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Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests

Forest Plan Revision Field Trip Agenda

Malheur National Forest - October 12, 2005

Seeing the Challenges, Exploring the Opportunities, Planning the Path

THANK YOU FOR COMING! This field trip is a great opportunity to explore forest plan revision ideas on the ground, and will help us all think about how we can collectively prepare a proposed Forest Plan that both meets legal requirements and has the broadest possible support. Today members of the Revision Team will be introducing topics and issues. Then we expect to hear from a variety of perspectives in order to generate a good exchange of perspectives and a greater understanding of the choices and challenges ahead of us.

Today's objectives include discussing:

- How the desired conditions (the vision) that we are developing together relate to one another and how to apply them
- Management to move toward the desired conditions
- Suitable uses and the criteria that should be used to determine suitable uses
- Measures of social, ecological and economic sustainability

Meet at Malheur National Forest Headquarters, John Day (9:00 – 10:00)

- Get materials, maps, and coffee
- Talk to colleagues, friends, Revision Team members and other Forest Service
- Learn about how the day will unfold
- Offer your thoughts about emphasis, focus



Stop 1 - Along the John Day River near Crescent Campground (10:30 - 11:15)

Topics of interest:

- Streamside environment
- Variety of recreation uses in an undeveloped setting
- Fish species
- Sense of place (social values)



Questions to consider:

1. How do the desired conditions for streamside environments, recreation, fish species, and sense of place relate to each other?
2. How are we going to move towards these desired conditions?
3. What are the suitable uses and activities here, and what criteria should we use to determine them?
4. How will we know if we are successful in moving toward the desired conditions?



Thing to notice as we travel from Stop 1 to Stop 2:

- Large wildfires from the 1990s





Stop 2 - Huddleston Snow Park (11:30 – 1:00)

Topics of interest:

- Lots of winter recreation use
- Lynx habitat
- Transition to high elevation spruce and fir, cool-cold environment
- Wildfires, pine beetle, wind, and timber harvest; large but relatively infrequent changes on the landscape
- Sense of place



Questions to consider:

1. How do the desired conditions for recreation, lynx habitat, high elevation spruce and fir cool-cold environments, large changes on the landscape, and sense of place relate to each other?
2. How are we going to move towards these desired conditions?
3. What are the suitable uses and activities here, and what criteria should we use to determine them?
4. How will we know if we are successful in moving towards the desired conditions?



Things to notice as we travel from Stop 2 to Stop 3:

- Past management like historic railroad logging
- Differing stream conditions
- Moving into a warmer drier environment
- Logan Valley heritage crossroads



Stop 3 - Big Creek Campground (1:15 - 3:15)

Topics of interest:

- Recreation
- Adjacent streamside environment
- Warm dry ponderosa pine environment
- Special habitat (aspen, birds, meadow)
- Sense of place



Questions to consider:

1. How do the desired conditions for recreation, streamside environments, warm dry ponderosa pine environments, special habitats, and sense of place relate to each other?
2. How are we going to move towards these desired conditions?
3. What are the suitable uses and activities here, and what criteria should we use to determine them?
4. How will we know if we are successful in moving towards the desired conditions?

Wrap up - Evaluation and final discussion



Things to notice as we travel from Stop 3 back to John Day:

- Ponderosa pine thinning
- Past management like historic railroad logging
- Canyon Creek and other stream conditions
- Wildland-urban interface

