteers	8	6	14
	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED WORKERS	TOTAL
Hours contributed by youth volunteers	314	130	444

The Burns District enjoyed 133 volunteers and hosted workers in FY12. Individuals, groups and partners across the northwest donated over 16,000 hours of service at an estimated value of \$350,000! As with most years, the majority of the volunteer and hosted worker hours were contributed in the recreation program through campground hosting. Other outstanding jobs include: Hosted worker Pat Moss contributed 1,800 hours toward biological resources as the Strategic Weed Attack Team (SWAT) crew leader. The SWAT is a joint-venture between the Harney County, the Bureau of Land Management and other State and Federal agencies in the area. As the crew leader, Moss trains new crew members, reviews crew work (field and office), keeps spraying equipment up to date and functional, ensures all SWAT vehicles are running well and are properly cared for, maintains an inventory of spare parts, keeps the SWAT well supplied with replacement pumps, nozzles, and incidental (and critical) parts, and collates all field data. Moss is also very adept at running the BLM's complicated Global Positioning Systems and effectively educates new staff members on the software. Moss is an instrumental member of the SWAT and the Burns District's Noxious Weeds program and his expertise and integrity are highly valuable to the BLM.

Completing its tenth survey this season, the Clovis Quest archaeology project utilized 37 volunteers and over 3,000 hours in 2012 to bring the BLM a great deal of historical information, update records on

existing sites, and discover new cultural sites. Over the years, Clovis Quest has helped to make the importance of archaeological recording and the protection of the resources more visible to the public by bringing volunteers to their public lands – through Clovis Question, many people have enjoyed the chance to get out in the desert and do something they may have only dreamed about. In 2012, the Clovis Quest volunteer crew surveyed over 1,150 acres, discovered five new sites, and did a revisit/monitor at nine sites. Of the nine sites revisited, three were enlarged by over 100 acres each. The group was also successful when it came to finding the elusive Clovis: four Clovis bases and one whole Clovis were uncovered in 2012! The Wild Horse and Burro Program also enjoyed generous volunteer support in FY12. In FY13, volunteers and hosted workers will continue serving in similar capacities.

2012			
Number of Individuals	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED or DONATED WORKERS	TOTAL
	127	6	133
Number of Hours	VOLUNTEER HOURS	HOSTED or DONATED WORKER HOURS	TOTAL
Recreation	5,074	1,920	6,994
Biological Resources	40	1,800	1,840
Wild Horse & Burro	3,952		3,952
Cadastral Survey			
Wilderness/WSA			
Riparian/Watershed	20		20
Cultural/Historical	3,400		3,400
Minerals	30		30
Support Services			
Environmental Ed./Interpretation			
Other			
Total	12,516	3,720	16,236
Funds Expended	\$5,871.50		\$5,871.50
Value of Work <i>(based on 2010 value of \$21.36/hour as calculated by Independent Set or)</i>	\$272,348.16	\$79,459.20	\$351,807.36
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS <i>(age 25 and under)</i>			
	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED WORKERS	TOTAL
Number of youth volunteers	2	5	7
	VOLUNTEERS	HOSTED WORKERS	TOTAL
Hours contributed by youth volunteers	48	1,600	1,648

NEPA Register

The following is a list of EAs, Determinations of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) and CXs completed or initiated in FY11, completed or initiated in FY12, and planned NEPA work for FY13. A notice is published in *Burns Times Herald* when EAs are available for review by the public and the ending date of the comment period. The EAs are also posted on the Burns Plans and Project Web site (<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/plans/index.php>).

If you would like to be involved in the planning process for any particular project or would simply like to receive a copy of a NEPA document for review, note the NEPA register number and contact the District or the project's primary contact listed below. This should be done as early as possible to allow for full consideration of your input.

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0001-CX Primary Contact: Autumn Toelle	Cottonwood Creek Enclosure Fence Removal	Remove approximately .17 mile of existing fence	Cottonwood Creek Allotment		CX Initiated: 10/5/2010 CX Completed: 10/19/2010
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0002-EA	CANCELLED				
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0003-CX Primary Contact: Holly Orr	Tom Davies Livestock Ditch and Canal ROW	Provide a 500' ditch extension of an existing ditch and canal to transport water in order to put a water right to beneficial use	Penland Road outside the CMPA		CX Initiated: 10/21/2010 CX Signed: 11/30/2010
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0004-CX Primary Contact: Tara McClain	Wagontire Wind Test Site	Amend the existing ROW for installation of met towers	Wagontire		CX Initiated: 10/25/2010 CX Signed: 11/23/2010
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0005-DNA Primary Contact: Tara McClain	AT&T/New Singular Wireless - Jack Mountain Cellular Site Lease (OR66481)	Issue a communication site lease	Jack Mountain		DNA Initiated: 10/29/2010 DNA Signed: 12/13/2010
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0006-EA Primary Contact: Bill Andersen	Kiger/Riddle Mountain HMA Horse Gather	Gather wild horses	Kiger/Riddle Mountain Herd Management Area		EA Initiated: 10/29/2010 FONSI Signed: 5/3/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0007-CX Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	Fields Seeding Brush- beating and Seeding	Brush-beat and seed the Fields Seeding Pasture	Fields Allotment		CX Initiated: 11/22/2010 CX Signed: 01/6/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0008-EA Primary Contact: Bill Dragt	Lamb Ranch Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plan	Stabilize and rehabilitate BLM lands due to the Lamb Fire	Stinkingwater Mountains		EA Initiated: 11/30/2010 FONSI Signed: 09/21/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0009-DNA Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	Burnt Springs Pipeline Extension	To extend an existing pipeline to a new trough on the other side of the road.	Fields Allotment		DNA Initiated: 12/1/2010 DNA Signed: 1/19/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0010-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Reciprocal ROW and easement	Grant a ROW for an existing road and requirement an easement on an existing road	Lone Pine		CX Initiated: 12/6/2010 CX Signed: 7/26/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0011-CX Primary Contact: Aaron Eklund	Wild horse Rim Communications Site Renovations	Replace building and tower.	Steens Summit, State Lands	CMPA	CX Initiated: 12/7/2010 CX Signed: 2/1/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0012-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Road use agreement	Temporary road use agreement for hauling chipped logs.	County Line Road (Newell Creek/Mountain Creek)		CX Initiated: 12/21/2010 CX Signed: 12/28/2010
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0013-EA Primary Contact: Rick Wells	Cote Grade Quarry - Double OO Gravel Pit	Provide 250,000 cubic yards of mineral materials to Harney County	Double OO Road		EA Initiated: 12/21/2010 FONSI Signed: On-going

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DOI-BLM-OR-B020-2011-0014-CX Primary Contact: Aaron Eklund	Vault Toilet Replacements	Replace 22 existing vault toilets throughout the District	Burns District		CX Initiated: 1/3/2011 CX Signed: 2/14/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0015-CX Primary Contact: Tara McClain	Road Use Agreement	To issue a road use agreement for hauling chipped logs on existing roads and skid trail.	Mountain Creek/County Line Road		CX Initiated: 1/6/2011 CX Signed: 1/18/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0016-CX Primary Contact: David Ward	Wynn Spring and Crow Spring Maintenance	Maintenance of a spring developments.	Grassy Basin and Sand Hills Allotments		CX Initiated: 1/31/2011 CX Signed: 3/30/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0017-EA Primary Contact: Autumn Toelle	Cluster Allotment AMP	Develop a new AMP	Cluster Allotment		EA Initiated: 2/1/2011 FONSI Signed: 8/24/11
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0018-DNA Primary Contact: Eric Haakenson	Basque Hills WSA Rehabilitation	Rehabilitate a trespass road.	Basque Hills WSA		DNA Initiated: 2/7/2010 DNA Signed: 3/7/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0019-CX Primary Contact: Dave Ward	Trout Creek Mountain Seed Maintenance	Brush beat 3 seedings within Trout Creek Mountain Allotment. No seeding would occur.	Trout Creek Mountain Allotment		CX Initiated: 2/8/2011 CX Signed: 12/9/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0020-DNA	CANCELLED				
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0021-CX Primary Contact: Jason Brewer	East Cow Creek Road Maintenance	Maintain East Cow Creek Road	East Cow Creek Allotment		CX Initiated: 3/14/2011 CX Signed: 5/31/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0022-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Road ROW	Issue a road ROW	T.26S., R.33E., Sections 30 and 31		CX Initiated: 3/29/2011 CX Signed: 4/18/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0022-CX	CANCELLED				
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0023-CX Primary Contact: Scott Thomas	Steens Wilderness Archaeological Testing	Digging test holes	Steens Mountain		CX Initiated: 4/8/2011 CX Signed: 8/18/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0024-CX Primary Contact: Chris Bates	ODFW Fish Structure Installation in Warm Springs	To install fish structures	Warm Springs Reservoir.		CX Initiated: 4/8/2011 CX Signed: 4/25/2011

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DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0025-CX Primary Contact: Autumn Toelle	Mistake Lake Emergency Repair/Maintenance	Repair reservoir drainage ditch	T:30S., R.:32E., Section 14, NE ¼		CX Initiated: 4/8/2011 CX Signed: 4/12/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0026-CX Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Double O Allotment Tumbleweed Burning	Burn tumbleweed along and within the fence	Double O Allotment		CX Initiated: 4/14/2011 CX Signed: 4/25/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0027-CX	CANCELLED				
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0028-EA Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	Ankle Creek Livestock Trailing	To trail livestock through the No Livestock Grazing Area	Steens Mountain Wilderness		EA Initiated: 5/4/2011 FONSI: Cancelled
DOI-BLM-OR-B020-2011-0029-CX Primary Contact: Jana Mort	Continued Reservoir Maintenance	Maintain 5 reservoirs within Burns District			CX Initiated: 5/4/2011 CX Signed: 8/8/11
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0030-CX Primary Contact: Rick Wells	Cote Grade Quarry	Exploratory Drilling	Double OO Road		CX Initiated: 5/5/2011 CX Signed: 5/17/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0031-CX Primary Contact: Autumn Toelle	Chimney Road Maintenance	Maintain roads within Chimney Allotment	Chimney Allotment		CX Initiated: 5/12/2011 CX Signed: 6/1/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0032-EA Primary Contact: John Bethea	Radar Hill OHV Staging Area Improvements	Install a vault toilet and a loading/unloading ramp	Radar Hill OHV Area		EA Initiated: 5/16/2011 FONSI Signed: 9/22/11
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0033-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Happy Valley Road Maintenance - CMPA	Road Maintenance	Happy Valley Allotment	CMPA	CX Initiated: 5/12/2011 CX Signed: 6/13/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0034-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Three Rivers Southeast Road Maintenance	Road Maintenance	Happy Valley Allotment		CX Initiated: 5/12/2011 CX Signed: 6/25/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0035-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Step Spring Maintenance	Maintain Step Spring	Buck Mountain Allotment		CX Initiated: 5/12/2011 CX Signed: 6/13/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0036-CX Primary Contact: Mike Kelly	19 th Century Wildfire Research in the Northern Steens Area				CX Initiated: CX Signed: 5/31/2011

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DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0037-CX Primary Contact: Holly Orr	Water Pipeline Renewal on Krumbo Creek	Renew ROW for water pipeline			CX Initiated: 5/24/2011 CX Signed: 6/30/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0038-CX Primary Contact: Holly Orr	ROW amendment for access route	Amend off-road access to met tower			CX Initiated: 5/24/2011 CX Signed: 7/7/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0039-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Power line ROW to a stock well	Request for a ROW	Chickahominy Reservoir		CX Initiated: 5/24/2011 CX Signed: 7/11/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0040-DNA Primary Contact: Rhonda Karges	North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project	Treatment of western juniper	North Steens Area	CMPA & WSAs	DNA Initiated: 5/24/2011 DNA Signed: 6/17/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0041-EA Primary Contact: Lesley Richman	Burns District Vegetation Management EA	Implement different methods of treatments to control unwanted vegetation	Burns District		EA Initiated: 5/31/2011 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0042-CX Primary Contact: Dave Ward	Pueblo Mountain Road Maintenance	Maintain existing roads	Pueblo Mountains		CX Initiated: 6/7/2011 CX Signed: 10/21/11
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0043-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Hamilton Pasture Seeding Maintenance	Maintain the Hamilton Pasture Seeding			CX Initiated: 6/29/2011 CX Signed: 8/4/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0044-CX Primary Contact: Bill Dragt	Authorize retesting of existing sample core holes in Hidden Valley and North Kelly Field	Extract sample cores in existing holes.	Celatom Mine Project Area.		CX Initiated: 7/13/2011 CX Signed: 8/1/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0045-CX Primary Contact: Bill Pieratt	Hammond Trough Replacement	Replace a with a 12' trough	Hammond Allotment		CX Initiated: 7/25/2011 CX Signed: 8/31/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0046-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Brandis acquisition	Acquire private lands within Steens Mountain Wilderness	Steens Mountain Wilderness		CX Initiated: 7/26/2011 CX Signed: 1/5/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0047-CX Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Lucas Cabin Road Maintenance	Maintain the Lucas Cabin Road	Stinkingwater Mountains		CX Initiated: 8/1/2011 CX Signed: 10/13/11

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0048-CX Primary Contact: Bill Dragt	Emergency Stabilization of Kelly Field	Stabilize the slope on the Kelly Field headwall	Celatom Mine Project Area		CX Initiated: 8/12/2011 CX Signed: 9/16/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0049-CX Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	Alvord Re-Seeding	Reseed and brush beating the Alvord Seeding	Andrews/East Steens		CX Initiated: 8/29/2011 CX Signed: 10/3/11
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0050-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Fields Switching Station ROW	Renew ROW for switching station	Andrews/North of Fields		CX Initiated: 8/29/2011 CX Signed: 10/20/11
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0051-CX	CANCELLED				
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0052-CX	CANCELLED				
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2011-0053-CX Primary Contact: Chas Biederman	No Livestock Grazing Area Protection Fencing	Move two fence locations from a riparian area to above the rim to better protect the No Livestock Grazing Area.	No Livestock Grazing Area		CX Initiated: 9/16/2011 CX Signed: 10/11/11

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0001-DNA Primary Contact: Jason Brewer	Harney County Soil and Water Conservation District Juniper Removal	Juniper cutting/machine piling/ pile burning	T21S, R32.5E, Sec 36		DNA Initiated: 10/11/11 DNA Signed: 10/14/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0002-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Hickman right-of-way	Grant a new ROW on an existing road.	T19S., R31E., Sec. 25, SE1/4 (off Highway 395)		CX Initiated: 10/19/11 CX Signed: 11/4/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0003-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Dalton right-of-way	Grant a new ROW on an existing road. Installation of a culvert.	T20S, R32E., Sec. 7, SE1/4NE1/4 (Purdy Lane)		CX Initiated: 10/19/11 CX Signed: 11/30/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0004-CX Primary Contact: Lindsay Davies	South Narrows Well Trough Replacement	Replace the trough at South Narrows Well	South Narrows		CX Initiated: 10/19/11 CX Signed: 11/23/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0004-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Amend Wind Energy Site Testing and Monitoring Right-of-Way	Amending Oregon Power Solution's right-of-way to include additional acres.	Little Glass Buttes/Round Top Buttes		CX Initiated: 1/26/2012 CX Signed 2/29/2012

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DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0005-CX Primary Contact: Cam Swisher	Meadow Flat Emergency Stabilization	Rehabilitate 256 acres with perennial native/nonnative species due to wildfire.	T32S., R30E, Sec. 34		CX Initiated: 10/19/11 CX Signed: 10/26/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0006-CX Primary Contact: Lindsay Davies	Wheeler Basin Well Trough Replacement	Replace two troughs at Wheeler Basin	Wheeler Basin Allotment		CX Initiated: 10/21/11 CX Signed: 11/23/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0007-EA Primary Contact: Rob Sharp/Travis Miller	DSL and Smyth Creek Fires ESR Plans	Fire rehabilitation - drill seed, use herbicides, and exclude livestock grazing for two growing seasons.			EA Initiated: 10/24/11 FONSI Signed: 5/25/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0008-CX Primary Contact: Cam Swisher	Buckskin Emergency Stabilization Recovery Plan	Fire rehabilitation - aerial seeding	Buckskin Mountain area		CX Initiated: 11/15/11 CX Signed: 11/3/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2012-0009-CX Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	Alvord Hot Spring Fence	The permittee to build approximately 0.3 mile of new fence within county ROW	Serrano Point Allotment		CX Initiated: 11/18/11 CX Signed: 11/28/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2012-0010-CX Primary Contact: Chas Biederman/Dory Osgood	Desert Meadows Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plan	Seed following a wildfire.	Steens Mountain Wilderness		CX Initiated: 11/21/11 CX Signed: 2/14/12
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0011-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Smyth Creek Fire Emergency Stabilization Seeding	Drill seed approximately 500 acres following the Smyth Creek Fire	Happy Valley/Smyth-Kiger Area		CX Initiated: 11/16/11 CX Signed: 11/21/0211
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0012-CX Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	Rincon Flat Road Maintenance	Maintain roads	Fields Basin and Pueblo Lone Mountain Allotments		CX Initiated: 12/2/2011 CX Signed: 4/24/12
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0013-EA Primary Contact: Mike Kelly	North American Eagle - Alvord Lake Speed Trials	Issue an SRP to permit the speed trial	Alvord Lake area		EA Initiated: 12/16/2011 FONSI Signed: 8/28/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0014-CX Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	Williams Creek Road Maintenance	Road maintenance	W.M., T 38 S., R. 34 E.		CX Initiated: 12/16/2011 CX Signed: 2/7/1012

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0015-CX Primary Contact: Rob Sharp	Wild Horse Corral Brush- beat and Seed	Brushbeat and seed areas within the wild horse corrals administrative site	Wild Horse Corrals		CX Initiated: 1/3/2012 CX Signed: 1/19/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2012-0016-CX Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	DSL Fire Rehabilitation	Aerial seed approximately 260 acres following the DSL Fire			CX Initiated: 1/9/2012 CX Signed: 1/19/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0017-EA	CANCELLED				
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0018-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Research Project: Identify- ing ecological limitations to grass seeding establish- ment	Identifying ecological limita- tions to grass seedling estab- lishment within fenced plots	District-wide		CX Initiated: 1/12/12 CX Signed: 2/14/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0019-EA Primary Contact: Lindsay Davies	Alder Creek Restoration EA	Address the restoration of Alder Creek, its associated wet meadow, and uplands of the watershed feeding Alder Creek.	T.24S., R.34E., Sections 24 and 25; T.24S., R.35E., Sec- tions 17-20 and 29-32		EA Initiated: 1/19/2012 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0020-CX	CANCELLED				
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0021-CX *DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0019-CX Primary Contact: Dave Ward	Flagstaff Seeding *Trout Creek Seeding Main- tenance	Reseed an existing seeding following brush-beating.	Trout Creek Mountain Allot- ment		CX Initiated: 1/23/1012 CX Signed: *CANCELLED DONE IN 2011 *CX Initiated: 2/8/2011 *CX Signed: 12/9/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0022-DNA Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	By-God Bill Well	Upgrade the solar systems for By-God Bill Well	Mann Lake Allotment		DNA Initiated: 1/25/2012 DNA Signed: 6/7/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0023-DNA Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Transfer of AUMs to new permit	Transfer 552 AUMs from the existing Happy Valley Allot- ment permit to a new permittee	Happy Valley Allotment		DNA Initiated: 2/1/2012 DNA Signed: 2/13/2011
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0024-DNA Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Proposed Route Change	Change the North Steens transmission line ROW on pri- vate land to go west of Windy Point	Three Rivers		DNA Initiated: 2/6/2012 DNA Signed: CANCELLED

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0025-EA Primary Contact: Ronda Purdy	Coal Pit Springs Permit Transfer, Season of Use, Percentage of Public Land	To issue a new 10-year grazing permit with a change to season of use and percentage of public land	Cold Springs Allotment		EA Initiated: 2/10/2012 FONSI Signed: 11/20/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0026-CX Primary Contact: Rick Wells	Glass Buttes Pile Removal	Removal of tailings and overburden by ODOT at an old mine. Materials would be used as road base.	Glass Buttes		CX Initiated: 2/14/2012 CX Signed: 3/19/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0027-CX Primary Contact: John Bethea	ACTHA Trail Ride	Issue an SRP for a competitive trail ride.	Wild Horse Corrals		CX Initiated: 2/15/2012 CX Signed: 4/25/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2012-0028-DNA Primary Contact: Joe Toelle	Riddle Brother Ranch Road Maintenance	Maintain the Riddle Brothers Ranch Road as a Level III Road.	Riddle Brothers Ranch National Historic District		DNA Initiated: 3/2/2012 DNA Signed: 6/15/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0029-DNA Primary Contact: Lesley Richman	Review of Alternative 2b. of Bartlet Mountain ESR EA	Use chemicals (Plateau for meduhead) analyzed in Bartlet Mountain Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation EA			DNA Initiated: 3/5/2012 DNA Signed: 7/2/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2012-0030-CX Primary Contact: Dory Osgood	Indian Creek Road Maintenance	Maintain Indian Creek Road	CMPA		CX Initiated: 3/6/2012 CX Signed: Cancelled
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0031-CX Primary Contact: Rachael Beaubien	Hat Butte Cattleguard installation.	Cattle guard installation (4)			CX Initiated: 3/28/2012 CX Signed: 5/1/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2012-0032-EA Primary Contact: Lee McConnell	Mud Creek, Hardy Summer and Hammond Allotment Management Plans	Update AMPs and consider new 10-year permits.	Mud Creek, Hardy Summer and Hammond Allotments		EA Initiated: 4/12/2012 FONSI Signed: Cancelled
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0033-CX Primary Contact: John Bethea	HP new sensor product testing	Testing of seismic sensing equipment	Three Rivers Resource Area, Double O Road		CX Initiated: 5/10/2012 CX Signed: 5/10/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0034-CX Primary Contact: Rick Wells	Diamond Craters Coring Investigation	Take 3" diameter cores up to 15' deep from basalt	Twin Craters		CX Initiated: 5/24/2012 CX Signed: 6/8/2012

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0035-CX Primary Contact: Connie Pettyjohn	East/West Warm Springs Area Road Maintenance	Maintain safe road conditions	East and West Warm Springs, Capehart Lake, Silver Lake, and Cluster Allotments		CX Initiated: 6/7/2012 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0036-CX Primary Contact: Jason Brewer	Spring Creek allotment snag removal for fence maintenance	Cut standing dead/dying trees along north and northwest boundary of Bull Pasture	Spring Creek Allotment		CX Initiated: 6/7/2012 CX Signed: 7/26/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2012-0037-CX Primary Contact: Autumn Toelle	Ruby Springs Cattleguard Cleaning	Cleanout existing cattleguards within Ruby Springs Allotment	Ruby Springs Allotment		CX Initiated: 6/12/2012 CX Signed: 6/13/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0038-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Right-of-Way Amendment OR-66824	Assign and amend a Right-of-Way	T 19 S., R. 31 E., Section 25, SE¼.		CX Initiated: 6/26/2012 CX Signed: 7/11/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0039-CX Primary Contact: Ricky Knox	Bartlett Mountain Spring and Road Maintenance	Reconstruct Bartlett Mountain Spring and maintain/improve road access to the spring	Upton Mountain Allotment		CX Initiated: 7/13/2012 CX Signed: 8/3/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0040-CX Primary Contact: Ricky Knox	Upton Mountain Allotment Reservoirs Clean Out/Maintenance	Clean out/repair existing reservoirs	Upton Mountain Allotment		CX Initiated: 7/13/2012 CX Signed: 8/3/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0041-CX Primary Contact: Connie Pettyjohn	Sagehen/Palomino Butte/Double O Area Road Maintenance	Perform road maintenance	Sagehen/Palomino Butte Area		CX Initiated: 7/13/2012 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0042-DNA Primary Contact: Pam Hart	AT&T Assign/Amend	Assign/Amend a communication site lease	Jack Mountain Communication Site		DNA Initiated: 7/24/2012 DNA Signed: 8/23/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0043-CX Primary Contact: Levi Bennington	China Lake Brushbeating and Reseeding	Brush beat and reseed about 500 acres of the China Lake Seeding	T25S, R25E, Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23		CX Initiated: 7/24/2012 CX Signed: 8/28/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0044-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Harney Electric Powerline ROW	Bury the existing powerline to the communication site	Jack Mountain		CX Initiated: 7/27/2012 CX Signed: 9/7/2012

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0045-EA (May Change to CX) Primary Contact: Pam Hart	Idaho Power (ORE012080)	Renew and amend a transmission line Right-of-way	T20-22S, R33-35E		EA Initiated: 8/16/2012 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2012-0046-CX Primary Contact: Joe Toelle	Riddle Brothers Ranch Wastewater Disposal	Provide a wastewater disposal system at Riddle Brothers Ranch	Riddle Brothers Ranch Historic District		CX Initiated: 8/20/2012 CX Signed: 8/27/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0047-EA Primary Contact: Autumn Toelle	Miller Homestead Fire Stabilization and Rehabilitation	Stabilize and rehabilitate effects from Miller Homestead Fire	Andrews Resource Area		EA Initiated: 8/20/2012 FONSI Signed: 10/15/12
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0048-DNA Primary Contact: Dory Osgood	Silver Striders Guide Service SRP	Issue an SRP to guide day tours in the Steens and Diamond Craters areas	CMPA and Diamond Craters		DNA Initiated: 8/28/2012 DNA Signed: 12/18/12
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0049-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Reciprocal Right-of-Way and Easement for Access Roads	Reciprocal Right-of-Way and Easement for Access Roads (OR-67391-FD ROW and OR-67391-PT Easement)			CX Initiated: 9/4/2012 CX Signed: 1/22/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0050-EA Primary Contact: Andrew Daniels	Adrian Well	Drill a well in an existing crested wheatgrass seeding to utilize existing storage tank and pipeline	Tule Springs Allotment		EA Initiated: 9/18/2012 FONSI Signed: On-going

Grazing Transfer - If only the name changes, no need to complete CX form for permit transfer. If only the base property changes (same owner), no need to complete CX form.

2013 EA REGISTER NUMBER/ PRIMARY CONTACT	PROJECT NAME	PROPOSED ACTION	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION	AFFECTED SPECIAL AREA	INITIATION DATE/COMPLETION DATE Status: On-going; On-hold; Cancelled
2006					
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2006-0029-EA (EA OR-06-025-029) Primary Contact: Rachael Beaubien	Pine Creek Allotment Management Plan	Develop allotment management plan and re-new 10-year grazing permit	Pine Creek Allotment	Biscuitroot ACEC	EA Initiated: 01/12/2006 FONSI Signed: 07/09/13
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2006-0030-EA (EA OR-06-026-030) Primary Contact: Autumn Toelle	Basque Hills Allotment Management Plan	Develop allotment management plan and re-new 10-year grazing permit	Basque Hills Allotment	Basque Hills WSA	EA Initiated: 01/13/2006 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2006-00060-EA (EA OR-06-027-060) Primary Contact: Autumn Toelle	South Steens Allotment Management Plan	Develop allotment management plan and re-new 10-year grazing permit	CMPA, South Steens Allotment	Several WSAs	EA Initiated: 03/09/2006 FONSI Signed: On-going
2007					
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2007-0058-EA (EA OR-07-027-058) Primary Contact: Jana Wilcox	Page Spring Fish Passage Project	Modify/reconstruct Page Springs Weir	Donner und Blitzen River at Page Springs	Wilderness, WSR, CMPA	EA Initiated: 05/15/2007 FONSI Signed: On-going
2009					
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2009-0058-EA Primary Contact: Eric Haakenson	Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan	Develop a comprehensive recreation management plan	CMPA	CMPA	EA Initiated: 03/09/2009 FONSI Signed: On-going
2011					
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2011-0013-EA Primary Contact: Rick Wells	Cote Grade Quarry	Provide 250,000 cubic yards of mineral materials to Harney County and authorize road ROW	Double OO Road	None	EA Initiated: 12/21/2010 FONSI Signed: 04/12/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2011-0041-EA Primary Contact: Lesley Richman	Vegetation Management – Burns District	Implement different methods of treatments to control unwanted vegetation	Burns District	Wilderness, WSA, CMPA	EA Initiated: 05/31/2011 FONSI Signed: On-going
2012					
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0019-EA Primary Contact: Lindsay Davies	Alder Creek Restoration	Restore Alder Creek, associated wet meadow and uplands of the watershed	W.M., T 24 S., R. 34 E., sections 24 and 25; W.M., T 24 S., R. 35 E., sections 17-20 and 29-32.	None	EA Initiated: 01/19/2012 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0025-EA Primary Contact: Ronda Purdy	Grazing Permit Transfer, Season of Use, Percentage of Public Land – Cold Springs	Issue a new 10-year grazing permit with a change to season of use and percentage of public land	Cold Springs Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/10/2012 FONSI Signed: 11/20/2012

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0035-CX Primary Contact: Connie Pettyjohn	Road Maintenance - East and West Warm Springs, Capehart Lake, Silver Lake, and Cluster Allotments	Perform road work on existing BLM roads	East and West Warm Springs, Capehart Lake, Silver Lake, and Cluster Allotments	None	CX Initiated: 06/7/2012 CX Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0041-CX Primary Contact: Connie Pettyjohn	Road Maintenance - Sagehen/Palomino Butte Area/ Double OO	Perform road work on existing BLM roads	Sagehen/Palomino Butte Area/ Double OO	None	CX Initiated: 07/13/2012 CX Signed: CANCELLED
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2012-0045-CX Primary Contact: Pam Hart	Idaho Power Right-of-Way (ROW), ORE-012080; ORE-012391; and OR-67536	Consolidate and Renew two existing transmission line ROWs	W.M., T 20-22 S., R. 33-35 E.	None	CX Initiated: 08/16/2012 CX Signed: 06/11/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2012-0050-EA Primary Contact: Andrew Daniels	Adrian Well	Drill a new water well in an existing crested wheatgrass seeding to utilize existing storage tank and existing pipeline	Tule Springs Allotment and Keg Springs Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 9/18/2012 FONSI Signed: 06/20/2013
2013					
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0001-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Evers Easement, OR-67397	Obtain an easement across an existing private road to access Federal land	Mill Creek	None	CX Initiated: 10/2/2012 CX Signed: 05/13/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0002-CX Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Slope Fire Emergency Stabilization Aerial Seeding	Aerial seed 500 acres within the fire perimeter	CMPA	WSA	CX Initiated: 10/16/2012 CX Signed: 10/29/2012
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0003-EA Primary Contact: Daryl Bingham	Holloway Fire Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation	Aerially seed, drill seed, construct temporary fencing, and apply chemical treatments within the fire perimeter	South End of District	WSA	EA Initiated: 10/19/2012 FONSI Signed: 03/01/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0004-CX Primary Contact: Pam Hart	Acquisition of ODOT Princeton Quarry Parcel, OR-67291	Purchase property from State of Oregon with Road Access to Larger Federal Parcel	Princeton	None	CX Initiated: 10/26/2012 CX Signed: Cancelled – ODOT sold to Private Individual
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0005-EA Primary Contact: Bill Dragt	Relief Grazing – Upton Mountain Allotment	Provide relief forage for permittees	Upton Mountain Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 10/29/2012 FONSI Signed: On-going

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0006-CX Primary Contact: Pam Hart	Harney Electric Company (HEC) ROW, OR-67572	Authorize FLPMA ROW to construct a new overhead powerline and then a new buried 14.4kV (225 feet long) powerline from existing HEC line to the existing American Tower Communication Site	Jack Mountain Communication Site	None	CX Initiated: 12/06/2012 CX Signed: 01/23/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0007-CX Primary Contact: Ricky Knox	Maintain Range Improvements – Palomino Butte Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs	Palomino Butte Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 12/11/2012 CX Signed: 12/13/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0008-CX Primary Contact: Rachel Beaubien	Maintain Range Improvements – Horton Mill Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs	Horton Mill Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 12/14/2012 CX Signed: 01/25/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0009-DNA Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Restore and Maintain Sage-Grouse Year Round Habitat and Deer Winter Range – Griffen Creek Pasture, Moffet Table Allotment	Remove western juniper to reduce fuels and restore sage-steppe ecosystems on 2,500 acres	Griffen Creek Pasture, Moffet Table Allotment	None	DNA Initiated: 12/19/2012 DNA Signed: 04/11/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0010-DNA Primary Contact: Tom Wilcox	Alvord Wilderness Rehabilitation	Perform rehab on a non-willful trespass	Steens Mountain Wilderness	Wilderness	DNA Initiated: 01/3/2013 DNA Signed: 03/28/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0011-CX Primary Contact: Andrew Daniels	Bridge Replacement – Cottonwood/Fields Road	Remove bridge structure with two 48" culverts	Cottonwood/Fields Road	None	CX Initiated: 01/07/2013 CX Signed: 01/29/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0012-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	HEC ROW Renewal, OR-67553	Renew ROW for distribution powerline	Wagonfire	None	CX Initiated: 01/07/2013 CX Signed: 01/16/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0013-CX Primary Contact: Nick Miller	Long Hollow Guzzler #4 Maintenance/Reconstruction	Reconstruct guzzler which was damaged in Pueblo Fire of 2006	Between Alvord Peak and Long Hollow Road	Wilderness	CX Initiated: 01/11/2013 CX Signed: 03/11/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0014-CX Primary Contact: Rachel Beaubien	Maintain range improvements – Badger Spring	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs	Badger Spring	None	CX Initiated: 01/22/2013 CX Signed: 01/30/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0015-CX Primary Contact: Ricky Knox	Maintain range improvements – Silver Lake	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs	Silver Lake	None	CX Initiated: 01/23/2013 CX Signed: 01/30/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0016-CX Primary Contact: Ricky Knox	Maintain range improvements – Round Top Butte	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs	Round Top Butte	None	CX Initiated: 01/23/2013 CX Signed: 01/30/2013

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0017-CX Primary Contact: Ricky Knox	Maintain range improvements – Juniper Ridge	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs	Juniper Ridge	None	CX Initiated: 01/23/2013 CX Signed: 01/30/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0018-EA Primary Contact: Tim Newkirk	Rattlesnake Forest Health	Removal of commercial timber	Rattlesnake/Coffee Pot/Onion Flat	None	EA Initiated: 01/30/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0019-EA Primary Contact: Levi Bennington	River Allotment AMP	Develop allotment management plan and re-new 10-year grazing permit	River Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0020-EA Primary Contact: Levi Bennington	Egji Division Fence	Construct fence for livestock management	East Wagontire Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0021-EA Primary Contact: Levi Bennington	Upton Mountain AMP	Develop allotment management plan	Upton Mountain Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/04/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0022-CX Primary Contact: Levi Bennington	Maintain Spring - Pinto Springs	Maintain existing spring	Mountain Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 02/04/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0023-EA Primary Contact: Andrew Daniels	Keg Springs Well	Construct new water well with new 2 troughs and 600' of new pipeline	Keg Springs Allotment	None	EA Initiated: 02/05/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0024-DNA Primary Contact: Dory Osgood	Back Country Liama Rendezvous	Authorize special recreation permit for guided overnight trip	South Steens Wilderness	Wilderness	DNA Initiated: 02/11/2013 DNA Signed: 03/12/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0025-CX Primary Contact: Nick Miller	Maintain range improvement - Forks Poison Creek/395 Corridor Devine Ridge within the Forks Poison Creek Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs	Forks Poison Creek/395 Corridor Devine Ridge within the Forks Poison Creek Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 02/21/2013 CX Signed: 03/11/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0026-CX Primary Contact: Rachel Beaubien	Maintain range improvement - Cooler, Newell Field, Rocky Basin, and Tub Springs-Hart Allotments	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs	Cooler, Newell Field, Rocky Basin, and Tub Springs-Hart Allotments	None	CX Initiated: 02/28/2013 CX Signed: 03/06/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0027-EA Primary Contact: Lisa Grant	South Steens Herd Management Area Gather	Gather wild horses for range management	South Steens	Wilderness, WSA, and CMPA	EA Initiated: 03/04/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0028-EA Primary Contact: Carolyn Temple	Dry Bone Complex	Archeological excavation	Holloway Fire on Dry Creek Drainage by Cottonwood Ranch	WSA	EA Initiated: 03/18/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going

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DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0029-CX Primary Contact: Levi Bennington	Maintain Seeding - Princeton Allotment	Brush treatment and re-seeding	Princeton Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 03/20/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0030-CX Primary Contact: Connie Pettyjohn	Road Maintenance - Riddle Mountain Look-out Road	Perform road work on existing BLM roads	Riddle Mountain Look-out Road	None	CX Initiated: 03/20/2013 CX Signed: 06/25/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B020-2013-0031-DNA Primary Contact: Lesley Richman	Vegetation Management – Burns District	Implement different methods of treatments to control unwanted vegetation	District Wide	Wilderness, WSA, and CMPA	DNA Initiated: 04/08/2013 DNA Signed: 05/13/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B020-2013-0032-DNA Primary Contact: Lesley Richman	Vegetation Management - HEC ROW in Miller Homestead and Holloway Fire Analysis Area	Bare Ground Treatments to Control Vegetation Around Power Poles for Powerline Structural Protection	HEC ROW in Miller Homestead and Holloway Fire Analysis Area	Wilderness, WSA, and CMPA	DNA Initiated: 04/16/2013 DNA Signed: 05/13/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B020-2013-0033-CX Primary Contact: Ronda Purdy	Maintain range improvement – Lone Pine Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs	Lone Pine Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 04/26/2013 CX Signed: 06/25/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0034-CX Primary Contact: Levi Bennington	Road Maintenance – Upton Mountain Allotment	Perform road work on existing BLM road by Permittee under Cooperative Range Improvement Agreement	Upton Mountain Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 04/30/2013 CX Signed: 05/13/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0035-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Juniper Ranch ROW, OR-067577	Authorize FLPMA ROW to construct a buried powerline and pipeline in an existing ditch (pre-FLPMA)	Fifteen Cent Lake	CMPA	CX Initiated: 05/01/2013 CX Signed: 05/23/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0036-CX Primary Contact: Ricky Knox	Maintain Seeding - Sandhills Allotment	Re-seeding 2 fire rehabilitation seedings with rangeland drills	Sandhills Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 05/03/2013 CX Signed: 05/07/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0037-CX Primary Contact: Levi Bennington	Maintain range improvement – Upton Mountain Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on waterholes and reservoirs. The work is required due to trespass on existing range improvements.	Upton Mountain Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 05/16/2013 CX Signed: 06/19/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B070-2013-0038-EA Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	Ankle Creek Livestock Crossing Permit	Issuance of a grazing bill/crossing permit to allow live-stock to cross BLM-managed land (specifically Steens Mountain Wilderness NLGA) to access private inholdings within the Ankle Creek area for cattle grazing.	Ankle Creek	Wilderness and CMPA	EA Initiated: 05/20/2013 FONSI Signed: 06/20/2013

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DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0039-CX Primary Contact: Louis Clayburn	Williams Creek Pasture Temporary Fence	Install temporary fence next to existing fence for management of livestock	Fields Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 05/21/2012 CX Signed: 06/12/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0040-CX Primary Contact: Ronda Purdy	Maintain range improvement - Silvies River Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on existing cattleguard	Silvies River Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 05/21/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0041-CX Primary Contact: Daryl Bingham	Pueblo Slough Wetlands Restoration	Rehabilitate portions of the historic excavated ponds to restore quality habitat and straighten fence line to provide wildlife movement.	Pueblo Slough Allotment; 5 miles NE of Denio, NV; W.M., T 42 S., R. 35 E., sections 2 and 11.	None	CX Initiated: 06/03/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0042-CX Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Wagontire Mtn Wind Testing ROW Renewal, OR-066227	Renew ROW for wind testing	Wagontire Mtn	None	CX Initiated: 06/12/2013 CX Signed: 08/02/2013
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0043-CX Primary Contact: Bill Dragt	Maintain range improvement - East Sagehen Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance on reservoir.	East Sagehen Allotment	None	CX Initiated: 06/24/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2013-0044-DNA Primary Contact: Travis Miller	Riddle Mountain Medusa-head Rehabilitation	Perform seeding of created wheatgrass using rangeland drills	South Base of Riddle Mountain	None	DNA Initiated:06/28/2013 DNA Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0045-EA Primary Contact: Tara McLain	Trespass Pipeline ROW, OR-67666	Authorize ROW for pipeline in settlement of trespass.	Approximately 5 miles north of Denio, Oregon	Pueblo WSA	EA Initiated: 07/02/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0046-CX Primary Contact: Pam Hart	Buckskin Mtn Wind Testing ROW Renewal, OR-066225	Renew ROW for wind testing	Buckskin Mtn	None	CX Initiated: 07/29/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0047-EA Primary Contact: Pam Hart	Buckskin Mtn Wind Development Right-of-Way, OR-67859	Authorize Wind Development ROW	Buckskin and Red Mtn	None	EA Initiated: 07/29/2013 FONSI Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0048-CX Primary Contact: Autumn Toelle	Maintain Range Improvements - Chimney Allotment	Perform cleanout and maintenance of waterholes	Chimney Allotment	None; partially in CMPA	CX Initiated: 08/05/2013 CX Signed: On-going
DOI-BLM-OR-B060-2013-0049-DNA Primary Contact: Dory Osgood	Absolute Land Speed Record	Authorize a vehicle to run tests up to 600 miles an hour	Alvord Desert	WSA	DNA Initiated: 08/07/2013 DNA Signed: On-going
Grazing Transfer - If only the name changes, no need to complete CX form for permit transfer. If only the base property changes (same owner), no need to complete CX form.					

Litigation

Road Maintenance (ONDA v CAIN): ONDA filed a complaint to U.S. District Court on August 27, 2012, seeking injunctive relief and judicial reversal of BLM's decision authorizing mechanical maintenance on roads scattered throughout the District (primarily outside the CMPA TMP area). ONDA claims many of the routes are obscure or even nonexistent on the landscape and will have a significant impact on the environment if maintained and an EA or even an EIS should be prepared. The BLM filed their answer to U.S. District Court on Monday, November 5, 2012.

The administrative record was filed January 15, 2013. The ONDA asked for several documents to be supplemented into the record. The BLM agreed to some and declined others. After some correspondence back and forth between ONDA and the U.S. Attorney, consensus was reached the end of March. A record should be filed in the spring of 2013, followed by a briefing schedule.

Roaring Spring Ranch Complaint: Roaring Springs Ranch filed a Motion for Relief from Order and Request to Reopen Litigation (Burnt Car Case) on November 5, 2012 to U.S. District Court. On January 10, 2013, District Court Judge Paul Papak denied Roaring Spring's motion.

Roaring Springs Ranch also appealed BLM's Notice of Final Grazing Decision dated February 29, 2012 denying Roaring Spring Ranch use of Tombstone Pasture to Office of Hearings and Appeals. On March 28, 2013, Administrative Law Judge Andrew Pearlstein denied BLM's motion to dismiss Roaring Spring Ranch's appeal and granted summary judgment to Roaring Springs Ranch. The BLM has 30 days to reissue a new decision to allow grazing in Tombstone Pasture. The BLM subsequently filed an appeal with IBLA and requested a stay. IBLA ruled to allow grazing; grazing resumed in 2013. An updated settlement agreement was submitted to Judge Pearlstein.

Burns District Rangeland Program Summary

The purpose for the Rangeland Program Summary is to outline the progress being made in implementing the rangeland management objectives of each resource as identified in current land use plans.

Since 1998, the District has been on a 10-year schedule to complete NEPA analyses on all 10-year grazing permits and leases, and to do an assessment of each allotment to see if they are in conformance with the “Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management for Public Lands in Oregon/Washington (dated August 12, 1997)” (Standards and Guidelines). In accordance with regulations (43 CFR 4180), if these assessments identify one or more of the five Standards not being achieved, appropriate action is taken that will result in progress toward achieving these Standards and Guidelines.

Due to workload, it is not possible to complete an assessment of Standards and Guidelines for each allotment as the term permit expires. Therefore, the District process has been to do assessments on a priority schedule. If necessary, the permit may be reissued prior to the assessment under the Appropriations Act and/or the Administrative Procedure Act [USC 558 (c)] with the condition it may be modified later to add conditions or management changes to ensure progress toward meeting the Standard(s) not achieved.

During FY11 the District completed Standards and Guidelines assessments on seven allotments (55,205 acres). During FY12 the District completed Standards and Guidelines assessments on one allotment (20,477 acres). During FY13 the District plans on completing a Standards and Guidelines assessment on one allotment (23,535 acres). Since 1998, the District has completed a total of 256 Standards and Guidelines assessments (95 percent) on 3,230,114 acres (99 percent of the acres).

Three Rivers Resource Area – Completed Work for FY11

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
0010	Malheur Lake Fenced Federal Range (FFR)	C	Nothing to report.
0040	East Vickers FFR	C	Nothing to report.
0046	East Wagontire (FFR)	C	Nothing to report.
2246	Camp Curry FFR	C	Nothing to report.
2249	Hamilton FFR	C	Nothing to report.
2252	Dietrich Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
4096	Hi Desert	C	Nothing to report.
4097	Trout Creek	I	Nothing to report.
4098	East Creek-Pine Hill	M	Nothing to report.
4126	Abraham's Draw	C	Nothing to report.
4138	White	C	Nothing to report.
4143	Silvies	I	Nothing to report.
5003	Malheur Slough	C	Nothing to report.
5101	Devine Ridge	M	Nothing to report.
5102	Prather Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5103	Lime Kiln & Sec 30	M	Issued a Proposed Decision which became final for Lime Kiln Division Fence EA.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
5104	Soldier Creek	M	An allotment evaluation was completed and the allotment is not fully meeting Standards #1, 3, and 5 due to juniper encroachment. Grazing management is conforming to Guidelines.
5105	Camp Harney	M	Fort Harney Spring was maintained in FY11 and 377 acres of machine piling occurred.
5106	Cow Creek	I	Nothing to report.
5202	Hunter	M	Nothing to report.
5203	Catterson FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5206	Stockade FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5217	Thompson FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5218	Bennett FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5221	West Davies	I	Nothing to report.
5223	East Davies	I	Nothing to report.
5300	Alkali	M	Nothing to report.
5301	Princeton	M	Nothing to report.
5302	Big Bird	M	Nothing to report.
5303	Dry Lake	M	Crow's Nest Brush Spray Seeding Maintenance Proposed Action was implemented 2011. Approximately 200 acres were rehabilitated with Hycrest Crested Wheatgrass and Forage Kochia. Hamilton Pasture Seed Maintenance CX (seed Hycrest crested wheatgrass and forage kochia).
5305	Crow's Nest	M	Crow's Nest Brush Spray Seeding Maintenance Proposed Action was implemented 2012. Approximately 2000 acres were seeded with Siberian and Hycrest crested wheatgrass, bottle brush squirrel tail, bluebunch wheatgrass, blue flax, and forage kochia.
5306	Rocky Ford	M	Annual utilization recorded.
5309	Happy Valley	I	Issued a Final Decision on Happy Valley EA/AMP, which adjusted grazing management, proposed range and riparian projects, and renewed the grazing permit. Kiger HMA was gathered. No horses were returned to this allotment to prevent negative impacts to restoration projects described in the EA/AMP and Frog Creek Juniper cut and pile. Juniper piles in Government Field were burned and seeded. Upland trend was completed. Permit transfer to new permittee following the sale of the ranch. CMPA Rd. Maintenance CX and Three Rivers Rd. Maintenance CX completed.
5310	Riddle Mountain	I	Upland trend was completed. CMPA Rd. Maintenance CX and Three Rivers Rd. Maintenance completed. Project Inspections were recorded.
5314	Baker FFR	C	Annual utilization was recorded.
5316	Virginia Valley	M	Basic pipeline maintenance within the allotment occurred. Annual utilization was recorded.
5317	Hatt Butte FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5318	Black Butte	C	Nothing to report.
5320	Kegler FFR	C	Annual utilization was recorded.
5322	Briggs FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5323	Clemens FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5324	Riddle FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5325	Marshall Diamond FFR	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
5326	Jenkins N Lake FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5327	Jenkins B Flat FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5328	Fisher FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5329	Riddle/Coyote	I	Upland trend as recorded.
5331	Smyth/Kiger	I	Issued a Final Decision on Smyth/Kiger EA/AMP to build the Smyth Creek Corridor Fence. The rest of the AMP/EA is being revised. Upland trend was recorded. Smyth Creek fire burned the northern portion of Five Creeks Unit 4, approximately 1,800 acres (between the Kiger Viewing Rd. and Smyth Cr.). Rehabilitation projects will be implemented in 2012. Five Creeks' Unit 4 was implemented. Kiger HMA was gathered. CMPA Rd. Maintenance CX and Three Rivers Rd. Maintenance CX completed.
5501	East Cow Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5502	Rock Creek	M	Annual utilization was recorded.
5503	Pine Creek	I	The AMP/EA is still in progress. Upland trend was recorded.
5504	State Field	M	Nothing to report.
5505	Little Muddy Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5506	Muddy Creek	I	Pole Springs' reconstruction completed. Livestock enclosure to protect Archeological site not completed.
5507	Wolf Creek	M	Annual utilization collected. Permit renewed under Appropriations Act for a period of ten years.
5508	Baker-Knowles	M	Nothing to report.
5509	Williams Dripp	M	Nothing to report.
5510	Jones Dripp	M	Nothing to report.
5511	Moffet Table	I	Nothing to report.
5512	Clarks River FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5513	Shelley	I	A riparian study enclosure was completed along Griffin Creek within the allotment. This study area will be used to measure riparian recovery after the removal of livestock. An adjacent area on the creek in an adjoining allotment which continues to be used by livestock will be used as a comparison area.
5514	Coal Mine Creek	I	Project Inspections were recorded.
5515	Mule Creek	I	Nothing to report.
5516	Birch Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5517	Otis Mountain	I	Nothing to report.
5518	Newell Field	C	Nothing to report.
5519	Big Upson Field	C	Nothing to report.
5520	Little Upson	C	Nothing to report.
5521	Rocky Basin	M	Annual utilization was recorded. This allotment is also in the EP Minerals Mine Expansion EIS area.
5522	Cottonwood Creek	M	The AMP/EA has been completed and a Proposed Decision issued and became final with no Protests or Appeals. A CX was created and decision issued to remove less than 1-mile of fence within the allotment. Utilization was completed.
5523	Tub Springs/Hart	I	Annual utilization was recorded. An Allotment Evaluation was completed. This allotment is also in the analysis area for the EP Mine EIS.
5524	Dawson Butte	I	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
5525	Mill Gulch	M	Permit renewed under Appropriations Act for a period of ten years.
5526	Chalk Hills	M	Juniper from the Chalk Hills Habitat Restoration Project was piled and piles are scheduled to be burned, finishing the project.
5527	Riverside FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5528	Cooler	M	Annual utilization was recorded. Project Inspections were completed.
5529	House Butte	M	Upland trend was read throughout the allotment in 2010.
5530	River	I	Project Inspections were completed.
5531	Stinkingwater	I	A Final Decision on Stinkingwater AMP/EA was issued in 2010. Three grazing permits (#3600067, 3602289, and 3602278) were renewed in early 2011 as part of the EA. Replaced the water trough at Muddy Water Spring. Project Inspections were completed. Upland trend was completed.
5532	Mountain	I	Project Inspections were recorded.
5533	Buchanan	M	Nothing to report.
5534	Mahon Creek	I	Approximately 400 acres of pile and jackpot burning was completed as part of the Miller Canyon Project.
5535	Miller Canyon	I	Nothing to report.
5536	Alder Creek	I	Nothing to report.
5537	Buck Mountain	M	Reclaiming Medusahead Infested Rangelands CX (DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2010-0029) study site was constructed.
5538	Riverside	I	Upland trend was completed.
5539	W&C Blaylock FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5540	Luce Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5541	Home Ranch Enclosure	C	Nothing to report.
5542	Marshall FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5543	Devine Flat Field	C	Nothing to report.
5545	Sunshine Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5546	Druit Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5548	Griffin FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5549	Howards FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5552	Miller FFR A	C	Nothing to report.
5553	Miller FFR B	C	Nothing to report.
5554	J Francis Miller FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5555	Ott FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5556	Pine Creek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5557	J & G Kane FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5558	J & G FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5559	Swords FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5560	West Vickers FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5561	Wilber FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5563	Arnold FFR	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
5564	Wheeler Basin	M	Advisory Board funded trough replacement. Permits renewed under Appropriations Act for a period of 10 years.
5565	Upton Mountain	I	Annual utilization was recorded. Project Inspections were recorded.
5566	Texaco Basin	I	Annual utilization and compliance monitoring were completed. Trough replacement at Alkali Spring was funded, purchased, and installed. Project Inspections were recorded.
5567	Miler FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5570	River FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5571	Lamb Ranch	I	Nothing to report.
5573	Beaver FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5574	Muddy Creek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5575	School House	M	Project Inspections were recorded.
5576	Lower Pine	M	Nothing to report.
5578	C&D FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5584	Poison Creek	C	CX and clearances done for ramp flume project
5585	Harney Crane	C	Nothing to report.
5587	Manning Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5588	Reed FFR	C	Grazing permit was transferred to a new permittee.
5589	Temples FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5590	Smith FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5592	Coleman Creek	M	Permit transfer to be leased.
5593	Slocum	M	Nothing to report.
5594	Venator	I	Nothing to report.
5595	Coyote Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5596	Emmerson	M	Nothing to report.
5597	Crane	M	Nothing to report.
5598	Beckley Home	C	Nothing to report.
5599	Mahon Ranch	M	Nothing to report.
5600	Beaver Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5601	Hamilton	I	Nothing to report
5602	Quier FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5604	Burnt Flat	I	Gathered wild horses off of the Riddle Mountain HMA. The DSL Fire burned on approximately 3% of the allotment, no rehab activities are needed.
7001	East Warm Springs	I	Replaced the water troughs at the Ninemile Well Corral Facility and replaced the pump at the Diamond Corral Well.
7002	West Warm Springs	I	Renewed one grazing permit under the Appropriations Act. Project Inspections were recorded.
7003	East Wagontire	I	Nothing to report.
7004	West Wagontire	I	Nothing to report.
7005	Second Flat FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7006	Rimrock Lake	I	Allotment evaluation was completed
7007	Hat Butte	I	Nothing to Report
7008	Sheep Lake-Shields	I	Allotment evaluation was completed.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
7009	Ryegrass	I	AMP/EA was initiated.
7010	Claw Creek	I	Upland trend was recorded. Project Inspections were recorded.
7012	Packsaddle	I	Nothing to report.
7013	Zoglman FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7014	Badger Springs	M	Project Inspections were recorded.
7015	Second Flat	I	Nothing to report. Project Inspections were recorded.
7016	Juniper Ridge	M	An Allotment Evaluation was completed and the allotment is achieving all applicable standards and conforming to the guidelines. Project Inspections were recorded.
7017	Cluster	M	The AMP was completed and Proposed Decision issued, with no protests the Decision became final; no appeals. Project Inspections were recorded.
7018	Silver Lake	M	Nothing to report.
7019	Palomino Butte	I	Nothing to report.
7020	Sand Hollow	M	Annual utilization was recorded.
7021	Weaver Lake	I	Nothing to report.
7022	Dog Mountain	I	Nothing to report.
7023	West Sagehen	I	Annual utilization was recorded.
7024	East Sage Hen	I	An Allotment Evaluation was completed and the allotment is achieving all applicable standards and conforming to the guidelines. Transferred one grazing permit to a new permittee under the Appropriations Act.
7025	Gouldin	I	Nothing to report.
7026	Horton Mill	I	Annual utilization recorded. Project Inspections were recorded.
7027	Emigrant Creek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7028	Stinger Creek	C	Rangeland Health Assessment completed and photos were taken.
7029	Spring Creek	C	Nothing to report.
7030	Skull Creek	I	Nothing to report.
7031	Hay Creek	I	Nothing to report.
7032	Hotchkiss Individual	C	Nothing to report.
7033	Silvies River	I	Allotment evaluation was completed. Utilization and use supervisions were completed.
7034	Scat Field	C	Nothing to report.
7035	Silvies Meadow	M	Nothing to report.
7036	Hayes	I	Nothing to report.
7037	Coal Pit Springs	C	Compliance check was done. OYCC crew removed 0.033mls southeastern old boundary fence
7038	Curry Gordon	C	This allotment is now a pasture of Silvies River Allotment.
7039	Cave Gulch	M	Allotment Evaluation was completed. Annual utilization and compliance was completed. Road closure was opened fall 2011. Project Inspections were recorded.
7040	Landing Creek	I	Allotment Evaluation was completed. Annual utilization monitoring was recorded.
7041	East Silvies	I	Upland trend was recorded. Project Inspections were recorded.
7042	Dole Smith	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ¹
7043	Lone Pine	I	One permit renewal was issued (423 AUMs). Utilization monitoring and compliance was recorded. OYCC reconstructed one reservoir enclosure and removed Juniper from two reservoir dikes. Project Inspections were recorded.
7045	Whiting FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7046	Baker Hill Field	C	Nothing to report.
7047	Peabody	C	Nothing to report.
7048	Varian Canyon FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7049	Forks of Poison Creek	I	In the spring of 2010, one spring development was reconstructed in Theimer Pasture (Theimer Spring).
7051	Sawtooth - MNF	M	Nothing to report.
7052	Lone Pine Field	C	Nothing to report.
7053	Silvies Canyon	M	Allotment Evaluation was completed. No livestock was authorized to graze due to burned boundary fence. Compliance was done. Allotment boundary fence (0.029mils) in Boulder Canyon was reconstructed due to 2008 wildland fire. Project Inspections were recorded.
7054	Cricket Creek	C	Nothing to report.
7056	Double O	M	Upland trend completed.
7058	Narrows	I	Annual utilization collected. Advisory Board funded trough replacement at South Narrows Well.
7059	CARP	C	Nothing to report.
7061	Bulger	C	Nothing to report.
7062	Capehart Lake	I	An AMP/EA (with permit renewal analysis included) is in progress.
7063	Roundtop Butte	I	Nothing to report.
7088	Sunset Valley	C	Nothing to report.

Three Rivers Resource Area – Completed Work for FY12

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0010	Malheur Lake	C	Nothing to report.
0040	East Vickers FFR	C	Nothing to report
0046	East Wagontire FFR	C	Nothing to report
2246	Camp Curry FFR	C	Nothing to report.
2252	Dietrich Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
4096	Hi Desert	C	Nothing to report.
4097	Trout Creek	I	Nothing to report.
4098	East Creek – Pine Hill	M	Nothing to report.
4126	Abraham's Draw	C	Nothing to report.
4138	White	C	Nothing to report.
4143	Silvies	I	Nothing to report.
5003	Malheur Slough	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
5101	Devine Ridge	M	In FY12 approximately 1,200 acres within Ridge Pasture will be burned in the final phase of a larger prescribed broadcast fire. Of the burned acreage about 600 will be aerial seeded with a native mix in the spring of 2011. Also in 2011, two small big game exclosures (less than 5 acres) will be put in Ridge Pasture to protect aspen.
5102	Prather Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5103	Lime Kiln	M	Nothing to report.
5104	Soldier Creek	M	Complete Allotment Evaluation.
5105	Camp Harney	M	A prescribed under burn of 472 acres is planned for 2011.
5106	Cow Creek	I	Nothing to report.
5202	Hunter	M	Complete Standards and Guidelines Assessment.
5203	Catterson FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5206	Stockade FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5217	Thompson FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5218	Bennett FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5221	West Davies	I	Nothing to report.
5223	East Davies	I	Utilization recorded.
5300	Alkali	M	Larry Otley used to rest pastures in Five Creeks Unit 3.
5301	Princeton	M	Nothing to report.
5302	Big Bird	M	Nothing to report.
5303	Dry Lake	M	Implement Hamilton Pasture Seed Maintenance by drill seeding 1,750 acres with Hycrest crested wheatgrass and forage kochia. Upland trend monitoring in West Square Butte and Hamilton pastures.
5305	Crow's Nest	M	Upland trend monitoring in South and North pastures.
5306	Rocky Ford	M	Annual utilization monitoring was completed.
5309	Happy Valley	I	Request funding through BPS to implement range improvements for Frog Creek livestock and wild horse exclosure and medusahead treatments. Frog Creek juniper cut and pile contract and implementation. Road maintenance cooperative agreement. DNA to Happy Valley AMP/EA decision to split permit between two permittees without changing terms and conditions.
5310	Riddle Mountain	I	Allotment Evaluation completed FY12. Second year of Five Creeks Unit 3 trend monitoring. Road maintenance cooperative agreement.
5314	Baker FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5316	Virginia Valley	M	Annual utilization monitoring was recorded.
5317	Hatt Butte FFR	C	Permit was transferred.
5318	Black Butte	C	Nothing to report.
5320	Kegler FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5322	Briggs FFR	C	Permit was transferred.
5323	Clemens FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5324	Riddle FFR		Nothing to report.
5325	Marshall Diamond FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5326	Jenkins N Lake FFR	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
5327	Jenkins B Flat FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5328	Fisher FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5329	Riddle/Coyote	I	Trend monitoring and allotment evaluation planned.
5331	Smyth/Kiger	I	Build Smyth Creek Corridor Fence. Trend monitoring to occur. Road maintenance cooperative agreement.
5501	East Cow Creek M	M	Nothing to report.
5502	Rock Creek	M	Annual utilization monitoring to be recorded.
5503	Pine Creek	I	Utilization completed. AMP/EA in progress.
5504	State Field	M	Nothing to report.
5505	Little Muddy Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5506	Muddy Creek	I	Build livestock enclosure around outflow and an adjacent cultural site from impacts associated with livestock.
5507	Wolf Creek	M	Annual utilization and use supervision.
5508	Baker-Knowles	M	Nothing to report.
5509	Williams Dripp	M	Utilization recorded.
5510	Jones Dripp	M	Nothing to report.
5511	Moffet Table	I	Otis Mountain Fuels project to move forward. Trend monitoring completed using MP 180.
5512	Clark's River FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5513	Shelley	I	Nothing to report.
5514	Coal Mine Creek	I	Annual utilization will be recorded.
5515	Mule Creek	I	Nothing to report. .
5516	Birch Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5517	Otis Mountain	I	Otis Mountain Fuels project is moving forward. Annual utilization was recorded. 10 year grazing permit was transferred to a new permittee.
5518	Newell Field	C	Nothing to report.
5519	Big Upson Field	C	Nothing to report.
5520	Little Upson	C	Nothing to report.
5521	Rocky Basin	M	Nothing to report; however this allotment is within the EP Minerals Mine Expansion area.
5522	Cottonwood Creek	M	An AMP/EA will be completed to analyze grazing management which would achieve Standards, meet resource objectives, and conform to Guidelines. This document would also analyze a term permit renewal and proposed rangeland improvements. Less than 1-mile of fence will be removed within the allotment as documented in DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2010-0031-CX. Annual utilization monitoring will be done.
5523	Tub Springs/Hart	I	Annual utilization monitoring was completed. This allotment is within the EP Minerals Mine Expansion area.
5524	Dawson Butte	I	Nothing to report.
5525	Mill Gulch	M	Annual utilization and use supervision. This allotment is within the EP Minerals Mine Expansion area.
5526	Chalk Hills	M	The AMP/EA protest will be formally addressed and the Final Decision issued. If decision is not appealed, rangeland improvements analyzed in the AMP/EA will begin to be implemented. Junipers cut previously will be piled and burned. Annual utilization monitoring will be done.
5527	Riverside FFR	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
5528	Cooler	M	Utilization monitoring recorded
5529	House Butte	M	Utilization completed.
5530	River	I	No evaluation. EA is in progress. Utilization monitoring recorded.
5531	Stinkingwater	I	Utilization completed.
5532	Mountain	I	Project Inspections will be completed.
5533	Buchanan	M	Nothing to report.
5534	Mahon Creek	I	Utilization completed.
5535	Miller Canyon	I	Utilization Completed.
5536	Alder Creek	I	Nothing to report.
5537	Buck Mountain	M	Nothing to report.
5538	Riverside	I	Nothing to report.
5539	W&C Blaylock FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5540	Luce Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5541	Home Ranch Enclosure	C	Nothing to report.
5542	Marshall FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5543	Devine Flat Field	C	Nothing to report.
5545	Sunshine Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5546	Druit Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5548	Griffin FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5549	Howards FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5552	Miller FFR A	C	Nothing to report.
5553	Miller FFR B	C	Nothing to report.
5554	J Francis Miller FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5555	Ott FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5556	Pine Creek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5557	J&G Kane FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5558	J&G FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5559	Swords FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5560	West Vicker's FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5561	Wilber FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5563	Arnold FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5564	Wheeler Basin	M	Annual utilization and use supervision completed. Inspect trough installation being completed under a Cooperative Agreement with the grazing permittees and BLM.
5565	Upton Mountain	I	Annual utilization monitoring will be completed. Project Inspections will be completed
5566	Texaco Basin	I	Annual utilization and compliance were completed. Project Inspections were completed.
5567	Miler FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5570	River FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5571	Lamb Ranch	I	Nothing to report.
5573	Beaver FFR	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
5574	Muddy Creek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5575	School House	M	Nothing to report.
5576	Lower Pine	M	Nothing to report.
5578	C&D FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5584	Poison Creek	C	Nothing to report.
5585	Harney Crane	C	Nothing to report.
5587	Manning Field FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5588	Reed FFR	C	Compliance completed.
5589	Temple's FFR	C	Nothing to report.
5590	Smith FFR	C	
5592	Coleman Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5593	Slocum	M	Nothing to report.
5594	Venator	I	Nothing to report.
5595	Coyote Creek	M	Nothing to report.
5596	Emmerson	M	Nothing to report.
5597	Crane	M	Utilization completed.
5598	Beckley Home	C	Nothing to report.
5599	Mahon Ranch	M	Nothing to report.
5600	Beaver Creek	M	Utilization completed.
5601	Hamilton	I	Nothing to report.
5602	Quier FFR	C	Compliance completed.
5604	Burnt Flat	I	Slope Wildfire 810 acres.
7001	East Warm Springs	I	Utilization mapping completed. Miller Homestead fire burned some of this allotment.
7002	West Warm Springs	I	Trend and utilization was completed.
7003	East Wagontire	I	EA started to build fence separating pastures. Brush beat China Lake Seeding.
7004	West Wagontire	I	Nothing to report.
7005	Second Flat FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7006	Rimrock Lake	I	Annual utilization monitoring was completed.
7007	Hat Butte	I	10 year grazing permit was transferred to a new permittee.
7008	Sheep Lake-Shields	I	Annual utilization monitoring was completed. 10 year grazing permit was transferred to a new permittee.
7009	Ryegrass	I	EA/AMP to be completed.
7010	Claw Creek	I	Annual utilization monitoring was recorded. Project Inspections will be completed. Multiple 10 year grazing permits on the allotment were transferred to new permittees.
7012	Packsaddle	I	Annual utilization monitoring was recorded.
7013	Zoglman FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7014	Badger Springs	M	An allotment evaluation was completed. Project Inspections were completed.
7015	Second Flat	I	Upland trend recorded. Project Inspections will be completed. .
7016	Juniper Ridge	M	Utilization completed. Reservoir maintenance.
7017	Cluster	M	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
7018	Silver Lake	M	Reservoir maintenance
7019	Palomino Butte	I	Utilization completed, reservoir maintenance.
7020	Sand Hollow	M	Nothing to report.
7021	Weaver Lakes	I	Permit was transferred, utilization was completed.
7022	Dog Mountain	I	Nothing to report.
7023	West Sagehen	I	Annual utilization monitoring was recorded.
7024	East Sage Hen	I	Annual utilization was completed.
7025	Gouldin	I	Nothing to report.
7026	Horton Mill	I	Nothing to report.
7028	Stinger Creek	C	Nothing to report.
7029	Spring Creek	C	Nothing to report.
7030	Skull Creek	I	Nothing to report.
7031	Hay Creek	I	Nothing to report.
7032	Hotchkiss Individual	C	Nothing to report.
7033	Silvies River	I	Annual utilization and use supervision monitoring will be completed. Development of an evaluation will be completed. Fencelines will be GPS'd and the pasture and allotment boundaries will be adjusted accordingly.
7034	Scat Field	C	Trend Monitoring will be recorded.
7035	Silvies Meadow	M	Annual utilization monitoring will be recorded.
7036	Hayes	I	Nothing to report.
7037	Coal Pit Spring	C	Use supervision monitoring will be completed. Fencelines will be GPS'd and pasture/allotment boundaries will be adjusted accordingly. Upland monitoring will be established. Grazing Permit transfer EA is pending upon receiving pertinent transferor and transferee documentation.
7038	Curry Gordon	C	Use supervision monitoring will be completed. Fencelines will be GPS'd and the pasture and allotment boundaries will be adjusted accordingly.
7039	Cave Gulch	M	Indicators of Rangeland Health will be analyzed by an Interdisciplinary Team. Annual utilization monitoring will be recorded.
7040	Landing Creek	I	Utilization monitoring recorded.
7041	East Silvies	I	Annual utilization monitoring recorded.
7042	Dole Smith	C	-Rangeland health assessment recorded.
7043	Lone Pine	I	Five grazing permit renewals processed. Modified Trend data recorded. Utilization monitoring and compliance recorded. 2 Grazing transfers.
7045	Whiting FFR	C	One grazing permit renewal will be processed. (48 AUMs) Trend monitoring will be recorded.
7046	Baker Hill Field	C	Nothing to report.
7047	Peabody	C	Nothing to report.
7048	Varien Canyon	C	Trend monitoring recorded.
7049	Forks of Poison Creek	I	Trend will be read.
7051	Sawtooth-MNF	M	Nothing to report.
7052	Lone Pine Field	C	Additional trend site established and recorded.
7053	Silvies Canyon	M	Annual utilization recorded.
7054	Cricket Creek	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
7056	Double O	M	Utilization was read.
7058	Narrows	I	Annual utilization and use supervision will be completed. Inspection of trough replacement.
7061	Bulger FFR	C	Nothing to report.
7062	Capehart Lake	I	The AMP/EA was completed and Proposed Decision issued, with no protests the Decision became final; no appeals. The corresponding 10 year grazing permit was renewed. Planning and pre-work began for the Capehart Lake Well project, as analyzed in the AMP/EA, in cooperation with the permittee and SWCD.
7063	Roundtop Butte	I	Nothing to report.
7088	Sunset Valley	C	Nothing to report.

Three Rivers Resource Area - Planned Work for FY13

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0010	Malheur Lake	C	Nothing planned.
0040	East Vickers FFR	C	Nothing planned.
0046	East Wagontire FFR	C	Nothing planned.
2246	Camp Curry FFR	C	Nothing planned.
2249	Hamilton FFR	C	Nothing planned.
2252	Dietrich Field FFR	C	Nothing planned.
4096	Hi Desert	C	
4097	Trout Creek	I	Nothing planned
4098	East Creek-Pine Hill	M	Nothing planned.
4126	Abraham's Draw	C	Nothing planned.
4138	White	C	Nothing planned.
4143	Silvies	I	Nothing planned.
5003	Malheur Slough	C	Rangeland health assessment to be completed.
5101	Devine Ridge	M	In FY12 approximately 1,200 acres within Ridge Pasture will be burned in the final phase of a larger prescribed broadcast fire. Of the burned acreage about 600 will be aerial seeded with a native mix in the spring of 2011. Also in 2011, two small big game exclosures (less than 5 acres) will be put in Ridge Pasture to protect aspen.
5102	Prather Creek	M	Nothing planned.
5103	Lime Kiln	M	Nothing planned.
5104	Soldier Creek	M	Complete Allotment Evaluation.
5105	Camp Harney	M	A prescribed under burn of 472 acres is planned for 2011.
5106	Cow Creek	I	Nothing planned.
5202	Hunter	M	Complete Standards and Guidelines Assessment.
5203	Catterson FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5206	Stockade FFR	C	Nothing planned.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
5217	Thompson FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5218	Bennett FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5221	West Davies	I	Annual utilization.
5223	East Davies	I	Annual utilization.
5300	Alkali	M	Red Dunbar is using allotment for Miller Homestead Fire relief.
5301	Princeton	M	Brush treatment/re-seed +/- 600 acres.
5302	Big Bird	M	Nothing planned.
5303	Dry Lake	M	Upland trend monitoring in Hamilton pasture.
5305	Crow's Nest	M	Red Dunbar used for Miller Homestead fire relief.
5306	Rocky Ford	M	Annual utilization monitoring will be completed.
5309	Happy Valley	I	Frog Creek livestock and wild horse enclosure. Frog Creek juniper cut and pile contract and implementation. Road maintenance cooperative agreement. DNA to Happy Valley AMP/EA decision to split permit between two permittees without changing terms and conditions.
5310	Riddle Mountain	I	Allotment Evaluation to be completed FY12. Second year of Five Creeks Unit 3 trend monitoring. Road maintenance cooperative agreement.
5314	Baker FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5316	Virginia Valley	M	Annual utilization monitoring will be recorded.
5318	Black Butte	C	Nothing planned.
5320	Kegler FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5322	Briggs FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5325	Marshall Diamond FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5326	Jenkins N Lake FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5327	Jenkins B Flat FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5328	Fisher FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5329	Riddle/Coyote	I	Trend monitoring.
5331	Smyth/Kiger	I	Smyth Creek Corridor Fence. Trend monitoring to occur. Road maintenance cooperative agreement.
5501	East Cow Creek	M	Utilization planned for all pastures.
5502	Rock Creek	M	Annual utilization monitoring to be recorded.
5503	Pine Creek	I	Annual utilization to be completed. AMP/EA will be completed. If no protests/appeals prework for projects may move forward.
5504	State Field	M	Nothing planned.
5505	Little Muddy Creek	I	Nothing planned.
5506	Muddy Creek	I	Build livestock enclosure around outflow and an adjacent cultural site from impacts associated with livestock.
5507	Wolf Creek	M	Annual utilization and use supervision.
5508	Baker-Knowles	M	Nothing planned.
5509	Williams Dripp	M	Upland trend to be read.
5510	Jones Dripp	M	Nothing planned.
5511	Moffet Table	I	Otis Mountain Fuels project to move forward. Cut and hand or machine pile along burn boundary.
5512	Clark's River FFR	C	Rangeland health assessment to be completed.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
5513	Shelley	I	Nothing planned.
5514	Coal Mine Creek	I	Annual utilization will be recorded.
5515	Mule Creek	I	Nothing planned.
5516	Birch Creek	M	Upland trend data to be collected.
5517	Otis Mountain	I	Otis Mountain Fuels project is moving forward. Annual utilization to be recorded.
5518	Newell Field	C	Nothing planned.
5519	Big Upson Field	C	Nothing planned.
5520	Little Upson	C	Nothing planned.
5521	Rocky Basin	M	Nothing planned; however this allotment is within the EP Minerals Mine Expansion area.
5522	Cottonwood Creek	M	An AMP/EA will be completed to analyze grazing management which would achieve Standards, meet resource objectives, and conform to Guidelines. This document would also analyze a term permit renewal and proposed rangeland improvements. Less than 1-mile of fence will be removed within the allotment as documented in DOI-BLM-OR-B050-2010-0031-CX. Annual utilization monitoring will be done.
5523	Tub Springs/Hart	I	Upland trend data to be collected. Annual utilization monitoring will be completed. This allotment is within the EP Minerals Mine Expansion area.
5524	Dawson Butte	I	Nothing planned.
5525	Mill Gulch	M	Annual utilization and use supervision. This allotment is within the EP Minerals Mine Expansion area.
5526	Chalk Hills	M	The AMP/EA protest will be formally addressed and the Final Decision issued. If decision is not appealed, rangeland improvements analyzed in the AMP/EA will begin to be implemented. Junipers cut previously will be piled and burned. Annual utilization monitoring will be done.
5527	Riverside FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5528	Cooler	M	Utilization monitoring will be recorded
5529	House Butte	M	Nothing planned.
5530	River	I	EA in 2013. Utilization monitoring will be recorded.
5531	Stinkingwater	I	Issue a contract to construct approximately 1-mile of fence to create riparian exclosures along Stinkingwater and Little Stinkingwater Creeks. Project Inspections will be completed.
5532	Mountain	I	Project Inspections will be completed. Utilization recorded.
5533	Buchanan	M	Nothing planned.
5534	Mahon Creek	I	Nothing planned.
5535	Miller Canyon	I	Nothing planned.
5536	Alder Creek	I	Trend monitoring. Transfer second OR permit with Tree Top.
5537	Buck Mountain	M	Transfer Tree Top permit with Second OR permit. .
5538	Riverside	I	Nothing planned.
5539	W&C Blaylock FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5540	Luce Field FFR	C	Monte Siegner bought private & transferred AUMs/permit to his permit.
5541	Home Ranch Enclosure	C	Nothing planned.
5542	Marshall FFR	C	Nothing planned.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
5543	Devine Flat Field	C	Utilization
5545	Sunshine Field FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5546	Druit Field FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5548	Griffin FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5549	Howards FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5552	Miller FFR A	C	Nothing planned.
5553	Miller FFR B	C	Nothing planned.
5554	J Francis Miller FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5555	Ott FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5556	Pine Creek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5557	J&G Kane FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5558	J&G FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5559	Swords FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5560	West Vicker's FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5561	Wilber FFR	C	Utilization
5563	Arnold FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5564	Wheeler Basin	M	Annual utilization and use supervision completed. Inspect trough installation being completed under a Cooperative Agreement with the grazing permittees and BLM.
5565	Upton Mountain	I	Annual utilization monitoring will be completed. Project Inspections will be completed. AMP initiated.
5566	Texaco Basin	I	Upland trend date will be recorded. Annual utilization and compliance will be completed. Project Inspections were completed.
5567	Miler FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5570	River FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5571	Lamb Ranch	I	Nothing planned.
5573	Beaver FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5574	Muddy Creek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5575	School House	M	Nothing planned.
5576	Lower Pine	M	Nothing planned.
5578	C&D FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5584	Poison Creek	C	Nothing planned.
5585	Harney Crane	C	Nothing planned.
5587	Manning Field FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5588	Reed FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5589	Temple's FFR	C	Rangeland Health Assessment to be completed.
5590	Smith FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5592	Coleman Creek	M	Nothing planned.
5593	Slocum	M	Nothing planned.
5594	Venator	I	Nothing planned.
5595	Coyote Creek	M	Nothing planned.
5596	Emmerson	M	Utilization monitoring.
5597	Crane	M	Utilization monitoring.
5598	Beckley Home	C	Nothing planned.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
5599	Mahon Ranch	M	Nothing planned.
5600	Beaver Creek	M	Transferred to TV, LLC, Annual Utilization Monitoring
5601	Hamilton	I	Nothing planned.
5602	Quier FFR	C	Nothing planned.
5604	Burnt Flat	I	Slope Fire 540 acres seeded with FEID & POAM and Trend for fire measured.
7001	East Warm Springs	I	Nothing planned.
7002	West Warm Springs	I	Project Inspections will be completed.
7003	East Wagontire	I	Nothing planned. Egley Ridge Fence construction/EA.
7004	West Wagontire	I	Nothing planned
7005	Second Flat FFR	C	Rangeland Health Assessment to be completed.
7006	Rimrock Lake	I	Upland trend data to be collected. Annual utilization monitoring will be completed.
7007	Hat Butte	I	Update NEPA for a well project within the allotment.
7008	Sheep Lake-Shields	I	Upland trend date will be recorded. Annual utilization monitoring will be completed.
7009	Ryegrass	I	EA/AMP to be completed.
7010	Claw Creek	I	Allotment evaluation will be completed. Annual utilization monitoring was recorded.
7012	Packsaddle	I	Annual utilization monitoring will be recorded.
7013	Zoglman FFR	C	Nothing planned.
7014	Badger Springs	M	Nothing planned.
7015	Second Flat	I	Utilization recorded.
7016	Juniper Ridge	M	Project Inspections will be completed.
7017	Cluster	M	Nothing planned.
7018	Silver Lake	M	Utilization
7019	Palomino Butte	I	Utilization and WH&B Monitoring
7020	Sand Hollow	M	Annual utilization will be recorded.
7021	Weaver Lakes	I	Utilization.
7022	Dog Mountain	I	Nothing planned.
7023	West Sagehen	I	Annual utilization monitoring will be recorded.
7024	East Sage Hen	I	Begin a new AMP to address uneven use patterns within the allotment.
7025	Gouldin	I	Nothing planned.
7026	Horton Mill	I	10 year grazing permit will be transferred to a new permittee.
7027	Emigrant Creek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
7028	Stinger Creek	C	Nothing planned.
7029	Spring Creek	C	Nothing planned.
7030	Skull Creek	I	Nothing planned.
7031	Hay Creek	I	Nothing planned.
7032	Hotchkiss Individual	C	Nothing planned.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
7033	Silvies River	I	Annual utilization and use supervision monitoring completed. Development of an evaluation will be completed. Fencelines will be GPS'd and the pasture and allotment boundaries will be adjusted accordingly. Additional trend site established in lower pasture.
7034	Scat Field	C	Nothing planned.
7035	Silvies Meadow	M	Annual utilization monitoring recorded.
7036	Hayes	I	Nothing planned.
7037	Coal Pit Spring	C	Use supervision monitoring completed done via Range Line Agreement in 2011. Grazing permit EA completed and fully processed.
7038	Curry Gordon	C	Use supervision monitoring will be completed. Fencelines will be GPS'd and the pasture and allotment boundaries will be adjusted accordingly.
7039	Cave Gulch	M	Indicators of Rangeland Health will be analyzed by an Interdisciplinary Team. Annual utilization monitoring will be recorded. 1 permit transfer completed.
7040	Landing Creek	I	Allotment boundary fence (0.02mils) in Cherry Spring Canyon will be constructed. Utilization monitoring will be recorded.
7041	East Silvies	I	Annual utilization monitoring will be recorded. Trend recorded.
7042	Dole Smith	C	Rangeland health assessment will be recorded. Trend recorded. Annual upland monitoring recorded.
7043	Lone Pine	I	Four grazing permit renewals will be processed. OYCC Crew (5) reservoir dam maintenance completed. Utilization monitoring and compliance will be recorded. 2 Permit transfers completed.
7045	Whiting FFR	C	One grazing permit renewal will be processed. (48 AUMs) Trend monitoring will be recorded.
7046	Baker Hill Field	C	Nothing planned.
7047	Peabody	C	Nothing planned.
7048	Varien Canyon	C	Trend monitoring will be recorded.
7049	Forks of Poison Creek	I	Trend will be read.
7051	Sawtooth-MNF	M	Nothing planned.
7052	Lone Pine Field	C	Trend monitoring recorded.
7053	Silvies Canyon	M	Utilization
7054	Cricket Creek	C	Nothing planned.
7056	Double O	M	Nothing planned.
7058	Narrows	I	Annual utilization and use supervision will be completed. Inspection of trough replacement.
7061	Bulger FFR	C	Nothing planned.
7062	Capehart Lake	I	The Capehart Lake Well project, as analyzed in the AMP/EA, completed, in cooperation with the permittee and SWCD. Annual utilization will be recorded.
7063	Roundtop Butte	I	Nothing planned.
7088	Sunset Valley	C	Nothing planned.



Pipeline Well New Trough



Long Hollow Trough Replacement



By God-Bill Solar Well

Andrews/Steens Resource Area - Completed Work for FY11

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ²
0032	South Catlow	I	Nothing to report.
2690	Turkey FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6001	North Catlow	I	Initiated allotment evaluation. Monitoring and utilization were completed in FY11. Upland Trend completed.
6002	South Steens	I	AMP is in the process of being completed with changes to grazing management and proposed developments. Work on Tombstone Units of N. Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project was halted due to lawsuit.
6005	Mud Creek	I	Nothing to report.
6006	Frazier Field	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed for FY11. Juniper pile burning completed. Trees and Brush cut of dam by OYCC crew at Frazier Seeding Reservoir
6007	Ruby Springs	I	Utilization and Use Supervision completed. Mistake Lake and associated ditches were repaired; head gate will be installed in FY12. Juniper cutting around Moon Hill occurred to prepare for prescribed burning; work was stopped during the year due to a lawsuit.
6008	Krumbo	M	Monitoring and utilization were completed in FY11.
6010	East Ridge	I	Upland Trend completed. Use Supervision done. Allotment Evaluation Started.
6011	Pollock	I	Monitoring and utilization done FY11. Issued winter authorization FY11/12
6012	Alvord	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed. Issued winter authorization for FY11/12. Monitoring and data collection for a BA for 7 lahaton streams, water temps and water quality recorded. Pike, Big Alvord, Little Alvord, Cottonwood, Willow, Mosquito and Little McCoy
6014	Tum Tum	M	Nothing to report.
6015	Trout Creek Mountain	I	Completed Amos Spring Maintenance (replaced trough) and Antelope Well Reservoir Maintenance (fixed breach in dam).
6016	Sandhills	M	Nothing to report.
6017	Grassy Basin	M	Cooperative pipeline extension project was completed.
6018	Tule Springs	I	Two well improvements were planned and are awaiting implementation.
6019	Serrano Point	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed for FY11. Base lease transfer completed.
6020	Pueblo-Lone Mountain	I	Nothing to report.
6023	Hammond	I	Utilization standards are being met. Production was good this year in response to spring rains. Installed new water trough.
6024	South Fork	M	Nothing to report.
6025	Hardie Summer	M	Monitoring completed.
6026	Mann Lake	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed in FY11. Issued winter authorization for FY11/12 and completed a CX for a well re-drill on the West Desert Pasture.
6027	Carlson Creek	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed in FY11.
6028	Fields	I	Monitoring and utilization was completed in FY11 Started brush beating in Fields seeding
6029	Keg Springs	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed in FY11.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ²
6030	Reicken's Corner	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed in FY11.
6031	LaVoy Tables	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed in FY11.
6032	Krumbo Mountain	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed in FY11.
6033	Chimney	I	Upland Trend completed with multiple new plots established. Utilization and use supervision were completed. Allotment Evaluation started. GPS'd existing fence lines. A rangeland agreement and allotment boundary adjustment were completed to remove private land from the allotment. A road maintenance CX was completed, and road maintenance occurred on the Kiger Ridge Road.
6035	Fields Basin	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed in FY11.
6038	Alvord Peak	I	Use Supervision was completed. GPS'd fence lines. Started process of correcting allotment boundaries to reflect actual/real boundaries.
6040	Stonehouse	I	Monitoring and utilization were completed in FY11. Completed cooperative project with Alvord ranch for pipeline and trough installation at coyote spring in Ward pasture.
6042	Basque Hills	I	AMP has been reinitiated. Use supervision occurred.
6043	Pueblo Slough	I	Potential fish and wildlife project being evaluated.
6044	Lower Antelope	I	Nothing to report.
6100	Hammond FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6101	Waldrirch FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6102	Oregon End FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6103	Wiley FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6104	Defenbaugh FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6105	Wrench Ranch FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6106	Orlando FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6107	Crump/ Calderwood FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6108	Henricks FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6109	Casey FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6110	Still FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6111	Dunbar FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6112	Long Hollow FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6114	Rock Creek FFR	C	Culp FFR was incorporated into this allotment.
6115	Dixon FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6116	Northrup FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6117	Kaser FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6118	Lupher FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6119	Pollock FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6120	Mann Lake FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6121	Neuschwander FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6122	Starr FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6123	Culp FFR	C	This allotment was incorporated into Rock Creek FFR.
6124	Windmill FFR	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress ²
6125	Roaring Springs FFR	C	GPS's some private fences to use in allotment boundary adjustments. Began process to adjust allotment boundaries, removing areas that are 100% private.
6126	CM Otley FFR	C	A rangeland agreement and allotment boundary adjustment occurred to remove private land from the allotment.
6127	Kuney FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6128	Konek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6129	Alvord FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6130	Scharff FFR	C	Some fence repair has been completed on the southern boundary of the allotment. A contract to rebuild a large portion of the boundary has been awarded.
6131	South Pocket FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6133	Otley Brothers FFR	C	A rangeland agreement and allotment boundary adjustment occurred to remove private pastures from the allotment.

Andrews/Steens Resource Area - Completed Work for FY12

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0032	South Catlow	I	Upland Trend Monitoring was completed with new plots being established. Use supervision completed. A rangeland agreement adjusting allotment boundaries to actual fencelines was completed.
2690	Turkey FFR	C	Nothing to report
6001	North Catlow	I	Allotment evaluation in progress.
6002	South Steens	I	AMP is in the process of being completed. Work on Tombstone Units of N. Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project was resumed; cutting and piling will continue as funding allows. An administrative appeal was filed by the permittee on the BLM's decision to not allow grazing to occur in the Tombstone Pasture through the 2014 growing season as part of a litigation settlement. Upland Trend Monitoring was completed with multiple new plots being established. Tombstone Canyon road was gated and closed to public access as part of the same settlement. Utilization and use supervision was completed.
6005	Mud Creek	I	Nothing to report.
6006	Frazier Field	I	Burned piles in Frazier Field Pasture.
6007	Ruby Springs	I	Utilization and Use Supervision completed. Juniper cutting around Moon Hill occurred to prepare for prescribed burning in FY13. The Ruby Well storage tank began to leak and actions were initiated to replace it. Cattleguards were cleaned.
6008	Krumbo	M	Krumbo Creek Enclosure's is being evaluated for realignment or conversion to a riparian pasture.
6010	East Ridge	I	Work on the Allotment Evaluation continued.
6011	Pollock	I	Completed monitoring and utilization for FY12. Stonehouse Seeding EA Proposed Decision Issued. Started survey work on Barrel springs and Summit Creek pipeline extension. Issued winter grazing permit.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
6012	Alvord	I	** Finished Solar upgrades at Ancient Lake and Pipeline Wells. Installed bottomless trough at Pipeline Well. Completed monitoring and utilization for FY12. Issued winter grazing permit
6014	Tum Tum	M	Nothing to report.
6015	Trout Creek Mountain	I	Partially burned during 2012 wildfires
6016	Sand Hills	M	Partially burned during 2012 wildfires.
6017	Grassy Basin	M	Burned during 2012 wildfires.
6018	Tule Springs	I	One well improvement was planned and is awaiting implementation.
6019	Serrano Point	I	Completed upland trend monitoring FY12.
6020	Pueblo-Lone Mountain	I	Nothing to report.
6023	Hammond	I	Replaced one trough.
6024	South Fork	M	Burned during 2012 wildfires.
6025	Hardie Summer	M	Nothing to report.
6026	Mann Lake	I	Completed monitoring and utilization FY12. Completed Solar well cooperative project with Mann Lake Ranch at By-God-Bill well.
6027	Carlson Creek		Completed upland trend and completed monitoring / utilization FY12. Completed upland trend monitoring.
6028	Fields	I	Completed Burke Springs pipeline extension and trough installation. Completed monitoring FY12.
6029	Keg Springs	I	A portion of this allotment was temporarily closed (using a cooperative agreement) to grazing following the Miller Homestead Fire and associated EA. Grazing will be resumed when objectives are met.
6030	Reicken's Corner	M	Monitoring, utilization, and use supervision were completed in FY12.
6031	LaVoy Tables	I	Nothing to report.
6032	Krumbo Mountain	I	Nothing to report.
6033	Chimney	I	An Allotment Evaluation was begun.
6035	Fields Basin	I	Fields Seeding / brush beating and re-seeding project completed. Completed trough replacement Cooperative Agreement Project with Trout Creek Ranch at Long Hollow well. 3 of 5 trend plots completed. Completed monitoring/ utilization FY12.
6038	Alvord Peak	I	Upland trend was completed including the installation of multiple new plots. An Allotment Evaluation was initiated. A rangeland agreement was finalized adjusting allotment boundaries to existing fencelines instead of land ownership boundaries.
6040	Stonehouse	I	Completed monitoring and utilization FY12.
6042	Basque Hills	I	AMP has been reinitiated and work on it continues. Upland Trend Monitoring was completed, including the installation of new plots. Use supervision occurred.
6043	Pueblo Slough	I	Nothing to report.
6044	Lower Antelope	I	Nothing to report.
6100	Hammond FFR	C	Nothing to report.

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
6101	Waldirch FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6102	Oregon End FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6103	Wiley FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6104	Defenbaugh FFR	C	A portion burned during 2012 wildfires.
6105	Wrench Ranch FFR	C	Burned during 2012 wildfires.
6106	Orlando FFR	C	Burned during 2012 wildfires.
6107	Crump/ Calderwood FFR	C	Burned during 2012 wildfires.
6108	Henricks FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6109	Casey FFR	C	Burned during 2012 wildfires.
6110	Still FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6111	Dunbar FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6112	Long Hollow FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6114	Rock Creek FFR	C	Culp FFR was incorporated into this allotment.
6115	Dixon FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6116	Northrup FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6117	Kaser FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6118	Lupher FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6119	Pollock FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6120	Mann Lake FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6121	Neuschwander FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6122	Starr FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6123	Culp FFR	C	This allotment was incorporated into Rock Creek FFR.
6124	Windmill FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6125	Roaring Springs FFR	C	A rangeland agreement was completed removing pastures that were 100% private and adjusting boundaries to actual fencelines.
6126	CM Otley FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6127	Kuney FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6128	Konek FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6129	Alvord FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6130	Scharff FFR	C	Some fence repair has been completed on the southern boundary of the allotment.
6131	South Pocket FFR	C	Nothing to report.
6133	Otley Brothers FFR	C	Nothing to report.

** Solar upgrade at Pipeline well

Andrews/Steens Resource Area - Planned Work for FY13

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
0032	South Catlow	I	Utilization and use supervision monitoring.
2690	Turkey FFR		Nothing planned.
6001	North Catlow	I	Allotment evaluation to be completed this year.
6002	South Steens	I	Issue Proposed Decision(s) for AMP. Cut, pile, and burn juniper units in Tombstone Pasture as part of N. Steens Project. Complete utilization, and use supervision. Construct fences to protect springs not meeting S&Gs if funding is available. Complete funding requests/cooperative agreements for improvements identified in AMP Decision Record. Monitor Burnt Car Rehabilitation efforts.
6005	Mud Creek	I	Nothing planned.
6006	Frazier Field	I	Complete monitoring, utilization, and use supervision FY13
6007	Ruby Springs	I	Proceed with work on Moon Hill associated with N. Steens Project. Complete prescribed burn in fall. Utilization and Use Supervision.
6008	Krumbo	M	Krumbo Creek Enclosure's is being evaluated for realignment or conversion to a riparian pasture.
6010	East Ridge	I	Allotment Evaluation will be completed. Prepare for AMP. Utilization and use supervision. Install additional upland trend plots as needed.
6011	Pollock	I	Complete monitoring and utilization for FY13. Complete Barrel Springs Summit springs Pipeline Extension. Award contract for completion of Stonehouse Creek Fence. Complete upland trend monitoring.
6012	Alvord	I	Complete monitoring and utilization for FY13. Finish allotment evaluation start on allotment AMP. Rebuild water development at Indian Springs.
6014	Tum Tum	M	Construct South Tule Well pipeline and trough.
6015	Trout Creek Mountain	I	Fire rehab seeding, range improvement maintenance, trend monitoring, annual utilization.
6016	Sand Hills	M	Fire rehab trend monitoring, construction of fire fence, well proposal project and reseeding proposal and annual utilization.
6017	Grassy Basin	M	Fire rehab monitoring, and range improvement maintenance.
6018	Tule Springs	I	Complete Adrian Well project.
6019	Serrano Point	I	Complete monitoring and utilization FY13. Issue new term permit
6020	Pueblo-Lone Mountain	I	Replace damaged troughs in Rincon seedings, water development inspections, annual utilization, allotment evaluation
6023	Hammond	I	Replace one trough.
6024	South Fork	M	Nothing planned.
6025	Hardie Summer	M	Nothing planned.
6026	Mann Lake	I	Complete monitoring and utilization FY13.
6027	Carlson Creek		Complete monitoring and utilization FY13. Establish new trend plots.
6028	Fields	I	Complete monitoring and utilization FY13. Complete upland trend monitoring.
6029	Keg Springs	I	Fire rehab as stated in the Miller Homestead ESR agreement FY13. Installation of Keg Springs well and 30ft. bottomless trough.

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6030	Reicken's Corner	I	Fire rehab as stated in the Miller Homestead ESR agreement FY13
6031	LaVoy Tables	I	Fire rehab as stated in the Miller Homestead ESR agreement FY13
6032	Krumbo Mountain	I	Complete monitoring, utilization, and use supervision FY13.
6033	Chimney	I	Allotment Evaluation will be completed. Prepare for AMP. Utilization and Use Supervision. Install additional upland plots, as needed.
6035	Fields Basin	I	Complete monitoring and utilization FY13. Finish upland trend monitoring. Upgrade O'Keefe Well to solar power.
6038	Alvord Peak	I	Allotment evaluation will be completed and AMP will be initiated.
6040	Stonehouse	I	Complete monitoring and utilization FY13.
6042	Basque Hills	I	Complete AMP and issue Proposed Decision(s). Complete funding requests as needed for projects outlined in AMP. Utilization and use supervision.
6043	Pueblo Slough	I	Nothing planned.
6044	Lower Antelope	I	Install the South Tule Well pipeline and trough
6100	Hammond FFR	C	Nothing Planned
6101	Waldirch FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6102	Oregon End FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6103	Wiley FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6104	Defenbaugh FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6105	Wrench Ranch FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6106	Orlando FFR	C	Nothing planned
6107	Crump/ Calderwood FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6108	Henricks FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6109	Casey FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6110	Still FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6111	Dunbar FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6112	Long Hollow FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6114	Rock Creek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6115	Dixon FFR	C	Nothing planned
6116	Northrup FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6117	Kaser FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6118	Lupher FFR	C	Nothing planned
6119	Pollock FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6120	Mann Lake FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6121	Neuschwander FFR	C	Nothing planned
6122	Starr FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6123	Culp FFR	C	This allotment was incorporated into Rock Creek FFR FY12.
6124	Windmill FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6125	Roaring Springs FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6126	CM Otley FFR	C	Use Supervision.
6127	Kuney FFR	C	

Allotment Number	Name	Category	Implementation Progress
6128	Konek FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6129	Alvord FFR	C	
6130	Scharff FFR	C	Finish repairing boundary fence. Use Supervision.
6131	South Pocket FFR	C	Nothing planned.
6133	Otley Brothers FFR	C	Use Supervision.

Appendices

Acronym/Abbreviation Guide

The following acronyms, listed in alphabetical order, are used throughout this Planning Update.

Acronym	Definition
ACEC	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
AMP	Allotment Management Plan
ARRA	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
AML	Appropriate Management Level
AMU	Andrews Management Unit
Andrews/ Steens	Andrews Management Unit/ Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicle
AUM	Animal Unit Month
BIFZ	Burns Interagency Fire Zone
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
CMPA	Cooperative Management and Protection Area
CWMA	Cooperative Weed Management Area
CRP	Comprehensive Recreation Plan
CX	Categorically Excluded from NEPA analysis
DNA	Determination of NEPA adequacy
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EOARC	Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FFR	Fenced Federal Range
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
FPA	Fire Program Analysis
FPDSS	Fire Program Decision Support System
FPU	Fire Planning Unit
FY	Fiscal Year
HFRA	Healthy Forest Restoration Act
HMA	Herd Management Area
IBLA	Interior Board of Land Appeals
IFPL	Industrial Fire Precaution Level
mbf	1,000 Board Feet
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act

NLCS	National Landscape Conservation System
NWR	Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
OAS	Oregon Archaeological Society
ODA	Oregon Department of Agriculture
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
OHV	Off-Highway Vehicle
ONDA	Oregon Natural Desert Association
OSU	Oregon State University
OWEB	Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
PFC	Proper Functioning Condition
RA	Resource Area
RMP	Resource Management Plan
RNA	Research Natural Area
ROD	Record of Decision
ROW	Right-of-Way
RSC	Rattlesnake, Squaw Creek, Coffeepot Thinning Project
SAA	Society for American Archaeology
SHED	Silvies, Hopper, Emigrant and Detrick Forest Restoration Project
SMAC	Steens Mountain Advisory Council
SRP	Special Recreation Permit
SSS	Special Status Species
Standards and Guidelines	Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Management for Public Lands in Oregon/Washington
Steens Act	Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000
SWAT	Strategic Weed Attack Team
TIP	Trainer Incentive Program
TMP	Travel Management Plan
TP	Transportation Plan
U of O	University of Oregon
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey
WHB	Wild Horse and Burro
WJMA	Wildland Juniper Management Area
WUI	Wildland Urban Interface
WSA	Wilderness Study Area
WSR	Wild and Scenic River
YAY	Youth and Yearling

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: TR-1

Plan Name: Three Rivers RMP

Planning Unit: OR 025

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Chapter: 2

Heading: Lands and Realty

CHANGE:

The Record of Decision for BLM's *Implementation of a Wind Energy Development Program and Associated Land Use Plan Amendments* (WEDP) amended the Three Rivers Resource Management Plan (RMP) to clarify that wind energy development will be restricted in ROW and land use authorization avoidance and exclusion zones as identified in the RMP. Wind energy development will be considered on a case by case basis in areas outside these zones.

In addition, programmatic policies and BMPs contained in the WEDP are adopted into the RMP.

REASON:

Wind energy development, programmatic wind energy policies and BMPs were not considered or analyzed during preparation of the RMP and therefore had to be included in the RMP by plan amendment to conform with the National Energy Policy.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Realty Specialist	<u>Steph Kengler</u>	Date	<u>12-27-05</u>
Planning & Environmental Coordinator	<u>Dan Jinks</u>	Date	<u>1/3/06</u>
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist,	<u>Joe Beaman</u>	Date	<u>1/3/06</u>
Field Manager	<u>Joan M. Anttila</u>	Date	<u>1/3/06</u>

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: TRRA-2

Plan Name: Three Rivers ROD/RMP

Planning Unit: OR 026

Page: 74 RMP-Three Rivers Resource Management Plan ROD

Chapter: 2

Heading: F 2.2, WL 1.4, WL 7.11

ISSUE: The reason for plan maintenance is to remove inconsistent language and clarify contradicting Procedures to Implement found in the plan. The management language contradictions were inadvertent and would keep the BLM from implementing improvements to rangeland, watershed health, wildlife habitat, or other management objectives.

CHANGE: Allocations/Management Action F 2.2 has the same meaning and intent as WL 1.4, and WL 7.11. F2.2 in the RMP reads as follows: "*Prohibit harvest of juniper foliage, fuelwood, and posts and poles from big game winter range in the area south of U.S. Highway 20, west of Oregon Highway 205*". However the Procedures to Implement for F 2.2 is very different from WL 1.4 and WL 7.11. The Procedure to Implement for F 2.2 reads: "*Protect this geographic area by avoiding juniper control activity proposals*".

Allocations/Management Action for WL 1.4 and WL 7.11 in the RMP read as follows: "*Prohibit harvest of woodland products such as fuelwood, posts, poles and juniper foliage from big game winter range in the area south of U.S. Highway 20, west of Oregon Highway 205*". The Procedures to Implement for WL 1.4 and WL 7.11 read: "*Issue no woodland products permits for this area*".

In addition, Allocations/Management Action for F 2.2 and especially the Procedures to Implement for F 2.2 contradict F 2.1, which states: "*Remove or thin selected concentrations of western juniper which adversely affect rangeland, watershed, wildlife habitat, or other management objectives*".

The change of wording is to have Allocations/Management Action F 2.2 Procedures to Implement read as follows: "*Issue no woodland products permits for this area*". By making the suggested change, commercial harvest would not be allowed south of U.S. Highway 20 and west of Oregon Highway 205; however, western juniper control would be allowed where it provides for wildlife habitat, watershed, and rangeland health improvement.

REASON: The wording of Allocations/Management Action and Procedures to Implement as currently written for F 2.2 prohibits any control or manipulation of western juniper south of U.S. Highway 20 and west of Oregon Highway 205. The intent of the RMP was not to prohibit wildlife habitat, watershed, or rangeland improvement projects in the identified area but rather to prohibit commercial harvest of juniper and forest products in the area south of U.S. Highway 20 and west of Oregon Highway 205.

5- AN MAINTENANCE NO.: TRRA-

Requires Plan Amendment

X Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist Michael [Signature] Date 4/24/06

Planning & Env. Coordinator [Signature] Date 4/24/06

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, [Signature] Date 4/25/06

Field Manager [Signature] Date 4/25/06

REASON:

The purpose of this Management Action is to provide for the protection of riparian habitat in the riparian zone of the [Project Name] project. The purpose of this Management Action is to provide for the protection of riparian habitat in the riparian zone of the [Project Name] project. The purpose of this Management Action is to provide for the protection of riparian habitat in the riparian zone of the [Project Name] project.

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. TR-3 AMU-8

Plan Name: Three Rivers Resource Area

Planning Unit: OR025

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Chapter 2
Heading Lands and Realty
Component Map LR-2, Right-of-way Corridors, Exclusion, Avoidance Areas

Plan Name: Andrews Management Unit (AMU)

Planning Unit: OR026

Page RMP-63
Chapter N/A
Heading Lands and Realty
Component Map 10, Right-of-Way Corridors and Realty Use
Authorization/Avoidance Areas

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE:

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Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

Amends existing Plans

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist Steve Penchley Date March 17, 2009

Planning & Environmental Coordinator Donna Dargatzis Date 3/18/09

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Field Manager Richard Ray Date _____

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: TR-4

Plan Name: Three Rivers Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: B050

Page: Appendices 132

Chapter: Appendix 9

Heading: Allotment Management Summaries, Cluster Allotment

CHANGE: The Cluster Allotment boundary has been changed to exclude a private pasture. The change has been made using a rangeline agreement, signed by the permittee and the Three Rivers Field Manager. This boundary change results in the public acres in the allotment being reduced to 7,700 acres from 7,709 acres. Private acres are being reduced to 3,048 from 12,984 acres. This does not result in any changes to carrying capacity or preference on the ten-year permit or BLM-managed lands.

NOTE: The 1992 Three Rivers RMP identifies this allotment of having 7, 843 acres of BLM managed land; however, land sales have resulted in this number being reduced to 7,709 acres.

REASON: The pasture being removed is almost 100% state or private lands (less than 0.08% being BLM-managed lands) with the BLM managed land being located in narrow strips between fencelines and private property. This pasture consists of a ranch and associated farmland; therefore, management of public lands by BLM is not feasible. Excluding private lands from this allotment provides a more accurate description of current and actual management.

Requires Plan Amendment

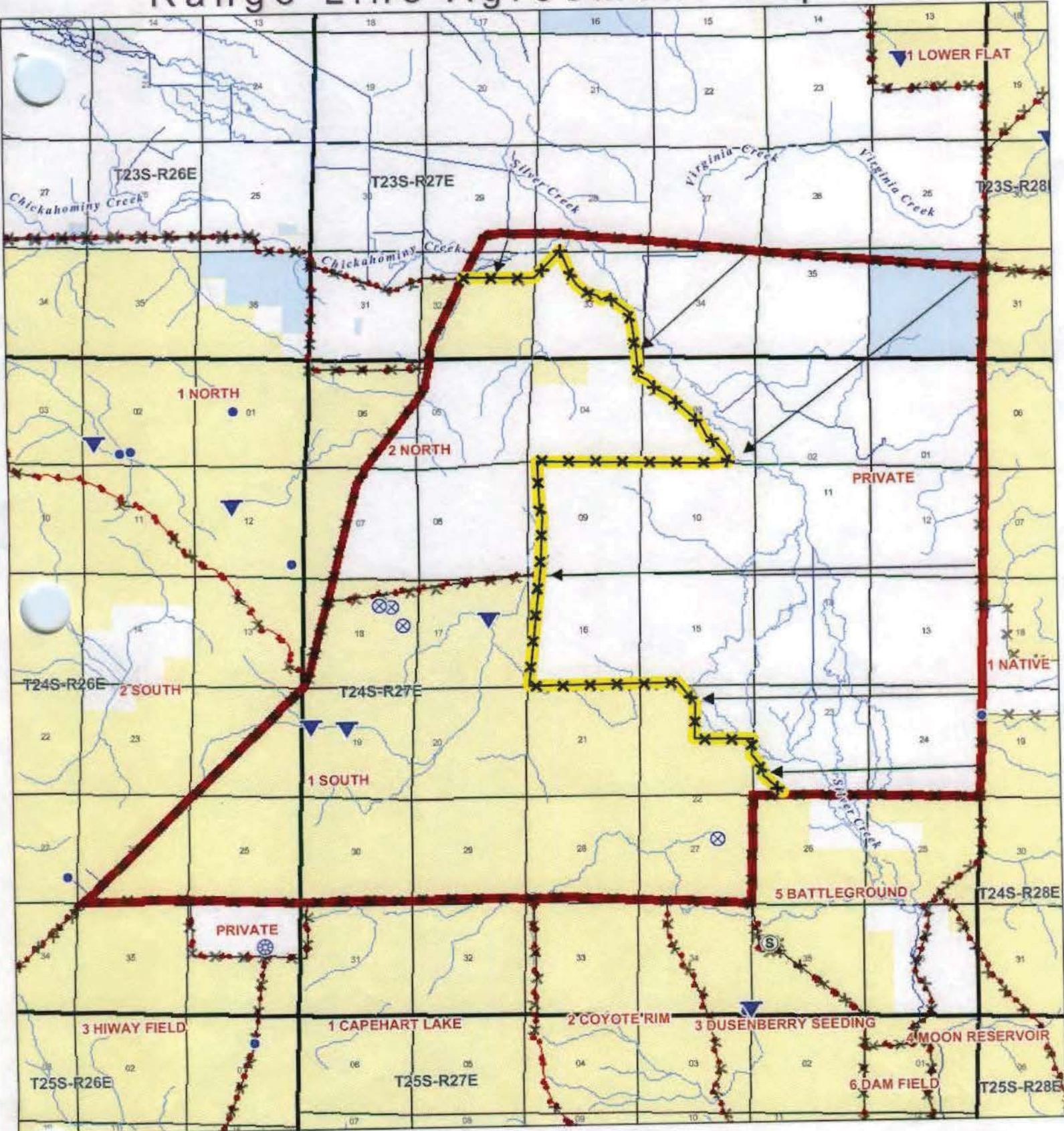
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Resource Specialist	<u><i>Antony Stahl</i></u>	Date	<u>4/11/11</u>
Planning & Env. Coordinator	<u><i>Shonda Hanger</i></u>	Date	<u>4/11/11</u>
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist,	<u><i>W. D. [Signature]</i></u>	Date	<u>4/12/11</u>
Field Manager	<u><i>Richard Rey</i></u>	Date	<u>4/12/11</u>

Cluster Allotment #7017 2011 - 2013 Planning Update

Range Line Agreement Map



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PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-1

Plan Name: Andrews Management Unit ROD/RMP

Planning Unit: OR 026

Page: ROD-2

Chapter:

Heading: Land Use Plan Decisions

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Add to bulleted list: Wild and Scenic River (WSR) suitability

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: Inadvertently left out.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist [Signature] Date 12/19/05

Planning & Env. Coordinator [Signature] Date 12/19/05

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, NA Date _____

Field Manager [Signature] Date 12/19/05

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-2

Plan Name: Andrews Management Unit ROD/RMP

Planning Unit: OR 026

Page: RMP-76

Chapter:

Heading:

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Add attached Wild and Scenic Rivers (WSRs) section to RMP. Disregard discussions pertaining only to the CMPA.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, *i.e.* EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: Inadvertently left out.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist  Date 12/19/05

Planning & Env. Coordinator  Date 12/19/05

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Field Manager  Date 12/19/05

Monitoring

No special monitoring will be conducted for parcels with wilderness characteristics.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Goal 1 – Manage the existing and newly-designated WSRs in conformance with the WSRs Act and the Wilderness Act.

Objective. Protect and enhance the Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORVs) of the designated WSRs.

Rationale

The WSRs Act (PL 90-542 and amendments), Section 1(b), states that "...certain selected rivers of the nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations." Section 10(a) describes the basic management requirement of protecting and enhancing the values that caused the river to be included in the National WSRs System. Burns BLM manages 12 rivers in the WSRs System. Six are part of the Donner and Blitzen River drainage and were designated when Congress passed the Omnibus Oregon WSRs Act of 1988. A management plan for Donner and Blitzen River and the five other river segments was completed in 1993. The Steens Act designated an additional six rivers. Mud Creek, Ankle Creek, and South Fork of Ankle Creek were added to the Donner and Blitzen River System. Wildhorse Creek, Little Wildhorse Creek, and Kiger Creek were also designated. The length of the 12 designated rivers totals 105 miles with BLM managing approximately 27,324 acres of public land within the WSR corridors. The remaining 4,022 acres within the WSR corridors are State and private lands. Under the Steens Act, all 12 rivers fall within the CMPA and all but 1,204 acres of BLM-administered lands in the WSR corridors fall within Steens Mountain Wilderness. A more detailed description of each designated river and its ORVs is located in Appendix P.

Under the WSRs Act, rivers are classified by Congress as either Recreational, Scenic, or Wild depending on the extent of development and access along each river at time of designation. All designated river segments in the CMPA were classified as Wild by Congress. River segments with a Wild classification are generally inaccessible except by trail with watersheds and shorelines essentially primitive and waters unpolluted.

Management Direction

The BLM-administered lands within WSR corridors are managed to protect and enhance ORVs for which they were designated. The existing Wild classification is retained for the designated rivers. Under guidance from the Steens Act, where WSR corridors overlap with Steens Mountain Wilderness, the more restrictive management requirements apply. Several of the river segments have roads, bridges, recreation facilities, historic structures, and other infrastructure that existed at time of designation. These facilities will continue to be maintained and replaced as necessary to provide for public health and safety and existing uses, as well as resource protection. An integrated management plan has been completed for Steens Mountain Wilderness and the designated WSRs as part of this RMP (Appendix P).

Goal 2 - Determine the suitability of eligible WSRs. Manage those rivers found to be suitable in conformance with BLM Manual 8351 (WSRs - Policy and Program Direction for Identification, Evaluation, and Management) for protective management of eligible and suitable WSRs.

Objective. Protect and enhance the ORVs of rivers determined to be administratively suitable for potential inclusion into the National WSRs System by Congress.

Rationale

Section 5(d)(1) of the WSRs Act requires Federal land management agencies conduct eligibility evaluations for rivers within their jurisdiction as part of their resource planning process. All rivers in Andrews RA were

evaluated for WSR eligibility in 1997 for the SEORMP. Each river was reviewed by an ID team. The first step was to determine river segment eligibility based on free-flowing conditions and presence or absence of ORVs. The second step was to determine tentative river classification (Wild, Scenic, or Recreational) based primarily on the level of development along the river segment, with the Recreational classification for rivers with a greater degree of development and the Wild classification for rivers with the least amount of development.

Of rivers that were evaluated, 13 were found to be eligible. Since 1997, status of several rivers has changed. In 2000, three (Wildhorse Creek, Little Wildhorse Creek, and Kiger Creek) of the rivers found to be eligible were designated by Congress as WSRs in the Steens Act. The Steens Act also designated Mud Creek, Ankle Creek, and South Fork of Ankle Creek as additions to the Donner und Blitzen WSR system. These three rivers were not evaluated for eligibility or suitability in 1997 because the majority of land along each river was privately owned. Landownership along these rivers became predominately public with completion of several land exchanges also called for by the Steens Act. The remaining ten rivers found to be eligible include Big Alvord, Willow, Threemile, Pike, Mud (different from the Mud Creek described above), McCoy, Home, Little Cottonwood, Van Horn, and Big Trout Creeks.

The third step was to complete an evaluation and proposed suitability determination for each eligible river segment identified. Section 4(a) of the WSRs Act specifies the following factors that should be considered in the suitability evaluation and determination: current status of landownership and use in the area; reasonably foreseeable potential uses of the land and water that will be enhanced, foreclosed, or curtailed if the area were included in the National WSRs System, and values that will be foreclosed or diminished if the river is not protected as part of the National WSRs System; other agencies, organizations, or public interest in designation or nondesignation; administrative costs; ability of the agency to manage and protect the river area; and historic or existing rights.

In 2003 and 2004, the suitability evaluation and proposed determination for each eligible river were reviewed along with public comments on the Draft RMP/DEIS. No significant changes to suitability factors assessed for each river were identified. A summary of the suitability evaluation and proposed determination for each eligible river is located in Appendix N.

Management Direction

Based on the suitability evaluation and proposed determination completed for each river (Appendix N) no eligible rivers are recommended as administratively suitable for potential designation by Congress as WSRs. Unsuitable river segments are managed in accordance with RMP management objectives including wilderness, WSA, and at a minimum CMPA protections along their corridors.

Monitoring

The WSR monitoring is discussed at length in the Wilderness and WSRs Plan (Appendix P).

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-3

Plan Name: Andrews Management Unit ROD/RMP

Planning Unit: OR 026

Page: RMP-63

Heading: Lands and Realty

CHANGE:

The Record of Decision for BLM's *Implementation of a Wind Energy Development Program and Associated Land Use Plan Amendments* (WEDP) amended the Andrews Management Unit Resource Management Plan (RMP) to clarify that wind energy development will be restricted in ROW, realty use and renewable energy avoidance and exclusion zones as identified in the RMP.

In addition, programmatic policies and BMPs contained in the WEDP are adopted into the RMP. Adoption of these policies and BMPs was inadvertently left out of the final WEDP. Nevertheless, it was clearly the intent of the District for this to occur based on District comments and input during the development of the WEDP.

REASON:

Although the RMP stated that avoidance and exclusion areas applied to forms of renewable energy, for clarification it was necessary that the RMP specify that these zones also applied to wind energy development.

Programmatic wind energy policies and BMPs were not fully developed by the time the RMP was completed and therefore had to be included in the RMP at a later date by plan amendment.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

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Planning & Environmental Coordinator Gary Jalko Date 1/3/06

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, N/A Date _____

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PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-4

Plan Name: Andrews Management Unit ROD/RMP

Planning Unit: OR 026

Page: ROD-2

Chapter: Record of Decision

Heading: Continuity of Previous Decisions

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Replace the word "revise" with "replace" in the first line of the paragraph.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: Inadvertent use of word.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist _____ Date _____

Planning & Env. Coordinator Gay Zulk Date 10/26/06

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, _____ Date _____

Field Manager _____ Date _____

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-5

Plan Name: Andrews Management Unit ROD/RMP

Planning Unit: OR 026

Page: ROD-74 and 75

Chapter: Record of Decision (ROD)- Resources, Goals, Objectives, Rationale, Management Direction and Monitoring Section

Heading: Wilderness Study Areas and Parcels with Wilderness Characteristics

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Replace entire Rationale Section so that it states the following:

“WSAs are managed in a manner so as not to impair the suitability of the areas for preservation as wilderness under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, Section 603 (c), and the Steens Act, Section 204. Both the FLPMA, along with the subsequent Interim Management Policy (IMP), and the provisions of the Steens Act apply to management of WSAs.

Any WSAs designated as wilderness by Congress will be managed in accordance with the Wilderness Act of 1964 and any special provisions provided in the legislation designating the new wilderness. Any WSAs released by Congress from WSA status will be managed the same as the surrounding non-WSA lands.”

Below is the text to be deleted from the Rationale Section:

~~Wilderness preservation is part of the BLM's multiple-use mandate, and wilderness is considered in the land use planning process. WSAs are managed in accordance with the BLM's WSA IMP (USDI 1995b). The Congressional mandate of nonimpairment, the primary standard for interim management, directs land under wilderness review be managed so as not to impair its suitability for preservation as wilderness. Wilderness values, described in Section 2 (e) of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-577), must be protected in WSAs. The initial task of identifying areas suitable for wilderness preservation has been completed as mandated in the FLPMA Section 603, and is documented in BLM 1989 Oregon Final Wilderness EIS and Wilderness Study Report for Oregon (USDI 1991c).~~

~~The WSA IMP takes precedence over other management direction unless the latter is more restrictive and protective than the WSA IMP, in which case the more restrictive management is followed. The WSAs are managed under the WSA IMP until Congress makes a determination regarding wilderness designation. The WSA IMP states activities must comply with specific policy guidance, including the following nonimpairment criteria:~~

- ~~1. The use, facility, or activity must be temporary. Temporary use that does not create surface disturbance or involve permanent placement of facilities may be allowed if such use can easily and immediately be terminated upon wilderness designation.~~
- ~~2. When the use, activity, or facility is terminated, wilderness values must not have been~~

~~degraded so far as to significantly constrain Congressional prerogative regarding the area's suitability for preservation as wilderness.~~

~~Exceptions to nonimpairment criteria include emergencies such as fire suppression and search and rescue operations; reclamation of effects from WSA IMP violations; emergencies and pre-FLPMA impacts; grandfathered uses or facilities or valid existing rights; or uses and facilities to protect or enhance the land's wilderness values or are the minimum necessary for public health and safety in use and enjoyment of wilderness values.~~

~~The OHV and mechanized vehicle use in WSAs is limited to existing and designated ways unless the WSA is completely closed to OHV and mechanized vehicle use. Existing ways are those existing at the time of the wilderness inventory. Ways may be closed due to resource concerns. Use of OHVs and mechanized vehicles, including mountain bikes, is only allowed on existing ways and within open areas designated prior to passage of the FLPMA (October 1976). The Andrews MFP recognizes OHV and mechanized vehicle use occurred on the Alvord Desert playa in the Alvord Desert WSA prior to the FLPMA enactment. The OHV and mechanized vehicle use of the Alvord Desert playa does not impair wilderness values and does not preclude Congress from designating the area as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The BLM has allowed this use to continue based on the determination managed OHV and mechanized vehicle use will not preclude future wilderness designation. Should the Alvord Desert playa be designated as wilderness, OHV and mechanized vehicle use will not be allowed on the playa.~~

~~Management direction for WSAs not designated by Congress and released from WSA status will be the same as for surrounding non-WSA lands.~~

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, *i.e.* EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: The six paragraphs shown above, that would be deleted in the ROD summarize only portions of the IMP and neglect to mention the two legislative actions that created WSAs and outlined management direction for WSAs. Referring back to the Proposed RMP, Final EIS (pages 2-157 and 2-158) refers to legislative mandate for nonimpairment for suitability of the WSA for preservation as wilderness. These pages also summarize the IMP. As the whole IMP will be used for consideration of WSA management, as well as additional requirements of the Steens Act which was put into play following the completion of the IMP, excising and displaying only a short summary of the IMP may be misleading to the reader. The reader should be referred to the entire IMP, to FLPMA Section 603(c) and to the relevant sections of the Steens Act." Changes to the last paragraph were made to clarify management direction of WSAs that Congress either designates as wilderness or releases from WSA status.

Requires Plan Amendment

X Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist

Lama Dowlan

Date

11/21/2006

Planning & Env. Coordinator *L. J. [Signature]* Date *11/21/06*
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, *Paul M. [Signature]* Date *12/4/06*
Field Manager *Karla [Signature]* Date *Jan 8 2007*

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-6

Plan Name: Andrews Management Unit ROD/RMP

Planning Unit: OR 026

Page: RMP-58

Chapter: Resource Management Plan- Resources, Goals, Objectives, Rationale, Management Direction and Monitoring

Heading: Wildland Fire Management – Management Direction

Component: Paragraph 1

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Replace entire Rationale Section so that it states the following:

Fuels management, stabilization, and rehabilitation activities in WSAs will be in compliance with the WSA IMP conducted in a manner so as not to impair the suitability of the areas for preservation as wilderness under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, Section 603 (c), the Steens Act, Section 204 and the subsequent WSA IMP.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, *i.e.* EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: The current language only refers to the WSA IMP. The reader should be referred to the entire IMP, to FLPMA Section 603(c) and to the relevant sections of the Steens Act.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

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Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist. Jed McDonald Date 2/1/07

Field Manager Karla Bud Date 2/1/2007

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. **CMPA-9** **AMU-7**

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA)
Andrews Management Unit (AMU)

Planning Unit: OR027 and OR026

Page J-10 and J-69

Chapter Appendix J - Allotment Management Summaries

Heading South Steens Allotment #6002

Roaring Springs FFR #6125

Component Table J-1

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE:

Changed Table J-1: Allotment Management Summaries as follows:

Moved 3,698 acres from Roaring Springs FFR (#6125) to South Steens Allotment (#6002), Home Creek Pasture. See tables below:

Page J-10 (South Steens Allotment #6002)

Pasture/Area	Corrected Acres	% Public
Home Creek	18,935	78

Total acres for South Steens Allotment are changed to 94,564 of which 89,510 acres or 95% are BLM-administered lands and 5,054 acres or 5% are in private ownership.

Page J-69 (Roaring Springs FFR #6125)

Pasture/Area	Corrected Acres	% Public Domain
Roaring Springs	199,558	3

Total acres for Roaring Springs FFR are changed to 199,558 of which 6,636 are BLM-administered lands, 192,264 are in private ownership, and 658 are State lands.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, *i.e.* EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

The RMPs did not accurately reflect on-the-ground boundaries and acreages. It appears the CMPA/AMU boundary was used when calculating acreages for each allotment rather than the actual fenced Home Creek Pasture boundary on private lands within the AMU.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. TR-3 AMU-8

Plan Name: Three Rivers Resource Area

Planning Unit: OR025

Page	2-182,
Chapter	2
Heading	Lands and Realty
Component	Map LR-2, Right-of-way Corridors, Exclusion, Avoidance Areas

Plan Name: Andrews Management Unit (AMU)

Planning Unit: OR026

Page	RMP-63
Chapter	N/A
Heading	Lands and Realty
Component	Map 10, Right-of-Way Corridors and Realty Use Authorization/Avoidance Areas

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http://corridoreis.anl.gov/documents/docs/Energy_Corridors_final_signed_ROD_1_14_2009.pdf

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

Amends existing Plans

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Resource Specialist Steve Penchley Date March 17, 2009
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Field Manager Tom M. Arthur Date 3/18/09
Field Manager Richard Ray Date 3/18/09

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-9

Plan Name: Andrews Management Unit Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan.

Planning Unit: Andrews Resource Area, Burns District BLM

Page: 68

Chapter: Recreation

Heading: Management Direction

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE:

SRP's for organized group and commercial use of the Alvord Desert playa could be issued if wilderness values of Alvord Desert WSA will not be impaired.

This will be changed to read;

SRP's for organized group, commercial and competitive use of the Alvord Desert playa could be issued if wilderness values of Alvord Desert WSA will not be impaired.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, *i.e.* EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: The addition of competitive use will not have any effects that differ from the group or commercial use effects analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Andrews Management Unit. Before issuance of any SRP, appropriate NEPA will occur.

Andrews Management Unit Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan pg.68 states:

The SRP's will be issued to meet demand, while protecting cultural and natural resource values and providing for public safety. If needed, allocations such as limits on party size, number of trips or number of permittees, will be implemented.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist: Michael Kelly  Date 2-15-2012

Planning & Env. Coordinator  Date 2-15-2012

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist,  Date 2-15-12

Field Manager  Date 2/15/2012

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-10

Plan Name: Andrews/Steens Resource Management Plan, August 2005

Planning Unit: Andrews Management Unit

Page: J-18

Chapter: Appendix J

Heading: Tum Tum Allotment #6014

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Active AUMs from 730 to 688 AUMs
Total Permitted AUMs from 730 to 688 AUMs
Public Land Acres from 7,374 to 6,570 acres
Private acres from 705 to 35 acres
Total acres from 8,079 to 6,605 acres
DELETE South Tum Tum Pasture data and Coleman Pasture data

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: Range Line Agreement dated 3/29/12 removed South Tum Tum Pasture and Coleman Pasture from Tum Tum Allotment #6014. These pastures added to Casey Fenced Federal Range (FFR) Allotment # 6109.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist	<u>David R. Ward</u>	Date	<u>4 APR 12</u>
Planning & Env. Coordinator	<u>Shonda Targers</u>	Date	<u>4-5-12</u>
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist,	<u>David C. L.</u>	Date	<u>4-12-12</u>
Field Manager	<u>Shonda Targers</u>	Date	<u>7 4-5-12</u>

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-11

Plan Name: Andrews/Steens Resource Management Plan, August 2005

Planning Unit: Andrews Management Unit

Page: J-54

Chapter: Appendix J

Heading: Casey FFR #6109

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Active AUMs from 21 to 63 AUMs
 Total Permitted AUMs from 21 to 63 AUMs
 Public Land Acres from 376 to 1,180 acres
 Private Acres from 243 to 913 acres
 Total Acres from 619 to 2,093 acres

ADD two lines to Pasture/Area Table :

<u>Pasture/Area</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>% Public Domain</u>	<u>Objective</u>
South Tum Tum	770	100	A,B
Coleman	704	5	E

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: Range Line Agreement dated 3/29/12 removed South Tum Tum Pasture and Coleman Pasture from Tum Tum Allotment #6014. These pastures added to Casey Fenced Federal Range (FFR) Allotment #6109.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist David R Ward Date 9 APR 12

Planning & Env. Coordinator Shanda Karger Date 4-9-12

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, David R. D. Date 4-12-12

Field Manager Shanda Karger Date 4-9-12

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-12

Plan Name: Andrews Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: B060

Page: J-69

Chapter: Appendix J

Heading: Allotment Management Summaries –Roaring Springs FFR Allotment

CHANGE: Change public land, private land, and total acres for the Roaring Springs FFR Allotment, as described in the table below.

Allotment	Old Public Land Acres	Corrected Public Land Acres	Old Private Land Acres	Corrected Private Land Acres	Old Total Acres	Corrected Total Acres
Roaring Springs FFR #6125	6,400	9,389	195,674	82,401	202,732	92,448

- State acres did not change, so they are not shown in the table. This allotment has 658 acres of state managed land within it.

Change Pasture/Area information in the RMP to match the table below.

Pasture/Area	Acres	% Public Domain	Objective
Deep Creek #3	4,718	8.45	D,E
Kochia Seeding #12	3,880	0.88	E
Middle Desert #10	25,526	1.44	E
North Desert #9	18,941	14.61	E
Private Hollywood #6	7,254	1.37	E
Riley Huff #2	788	0.28	D,E
Rim #7	17,076	25.26	D,E
Sand Dunes #8	3,835	10.37	E
Skull Creek #5	1,988	0.16	E
Skull Creek Seeding #11	5,539	11.54	E
Springs #4	2,903	12.69	E

REASON: The allotment boundary was adjusted, using a rangeline agreement between the BLM and permittee, to show boundaries marked by fencelines, while removing all pastures that contained only private owned land. This resulted in the creation of eleven small pastures instead of one large one. In addition, approximately 2,989 acres of the South Catlow Allotment became part of the Roaring Springs FFR Allotment. The boundary was adjusted to the on-the-ground (previously existing) fenceline that divides the two allotments. These changes will allow for

better monitoring and management of the allotments since it will now correctly reflect on-the-ground conditions. There is no increase in AUMs associated with this allotment.

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- Requires Plan Amendment
- Conforms with existing Plan
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SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist *Austin Taulke* Date 1-23-13

Planning & Environmental Coordinator *Holly Orr* Date 1-23-13

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist *Daniel C. Smith* Date 1-23-13

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PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-13

Plan Name: Andrews Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: B060

Page: J-39

Chapter: Appendix J

Heading: Allotment Management Summaries – Alvord Peak Allotment

CHANGE: Change public land, private land, and total acres for the Alvord Peak Allotment, as described in the table below.

Allotment	Old Public Land Acres	Corrected Public Land Acres	Old Private Land Acres	Corrected Private Land Acres	Old Total Acres	Corrected Total Acres
Alvord Peak #6038	24,354	5,914	709	7,711	25,063	13,625

Change Pasture/Area information in the RMP to match the table below.

Pasture/Area	Acres	% Public Domain	Objective
Long Hollow Summit #3	1,365	83.5	B
Skull Lake #1	9,365	29.3	B
Upper Road Canyon #2	2,895	70.2	B

Change Active AUMs and Total Permitted AUMs to 628 to account for the transfer of 19,055 total acres to the Fields Allotment #6028.

REASON: The allotment boundary was adjusted in 2012, using a rangeline agreement between the BLM and permittee, to change the allotment boundaries from being the line between BLM-managed land and private land, to boundaries marked by fencelines. This resulted in the addition of large areas of private into the allotment. In addition, the allotment was divided into three pastures using topography and existing gap fences. This change will allow for better management of the allotment since it will now correctly reflect on-the-ground conditions.

Prior to the 2012 rangeline agreement, the Burke Spring Exclosure, Bone Creek, Miners Field, and Schouver Flat Seeding pastures (for a total of 19,055 acres) became part of the Fields Allotment #6028. This form includes those changes as they relate to the Alvord Peak Allotment.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist Autumn Tavelle Date 1-23-13

Planning & Environmental Coordinator Haley Orr Date 1-23-13

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PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: AMU-14

Plan Name: Andrews Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: B060

Page: J-41

Chapter: Appendix J

Heading: Allotment Management Summaries – South Catlow Allotment

CHANGE: Change public land, private land, and total acres for the South Catlow Allotment, as described in the table below.

Allotment	Old Public Land Acres	Corrected Public Land Acres	Old Private Land Acres	Corrected Private Land Acres	Old Total Acres	Corrected Total Acres
South Catlow #0032	42,351	39,629	19,817	19,781	62,168	59,410

Change Pasture/Area information in the corresponding areas of the RMP to match the table below.

Pasture/Area	Acres	% Public Domain
South Catlow	59,410	66.7

REASON: Approximately 2,989 acres of the South Catlow Allotment became part of the Roaring Springs FFR. The boundary was adjusted, using a rangeline agreement, to the on-the-ground (previously existing) fenceline that divides the two allotments. This change will allow for better monitoring and management of the allotments since it will now correctly reflect on-the-ground conditions. There is no decrease in AUMs since the fenceline prevented livestock from grazing this area.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist *Arthur Talle* Date 1-23-13

Planning & Environmental Coordinator *Holly Orr* Date 1-23-13

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist *Daniel E. ...* Date 1-23-13

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PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. **CMPA-1****Plan Name** Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Resource Management Plan**Planning Unit** CMPA**Page** ROD-10 (Table R-1); RMP-62, Appendix M-3**Heading** TRANSPORTATION AND ROADS

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE:

(CMPA-1) -changes the ROD-10 language to: The existing gate and permit system are used to close Steens Loop Road to public motorized use from approximately November 15 to May 15 each year except for **permitted** access to the snowline on North Steens Loop Road for motorized and nonmotorized forms of winter recreation. Add "permitted" to Table R-1 on page ROD-10, page RMP-62, and page (Appendix)M-3 language.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

This action provides clarification that winter access to the snowline for public use is limited to that provided via permits.

 Requires Plan Amendment Conforms with existing Plan**SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:**Resource Specialist *Andy Truani* Date 9/19/05Resource Specialist *Mark Helton* Date 9/19/05Planning & Env. Coordinator *Dan Zick* Date 9/20/05Field Manager *Karla Buid* Date 9-19-2005Field Manager *James Buchanan for Joan Sutter* Date 9/19/2005

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. **CMPA-2**

Plan Name Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit CMPA

Page ROD-10; RMP-62; Appendix M-4

Heading TRANSPORTATION AND ROADS

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: change the ROD-10 language to: Motorized access to existing dispersed campsites is allowed unless precluded by **resource concerns such as wilderness, NSAs, ACECs, important plant or animal habitat, water quality, cultural resources, or other resource values.** Change page ROD-10 (Table R-1), page RMP-62, and page (Appendix) M-4 language.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

With limited exceptions, the Steens Act (PL 106-399) does prohibit off-road travel in the CMPA, however motorized travel from the open route corridor, along designated access routes, directly to the adjacent dispersed campsite is not considered off-road travel.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist Mark Herbmann Date 9/19/05

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Planning & Env. Coordinator Gary Zullo Date 9/21/05

Field Manager Karl Bink Date 9-19-2005

Field Manager Janet Buchanan ^{for} Jan Suther Date 9/19/05

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. **CMPA-3**

Plan Name Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit CMPA

Page 10, Record of Decision; RMP-63; Appendix M-4

Heading TRANSPORTATION AND ROADS

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: change the ROD-10 language to: Parking of motorized vehicles within 100 feet of centerline along many open routes is allowed unless precluded by *resource concerns such as wilderness, WSAs, ACECs, important plant or animal habitat, water quality, cultural resources, or other resource values*. Change page ROD-10 (Table R-1), page RMP-63 and page (Appendix) M-4.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: With limited exceptions, the Steens Act does prohibit off-road travel within the CMPA, however parking is not considered to be off-road travel. See Section 202(b) - "...the wilderness boundary shall be set back from the centerline of the road, consistent with the Bureau of Land Management's guidelines..." and the accepted SMAC recommendation: letter dated 4/11/03 - 'Make a 100 foot wide corridor from the center line to allow vehicles to pull off the road.' This Consensus Recommendation was reached at the March 3 and 4, 2003 SMAC meeting and was accepted by BLM for inclusion in the RMP."

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist Mark Sherburne Date 9/19/05

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Planning & Env. Coordinator Larry Jukes Date 9/20/05

Field Manager Karl Binder Date 9-19-2005

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PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: CMPA-4

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: OR 027

Page: RMP-45 (Table CMPA-4)

Heading: VISUAL RESOURCES

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Change VRM Class from I to III for the 5 acre Weston mill site area (on Indian Creek)

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: Inventory maps show this area as excluded from High Steens WSA.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

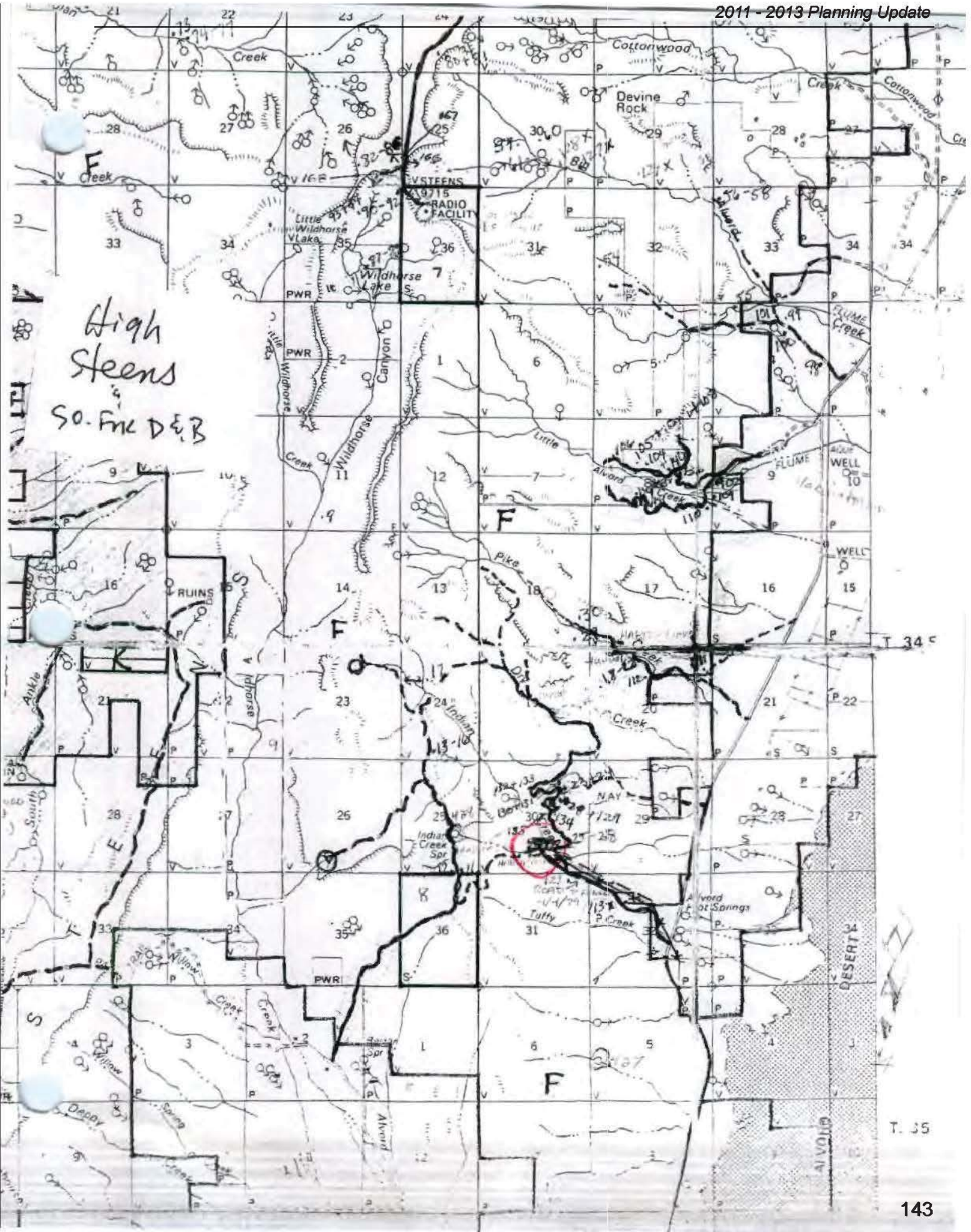
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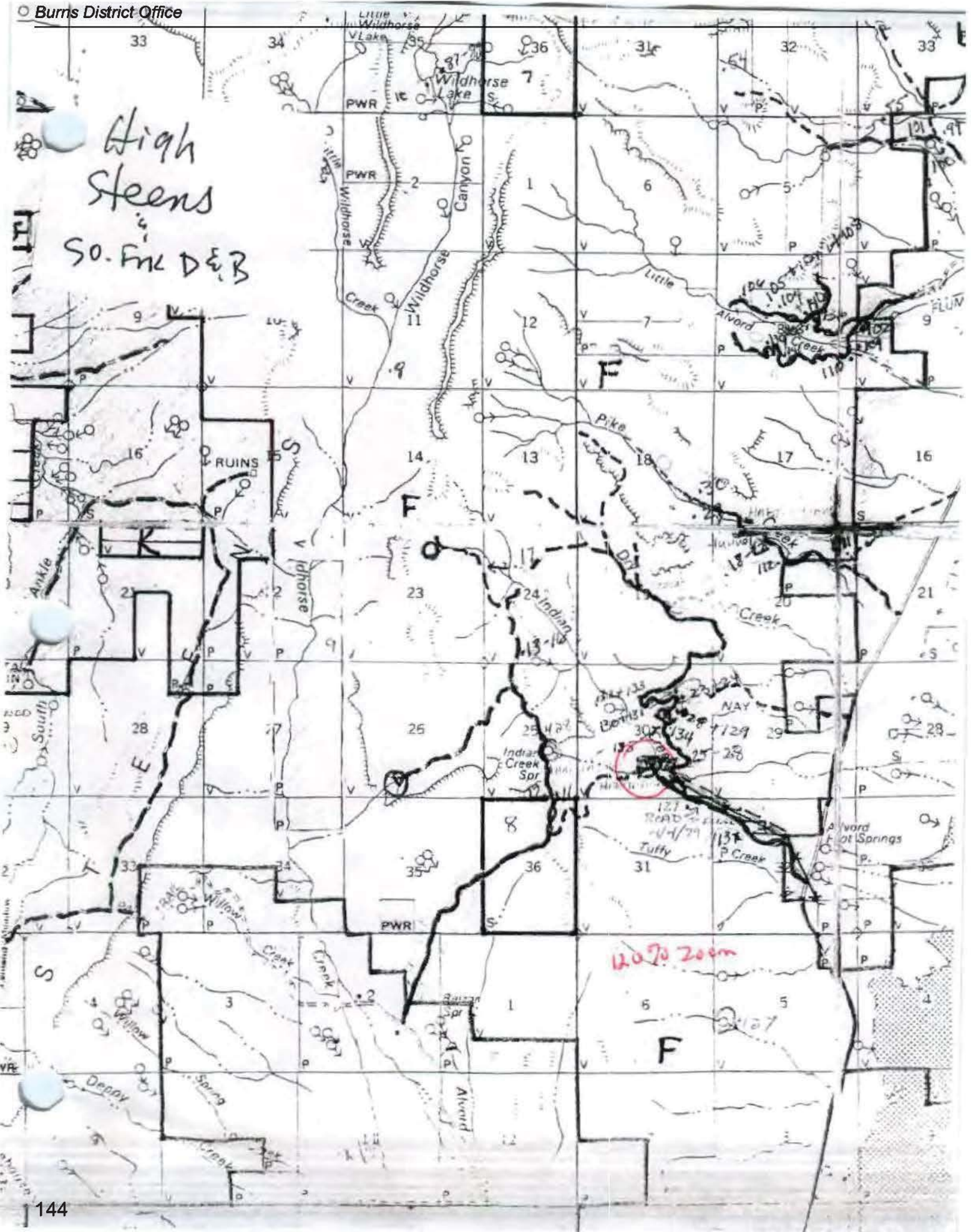
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PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: CMPA-5

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area
ROD/RMP

Planning Unit: OR 027

Page: ROD-2

Chapter: Record of Decision

Heading: Continuity of Previous Decisions

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Replace the word "revise" with "replace" in the first line of the paragraph.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: Inadvertent use of word.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist _____ Date _____

Planning & Env. Coordinator *Gay Zwick* Date 10/26/06

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, _____ Date _____

Field Manager _____ Date _____

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: CMPA-6

**Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area
ROD/RMP**

Planning Unit: OR 027

Page: Appendix J-7 *rs*

Chapter: Appendix X J *rs*

Heading: Allotment Management Summaries

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Replace the Active AUMs of 2522 with 2605.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: After the SMCMPA of 2000 land exchanges, an agreement was developed by Lowther (Rex Clemens) Ranch Inc. and accepted by the BLM that allocated 2605 Active Use AUMs to the Smyth-Kiger Allotment #5331. When the Smyth-Kiger Allotment was transferred from Lowther (Clemens) Ranch Inc. to Roaring Springs Ranch, Inc. in 2002, 2603 Active Use AUMs were transferred. Then in January of 2003, Roaring Springs Ranch, Inc. transferred the permit to Home Ranch LLC and 2603 Active Use AUMs were again transferred. In July of 2004 a decision was signed that removed the West Kiger Pasture from the Smyth-Kiger Allotment. This decision removed 310 AUMs of Active Use from the 2605 AUMs allocated to the allotment making the total Active Use 2295 AUMs. There are no decisions or records that show where the number 2522 that was used in the August 2005 Steens/Andrews RMP came from.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

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Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist,		Date	11/16/06
Field Manager		Date	11/16/06

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: CMPA-7

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area ROD/RMP

Planning Unit: OR 027

Page: ROD-80 and 81

Chapter: Record of Decision (ROD)- Resources, Goals, Objectives, Rationale, Management Direction and Monitoring Section

Heading: Wilderness Study Areas and Parcels with Wilderness Characteristics

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Replace entire Rationale Section so that it states the following:

“WSAs are managed in a manner so as not to impair the suitability of the areas for preservation as wilderness under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, Section 603 (c), and the Steens Act, Section 204. Both the FLPMA, along with the subsequent Interim Management Policy (IMP), and the provisions of the Steens Act apply to management of WSAs.

Any WSAs designated as wilderness by Congress will be managed in accordance with the Wilderness Act of 1964 and any special provisions provided in the legislation designating the new wilderness. Any WSAs released by Congress from WSA status will be managed the same as the surrounding non-WSA lands.”

Below is the text to be deleted from the Rationale Section:

~~Wilderness preservation is part of the BLM's multiple-use mandate, and wilderness is considered in the land use planning process. WSAs are managed in accordance with the BLM's WSA IMP (USDI 1995b). The Congressional mandate of nonimpairment, the primary standard for interim management, directs land under wilderness review be managed so as not to impair its suitability for preservation as wilderness. Wilderness values, described in Section 2 (c) of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-577), must be protected in WSAs. The initial task of identifying areas suitable for wilderness preservation has been completed as mandated in the FLPMA Section 603, and is documented in BLM 1989 Oregon Final Wilderness EIS and Wilderness Study Report for Oregon (USDI 1991e).~~

~~The WSA IMP takes precedence over other management direction unless the latter is more restrictive and protective than the WSA IMP, in which case the more restrictive management is followed. The WSAs are managed under the WSA IMP until Congress makes a determination regarding wilderness designation. The WSA IMP states activities must comply with specific policy guidance, including the following nonimpairment criteria:~~

~~1. The use, facility, or activity must be temporary. Temporary use that does not create surface disturbance or involve permanent placement of facilities may be allowed if such use can easily and immediately be terminated upon wilderness designation.~~

~~2. When the use, activity, or facility is terminated, wilderness values must not have been~~

~~degraded so far as to significantly constrain Congressional prerogative regarding the area's suitability for preservation as wilderness.~~

~~Exceptions to nonimpairment criteria include emergencies such as fire suppression and search and rescue operations; reclamation of effects from WSA IMP violations; emergencies and pre-FLPMA impacts; grandfathered uses or facilities or valid existing rights; or uses and facilities to protect or enhance the land's wilderness values or are the minimum necessary for public health and safety in use and enjoyment of wilderness values.~~

~~The OHV and mechanized vehicle use in WSAs is limited to existing and designated ways unless the WSA is completely closed to OHV and mechanized vehicle use. Existing ways are those existing at the time of the wilderness inventory. Ways may be closed due to resource concerns. Use of OHVs and mechanized vehicles, including mountain bikes, is only allowed on existing ways and within open areas designated prior to passage of the FLPMA (October 1976). The Andrews MFP recognizes OHV and mechanized vehicle use occurred on the Alvord Desert playa in the Alvord Desert WSA prior to the FLPMA enactment. The OHV and mechanized vehicle use of the Alvord Desert playa does not impair wilderness values and does not preclude Congress from designating the area as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. The BLM has allowed this use to continue based on the determination managed OHV and mechanized vehicle use will not preclude future wilderness designation. Should the Alvord Desert playa be designated as wilderness, OHV and mechanized vehicle use will not be allowed on the playa.~~

~~Management direction for WSAs not designated by Congress and released from WSA status will be the same as for surrounding non-WSA lands.~~

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: The six paragraphs shown above, that would be deleted in the ROD summarize only portions of the IMP and neglect to mention the two legislative actions that created WSAs and outlined management direction for WSAs. Referring back to the Proposed RMP, Final EIS (pages 2-157 and 2-158) refers to legislative mandate for nonimpairment for suitability of the WSA for preservation as wilderness. These pages also summarize the IMP. As the whole IMP will be used for consideration of WSA management, as well as additional requirements of the Steens Act which was put into play following the completion of the IMP, excising and displaying only a short summary of the IMP may be misleading to the reader. The reader should be referred to the entire IMP, to FLPMA Section 603(c) and to the relevant sections of the Steens Act." Changes to the last paragraph were made to clarify management direction of WSAs that Congress either designates as wilderness or releases from WSA status.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist Laura Dowlan Date 11/21/2006

Planning & Env. Coordinator *[Signature]* Date *1/8/07*
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, *Paul McDonald* Date *2/4/06*
Field Manager *Karla Bird* Date *Jan 8, 2007*

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: CMPA-8

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: OR 027

Page: RMP-57

Chapter: Resource Management Plan- Resources, Goals, Objectives, Rationale, Management Direction and Monitoring

Heading: Wildland Fire Management – Management Direction

Component: Paragraph 1

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Replace entire Rationale Section so that it states the following:

Fuels management, stabilization, and rehabilitation activities in WSAs will be in compliance with the WSA IMP conducted in a manner so as not to impair the suitability of the areas for preservation as wilderness under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, Section 603 (c), the Steens Act, Section 204 and the subsequent WSA IMP.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: The current language only refers to the WSA IMP. The reader should be referred to the entire IMP, to FLPMA Section 603(c) and to the relevant sections of the Steens Act.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist Laura Dawlan Date 1/31/07

Planning & Env. Coordinator Gay Jones Date 1/31/07

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, Fred McDonald Date 2/1/07

Field Manager Karla Bird Date 2/1/2007

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. **CMPA-9** **AMU-7**

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area (CMPA)
Andrews Management Unit (AMU)

Planning Unit: OR027 and OR026

Page J-10 and J-69

Chapter Appendix J - Allotment Management Summaries

Heading South Steens Allotment #6002

Roaring Springs FFR #6125

Component Table J-1

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE:

Changed Table J-1: Allotment Management Summaries as follows:

Moved 3,698 acres from Roaring Springs FFR (#6125) to South Steens Allotment (#6002), Home Creek Pasture. See tables below:

Page J-10 (South Steens Allotment #6002)

Pasture/Area	Corrected Acres	% Public
Home Creek	18,935	78

Total acres for South Steens Allotment are changed to 94,564 of which 89,510 acres or 95% are BLM-administered lands and 5,054 acres or 5% are in private ownership.

Page J-69 (Roaring Springs FFR #6125)

Pasture/Area	Corrected Acres	% Public Domain
Roaring Springs	199,558	3

Total acres for Roaring Springs FFR are changed to 199,558 of which 6,636 are BLM-administered lands, 192,264 are in private ownership, and 658 are State lands.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, *i.e.* EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

The RMPs did not accurately reflect on-the-ground boundaries and acreages. It appears the CMPA/AMU boundary was used when calculating acreages for each allotment rather than the actual fenced Home Creek Pasture boundary on private lands within the AMU.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

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Subject: Re: Fw: South Steens Allotment Boundary

I've put the southern boundary of S. Steens Allotment on the fence described by Rhonda below. I do want to clarify, however, that this is not restoring the allotment boundary to a former location. That fenceline was never the allotment line, just a pasture split. After the Steens Act of 2000 exchange, that whole southern end of the S. Steens Allotment was "transferred" to the Roaring Springs FFR. There should have been a rangeline agreement showing the change to S. Steens Allotment, but apparently this wasn't done. Joe thought that perhaps when the southern pasture became part of Roaring Springs FFR they might have requested that the line be put on ownership (to keep their private out of S. Steens Allotment), but again, no record of any agreement like that. So, there still is no rangeline agreement showing the change in South Steens/Roaring Springs FFR, but I'm going to assume that the RMP and amendment will serve the same purpose.

Let me know if you have any questions. The acres that I gave Joe earlier should be fine, but Rhonda, you can ask Kelly to confirm them for you now.

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Subject: Fw: South Steens Allotment Boundary

Pam, please use this email as documentation that the Field Manager requests the former boundary of the South Steens Allotment be restored to the actual fenceline of the allotment.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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cc Joe Glascock/BUFO/OR/BLM/DOI@BLM
Subject South Steens Allotment Boundary

Karla,

The Steens/AMU RMPs show the South Steens Allotment boundary as the CMPA boundary in Home Creek Pasture (no physical barrier). At one time the southern end of South Steens Allotment ended at the fence line which was also the southern boundary of Home Creek Pasture. After talking to Rick Hall and Jim Buchanan and Joe checked with Stacy Davies, no one knows why this boundary was changed. We would like to return the South Steens Allotment boundary to the southern fence line of Home Creek Pasture (a physical barrier). This fence runs east from Three Mile Creek and then heads northeast and ties into the Donner und Blitzen River protection fence. A map is available if needed.

We need you to approve this change, so it can be documented in GIS. If you concur, please notify Pam Keller. Pam will then need to let us know the new acreage figures for Home Creek Pasture (BLM-administered and privately owned) and the percentages. This information will allow us to generate a Plan Maintenance Sheet for the RMPs. Thanks.

Rhonda Karges
District Planning and Environmental Coordinator
Bureau of Land Management
Burns District Office
Hines, Oregon
541/573-4433

Roaring Springs FFR Ownership Acres
as of September 17, 2008

Ownership	Acres
BLM	6,638
Private	192,264
State of Oregon	658
Grand Total	199,558

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September 17, 2008

Kelly Hazen, Burns BLM GIS

South Steens Allotment Pasture Acres as of September 17, 2008

Pasture Name	Ownership	Acres
HOLLYWOOD #4	BLM	3,838
	Private	314
HOLLYWOOD #4 Total		4,152
HOME CREEK #3	BLM	14,762
	Private	4,173
HOME CREEK #3 Total		18,935
STEENS #2	BLM	41,165
	Private	243
STEENS #2 Total		41,408
TOMBSTONE #1	BLM	29,745
	Private	324
TOMBSTONE #1 Total		30,069
Grand Total		94,564

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September 17, 2008

Kelly Hazen, Burns BLM GIS

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: CMPA-10

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Resource Management Plan ROD August 2005 (CMPA)

Planning Unit: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area ROD/RMP August 2005

Page: 3

Chapter: Appendix J – Allotment Management Summaries

Heading: Happy Valley Allotment #05309

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Active AUMs 2,267 and Suspended AUMs 131 need to be changed/corrected to Active AUMs 2,107 and Suspended AUMs 291 for Happy Valley Allotment. Total Permitted Use AUMs would not be changed and remain 2,398. Therefore the CMPA RMP/ROD is being changed to be consistent with the Three Rivers RMP and what is currently authorized (see attached Letter February 3, 2006).

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON: The Three Rivers Resource Management Plan ROD/RPS September 1992 documented Active AUMs at 2,107 and Suspended AUMs at 291. There is no Record of Decision or any other form of official documentation that would authorize an adjustment in Active AUMs from 2,107 to 2,267 and Suspended AUMs from 291 to 131 prior to August 2005 CMPA ROD/RMP. The 10 year term permit was unofficially changed in 1996 during the development of the CMPA. This is the reason for the discrepancy between Three Rivers RMP and CMPA.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist *Jessie F. Miller* Date 4/15/2011

Planning & Env. Coordinator *Karla D. Arroyo* Date 4/15/2011

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, *William P. Goff* Date 4/15/2011

Field Manager *William P. Goff* Date 4/15/2011

Field Manager *Joan M. Arthur* Date 4/15/2011

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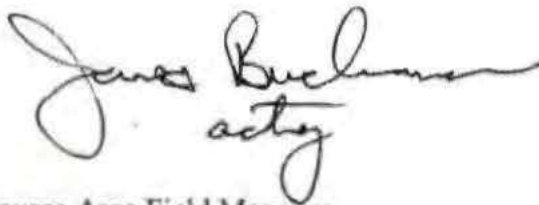
[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]:

As discussed with you on January 30, 2006, there is an error on your current grazing permit. Your current grazing permit shows 2,267 Active Use AUMs and 131 Suspended Use AUMs. Your grazing permit is 2,107 Active Use AUMs and 291 Suspended Use AUMs as was documented in the 1992 Three Rivers Resource Management Plan. Your permit has not been officially adjusted since that time. We regret the error and we have attached a corrected 10-year grazing permit. Please sign and return the case file copy for our records and retain the operator copy for your records.

Please call Lisa Norfolk at (541) 573-4507 or Jim Buchanan at (541) 573-4473 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Joan M. Suther
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Joan M. Suther
Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager

1 Attachment

1 - Grazing Permit (One Case File Copy and One Operator Copy (3 pp each))

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PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: CMPA-11

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: B070

Page: J-37, J-70

Chapter: Appendix J

Heading: Allotment Management Summaries – CM Otley FFR

CHANGE: Change Total Permitted AUMs from 151 to 173.

REASON: In 2002 following land exchanges related to the Steens Act, it was calculated that the CM Otley FFR was able to support 152 AUMs. The Frazier Lake #2 Pasture in Ruby Spring Allotment was exchanged from being mostly public land to mostly private land. Due to this, the Frazier Lake Pasture was moved into the CM Otley FFR along with the 21 AUMs which were associated with it. These AUMs were added to the allotment on the permittees Grazing Permit (dated 2002), but it appears it was not changed in the AMP.

The permittee file contains a packet of documents from the land exchange. There is a copy of the AUM calculations in the packet. There is also an April 24, 2002 letter from the Andrews FM which outlines the changes that are on the permittees new Grazing Permit, and includes a discussion on the AUM calculations.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist *Alicia Talle* Date 5-9-11

Planning & Env. Coordinator *Shonda Kargus* Date 5-10-11

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist *William Peratt* Date 5-13-2011

Field Manager *Joan M. Auth* Date 5/23/2011

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: CMPA-12

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: B070

Page: J-70

Chapter: Appendix J

Heading: Allotment Management Summaries – CM Otley FFR

CHANGE: Through a rangeline agreement signed by the permittee and Andrews Resource Area Field Manager, three pastures have been removed from the CM Otley FFR (#06126) and three additional pastures have had name changes. The new information for the allotment is in the table below. This information will replace the corresponding information currently in the RMP. The pastures that have been removed are McCoy Creek #1, Doe Camp #8, and Harvey Marx #9. (Note: the West Slope Pasture had been previously divided into five pastures, two of which ^{were} Doe Camp and Harvey Marx. The information for the remaining three pastures is in the table below. The West Slope Pasture no longer exists and should be removed from the RMP.)

Pasture	Acres	% Public Domain	Objective	WQ Limited	PFC (Mi)	FAR-up (Mi)	FAR-na (Mi)	CHANGE
Bridge Creek #10	2,353	18.8	D, E					NEW
McCoy #12	122	71.9	E	No	0.4			NEW
Catherson Private #99	1,764	3.9	E					NEW
Frazier Lake Private #99	1,935	3.8	E					Replace Frazier Lake
West Slope								REMOVE
McCoy Creek #1								REMOVE

The total public land acres for the allotment will be: 675 acres.

The total private acres within the allotment will be: 5,499 acres.

Total acres for this allotment will be: 6,174 acres.

There will be no change to Permitted active use AUMs, and it will remain at 173 AUMs per Plan Maintenance Sheet-CMPA-11.

REASON: The allotment boundary has been adjusted to remove all pastures that are less than 1% BLM managed land, most of which was located in narrow strips along fencelines. This has been done in order to improve management by including only pastures with a manageable amount of public land. The two pastures were renamed as Private #99 pastures in order to show that while they do have some BLM managed land (less than 4%), they are mostly private and the BLM has limited management.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

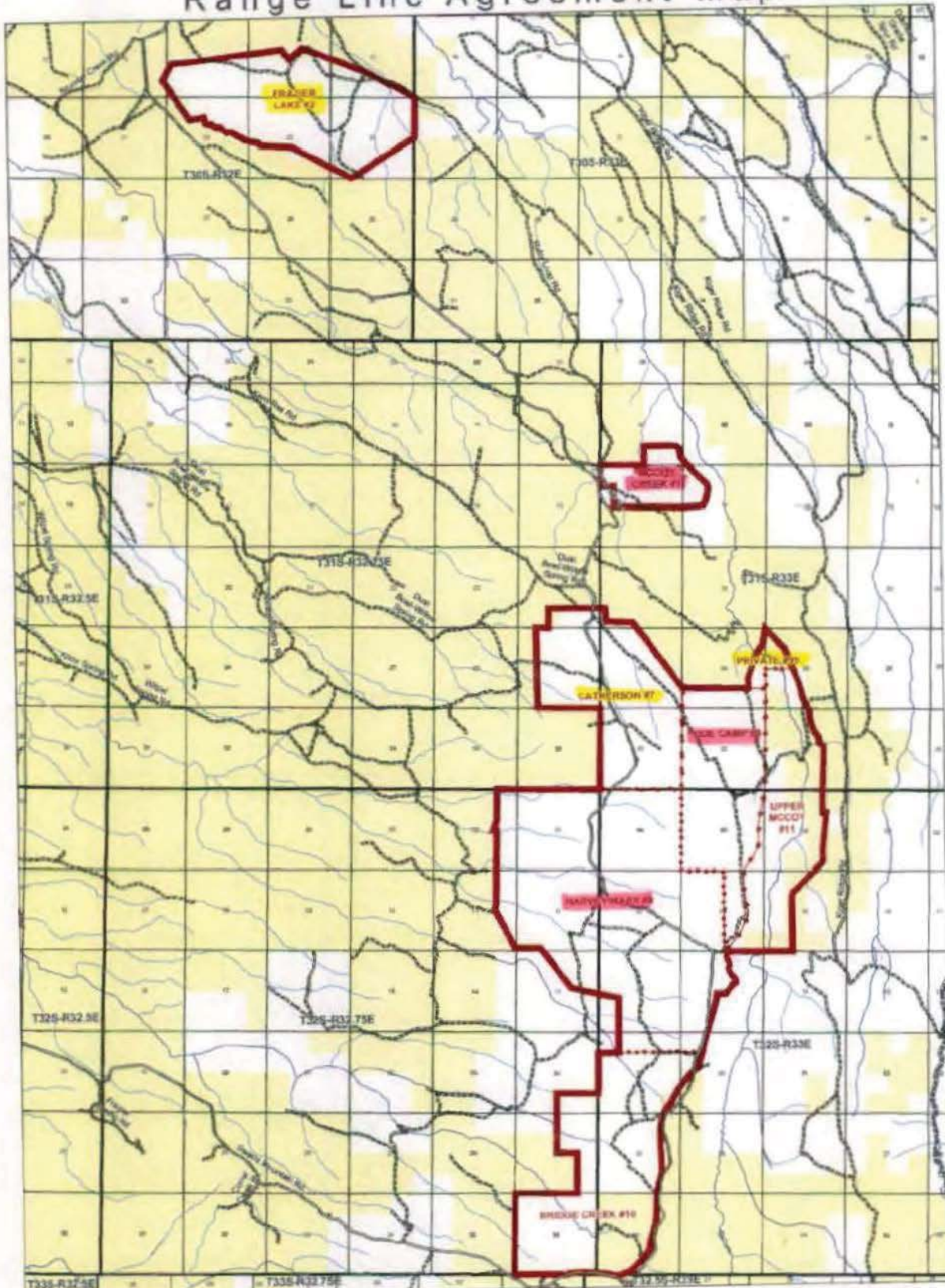
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Planning & Env. Coordinator *Sharda Vargas* Date 5-10-11

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, *Hiliana Pierotti* Date 5-13-2011

Field Manager *Juan M. Auth* Date 5/23/11

CM Otley FFR #6126 Range Line Agreement Map



- Legend**
- Pasture Boundary
 - Proposed Boundary
 - Section Boundary
 - Section of Land Management
 - Road/Highway
 - Private Road
 - Water Right/Advised Road Surface
 - Bureau of Land Management



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Antiquarian/CM Otley FFR Range Line Agreement Map
 April 11, 2011

NEW PASTURE OR NAME CHANGE
 REMOVED

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: CMPA-13

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area Resource Management Plan

Planning Unit: B070

Page: J-37

Chapter: Appendix J

Heading: Allotment Management Summaries – Chimney

CHANGE: Through a rangeline agreement signed by the permittee and Andrews Resource Area Field Manager, one pasture (Cow Camp #8) has been removed from the Chimney Allotment (#06033) and one pasture has had a name change. The new information for the allotment is in the table below. All other information in the RMP for this allotment is correct.

Pasture	Acres	% Public	CHANGE
Thoroughbred Field Private #99	308	13.2	Update Thoroughbred #7
Cow Camp #8			REMOVE

The total public land acres for the allotment will be: 14,823 acres.

The total private acres within the allotment will be: 9,824 acres.

Total acres for this allotment will be: 24,647 acres

There will be no change to Permitted active use AUMs, and it will remain at 2,015.

REASON: The allotment boundary has been adjusted to remove a pasture that was less than 0.5% BLM managed land, most of which was located in narrow strips along fencelines. This has been done in order to improve management by including only pastures with a manageable amount of public land. The pasture was renamed as Private #99 pasture in order to show that while it does have some BLM managed land, it is mostly private and the BLM has limited management.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

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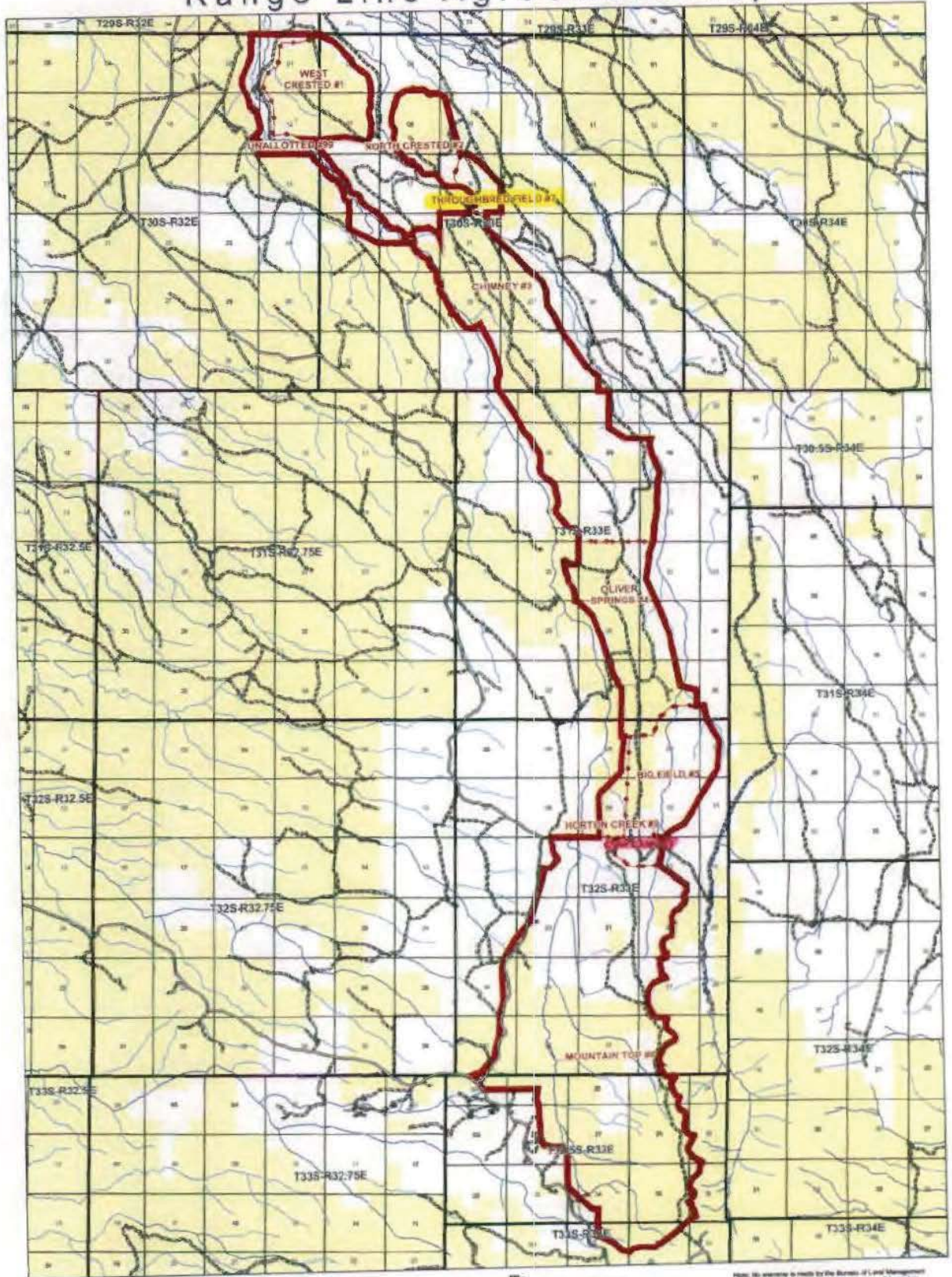
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Planning & Env. Coordinator *Shanda Dargatzis* Date 5-10-11

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, *William Pieratt* Date 5-13-2011

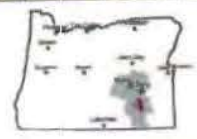
Field Manager *Joan M. Luther* Date 5/23/11

Chimney A11stment #6033 Range Line Agreement Map



Legend

- Present Boundary
- Pasture Boundary
- Proposed Stream
- Intersecting Stream
- NAME CHANGED
- REMOVED
- Closed Road
- Open/Partial Improved Road
- Natural/Unimproved Road Surface
- Bureau of Land Management
- Private/Unimproved



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April 12, 2011

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. SMWWSR-1

Plan Name Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan

Planning Unit CMPA

Page Appendix P-3, P-51; Maps W-2 and W-3
Heading ACCESS; PERMITTED USE; ROADS

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE:

Change Page P-3 from "The Bone Creek Road passes through Steens Mountain Wilderness north of Alvord Peak" to "The Bone Creek Road and associated powerline passes through a corridor excluded from the designated wilderness north of Alvord Peak."

Change to language under Roads on P-51, paragraph 1 to: "There are approximately 53 miles of **routes** in Steens Mountain Wilderness and 7.3 miles of **routes** in the WSR corridors..."

Change to language under Roads on P-51, paragraph 3 to: "There are approximately 53 miles of routes..." from "...51 miles of routes..."

Change map legends W-2 and W-3 to: "Closed **Route** Except by Permit"

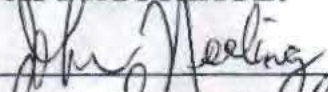
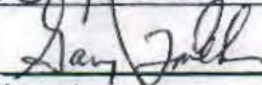
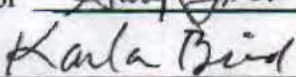
(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

Clarifies that Bone Creek Road and powerline were excluded from Wilderness designation; clarifies that "routes" rather than "roads" are managed for access (route is more inclusive than the term road); corrects a typographical error from "51" to "53".

- Requires Plan Amendment
 Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist	<u></u>	Date	<u>9/28/05</u>
Planning & Env. Coordinator	<u></u>	Date	<u>9/20/05</u>
Field Manager	<u></u>	Date	<u>9-19-2005</u>

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. SMWWSR-2

Plan Name Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River Management Plan

Planning Unit CMPA

Page Appendix P-51

Heading PERMITTED USE ELEMENTS: ROADS

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE:

change language on page P-51 to: "Maintain existing public, private and permittee routes and other related infrastructure provided for by Sections 112 and 202 of the Steens Act in a manner that minimizes effects to wilderness resources."

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

Change clarifies that all pertinent sections of the Steens Act are defined.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist

John Heeling

Date

9/28/05

Planning & Env. Coordinator

Gay Jock

Date

9/20/05

Field Manager

Karla Briel

Date

9-19-2005

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. SMWWSR-3**Plan Name** Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic River Plan**Planning Unit** CMPA**Page** P-16**Heading** WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT/MANAGEMENT DIRECTION, 3RD BULLET

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE:

From: All wildland fires in Steens Mountain Wilderness and WSRs will be suppressed using appropriate management actions. To the extent possible, adverse effects on the wilderness resources will be minimal.

To: All wildland fires in Steens Mountain Wilderness and WSR corridors will be managed for fire use or suppressed, if necessary, using appropriate management actions. To the extent possible, adverse effects on the wilderness resources will be minimal.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

Clarifies that if a specific fire incident is selected for suppression then appropriate management actions, specifically tactics, will be used to minimize effects on wilderness resources. When taken in context with the entire fire management section it should be clear that fire use may also be selected for fires within the wilderness.

 Requires Plan Amendment Conforms with existing Plan**SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:**

Resource Specialist



Date

9/28/05

Planning & Env. Coordinator



Date

9/20/05

Field Manager



Date

9-20-2005

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. SMWWSR-4.

Plan Name Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan

Planning Unit OR027

Page	P-25
Chapter	MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
Heading	VISITOR USE ELEMENTS
Component	TABLE 2

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE:

Table 2: Campsite Condition Guideline -

Under Uplands: Change “- No greater than 20 percent of campsites..” to “- No greater than 30 percent of campsites...”

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, *i.e.* EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

Topographical error. The Steens Mountain Advisory Council recommended “30 percent”.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist John Heeling Date 10/13/05

Planning & Env. Coordinator _____ Date _____

Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, _____ Date _____

Field Manager Karla Buid Date 11/22/05

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. SMWWSR-5

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan

Planning Unit: OR027

Page P-1
Chapter Introduction
Heading Background
Component Paragraph 3, Lines 8-10

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: (Rewritten)

The Steens Act states, "Where management requirements for a stream segment described in the amendments made by this section differ between the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) and the Wilderness Area, the more restrictive requirements shall apply."

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

~~Steens Act misquoted~~ Steens Mountain Advisory Council recommendation.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist	<u>Laura Doevlan</u>	Date	<u>7/5/2006</u>
Planning & Env. Coordinator	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>7/5/06</u>
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist,	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>7/7/06</u>
Field Manager	<u>Karla Bird</u>	Date	<u>7/5/2006</u>

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. SMWWSR-6

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan

Planning Unit: OR027

Page	P-4
Chapter	Introduction
Heading	Steens Mountain Wilderness Overview
Component	Paragraph 1, Lines 3-4

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: (Change from section 201(a) to 202(a))

Section 202(a) of the Steens Act requires the Secretary to administer Steens Mountain Wilderness in accordance with Title II of the Steens Act and Wilderness Act.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, *i.e.* EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

Typographical error. Wrong section of Steens Act quoted. Steens Mountain Advisory Council recommendation.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist	<u><i>Rama Davelan</i></u>	Date	<u>7/6/06</u>
Planning & Env. Coordinator	<u><i>D. J. ...</i></u>	Date	<u>7/5/06</u>
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist	<u><i>Julie McDonald</i></u>	Date	<u>7/7/06</u>
Field Manager	<u><i>Karla Bird</i></u>	Date	<u>7/5/2006</u>

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. SMWWSR-7**Plan Name:** Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan**Planning Unit:** OR027

Page	P-20
Chapter	Visitor Use Elements
Heading	Wilderness Trails and Trailheads, Current Management Situation
Component	Paragraph 1

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: (Rewritten)

There are no extensively or formally developed trailheads or other recreational facilities in Steens Mountain Wilderness or in overlapping areas containing WSR corridors. However, ten miles within Steens Wilderness and WSR corridors have been identified and "ground truthed". In addition, numerous other recreational trails are known to exist based on information submitted by permit holders and other sources. Below is a summary description of the ten trails/trailheads mentioned above.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

Clarification. Steens Mountain Advisory Council recommendation.

 Requires Plan Amendment Conforms with existing Plan**SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:**

Resource Specialist	<u>Raura Aguilan</u>	Date	<u>7/11/06</u>
Planning & Env. Coordinator	<u>[Signature]</u>	Date	<u>7/5/06</u>
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist,	<u>Jul m. [Signature]</u>	Date	<u>7/7/06</u>
Field Manager	<u>Karla Bird</u>	Date	<u>7/5/2006</u>

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO. SMWWSR-8

Plan Name: Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Plan

Planning Unit: OR027

Page	P-21
Chapter	Visitor Use Elements
Heading	Wilderness Trails and Trailheads, Current Management Situation
Component	Paragraph 5 and 6

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: (Rewritten)

At the time of development of the Steens Mountain Wilderness/WSRs Plan, BLM had identified and "ground truthed" ten trails within Steens Mountain Wilderness. In addition, numerous other recreational trails are known to exist based on information submitted by permit holders and other sources. As these, and possibly other trails, are identified and documented they may be added to the trail inventory.

The Steens Act allows for construction of new nonmotorized/nonmechanized trails which may be authorized based on established need. New trails may be constructed only if needed to preserve wilderness values and resources and if naturalness or solitude would not be appreciably affected. Nonmotorized/nonmechanized cross-country travel is not restricted, and use of established trails is not required. Where resource damage has occurred or is occurring or adverse effects to the wilderness experience are taking place by excessive or continual off-trail use, which creates permanent and long-lasting user trails, may be obliterated and restored to a natural condition. Continued or excessive use of such areas may trigger corrective actions. Trails are identified as a convenience for wilderness travelers but use is not required.

(Describe exact rationale for above change. Include reference material, i.e. EA, FMP, IM.)

REASON:

Clarification. Steens Mountain Advisory Council recommendation.

Requires Plan Amendment

Conforms with existing Plan

SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:

Resource Specialist	<u>Rama Powell</u>	Date	<u>7/11/06</u>
Planning & Env. Coordinator	<u>D. J. [Signature]</u>	Date	<u>7/5/06</u>
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist,	<u>Paul McDonald</u>	Date	<u>7/7/06</u>
Field Manager	<u>Karla Bird</u>	Date	<u>7/5/2006</u>

PLAN MAINTENANCE NO.: SMWWSR-9**Plan Name:** Steens Mountain Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Management and Plan**Planning Unit:** OR 027**Page:** P-20**Chapter:** Visitor Use Elements**Heading:** Wilderness Trails and Trailheads, Current Management Situation**Component:** Paragraph 1

(Describe exactly what is to be deleted, added, rewritten, etc.)

CHANGE: Correction of trail miles to the number of trails:

There are no extensively or formally developed trailheads or other recreational facilities in Steens Mountain Wilderness or in overlapping areas containing WSR corridors. However, ten trails miles within Steens Wilderness and WSR corridors have been identified and "ground truthed". In addition, numerous other recreational trails are known to exist based on information submitted by permit holders and other sources. Below is a summary description of the ten trails/trailheads mentioned above.

REASON: The current language incorrectly listed ten miles of trails within the Steens Mountain Wilderness and WSR corridors. It should have listed ten trails.

 Requires Plan Amendment X Conforms with existing Plan**SIGNATURES AS APPROPRIATE:**

Resource Specialist	<u>Laura Jewlan</u>	Date	<u>1/31/07</u>
Planning & Env. Coordinator	<u>Ray Jones</u>	Date	<u>1/31/07</u>
Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist,	<u>Frederic McDonald</u>	Date	<u>2/1/07</u>
Field Manager	<u>Karla Buid</u>	Date	<u>2/1/2007</u>

Appendix CX

Categorical Exclusions Language for Planning Updates

“Certain activities within the BLM’s forestry program have been categorically excluded from preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of a categorical exclusion is to eliminate the need for unnecessary paperwork under NEPA. Specifically, Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR §1508.4 state that:

“‘Categorical exclusion’ means a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a Federal agency in implementation of these regulations (Sec. 1507.3) and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required...Any procedures under this section shall provide for extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant environmental effect.”

“In implementation of the NEPA regulations, the BLM has developed categorical exclusions for certain silviculture activities, such as reforestation, pre-commercial treatments, brush control, sample tree falling, salvage commercial thinning, and hazardous fuels reduction of limited acres. In developing categorical exclusions, the BLM demonstrated through rulemaking procedures how these actions do not typically result in significant environmental effects and set forth the methodology and criteria used to define the categories of actions. These rulemaking procedures included extensive public involvement and input, and CEQ review, regarding appropriate limits on the use of the categorical exclusion to assure that any categorically excluded action would remain within the effects covered in the analysis for the rulemaking.”

“As such, in deciding whether to proceed with such actions, the BLM will review their particular conditions to ensure that no extraordinary circumstances exist, as listed in the Department of the Interior’s NEPA Manual at 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 that would preclude the use of a categorical exclusion. The XX District/Field Office maintains an on-site NEPA register that lists ongoing actions, and seeks information from the public as to whether extraordinary circumstances exist for any of these ongoing actions that are categorically excluded. An ‘extraordinary’ circumstance is one that could have significant environmental effects beyond the ‘ordinary’ circumstances already described and considered as applicable to the excluded actions in the rulemaking procedure. These categorically excluded actions, by regulation, do not require the documentation necessary for an EA or EIS. The public was also provided a formal opportunity to participate in the agency’s review and approval of these categorically excluded activities. Given this context, the BLM may choose to proceed with these actions as part of the ordinary course of business in managing forest land with the posting of a notice of decision on the District internet site. This notice would advise the public of the formal administrative review process for these individual actions available under 43 CFR §4.450. Depending on circumstances, however, the BLM may invoke, by publishing a notice in a local newspaper of record, the administrative review process under 43 CFR §5003 for certain individual forest management actions.”

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