



USDA FOREST SERVICE

Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests

Forest Plan Revision Field Trip Agenda

Umatilla National Forest - October 21, 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 Tollgate Trailfinders' Clubhouse (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 - Bald Mountain Overlook on Forest Road 64 (10:10 - 11:30)

Topics of interest:

- Lots of recreation and homes
- Adjacent wilderness and Inventoried Roadless Areas
- Lynx habitat
- High elevation spruce and fir, cool-cold environment
- Sense of place



Questions to consider:

1. How do the desired conditions for recreation, wilderness and Inventoried Roadless Areas, lynx habitat, high elevation spruce and fir cool-cold environments, 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 1 to Stop 2:

- Heavy recreation use along Highway 204
- Large blowdown event from 1990s
- Highway 204 overlook into the Umatilla Wilderness
- Active forest management along Road 31



Stop 2 – Ruckel Warming Shelter (12:00 – 3:30)

Topics of interest:

- Botanical area
- Intermingled dry and moist environments; grassland mosaic
- Sense of place



Questions to consider:

1. How do the desired conditions for botanical areas, dry and moist environments, 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