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Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests

Forest Plan Revision Field Trip Agenda

Wallowa-Whitman National Forest - October 14, 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 Whitman Unit Office, Baker City and travel to Stop 1 (9:00 – 10:30)



Stop 1 - Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort (10:30- 11:30)

- 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

Topics of interest:

- Lots of recreation use: Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort, recreation residences, 3 campgrounds
- Lynx habitat
- High elevation spruce and fir, cold environment
- Wildfires, pine beetles, and wind; large but relatively infrequent changes on the landscape
- High fire hazard
- Sense of place



Questions to consider:

1. How do the desired conditions for recreation, lynx habitat, high elevation spruce and fir cold environments, landscape changes, fire hazard, 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?



Stop 2 - Overlook for 1980s wildfires (11:35 - 11:45)



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

- Large wildfires from the 1990s
- North Fork John Day River, North Fork John Day Wilderness, Inventoried Roadless Areas
- Large-scale pine beetle damage
- Down wood and snags



Stop 3 - North Fork John Day Campground (12:00 - 1:00)

Topics of interest:

- Streamside environment
- Wildfires, pine beetles, wind; large but relatively infrequent changes on the landscape
- Large amounts of snags and down logs
- Fish species (bull trout and anadromous fish)
- Sense of place



Questions to consider:

1. How do the desired conditions for streamside environments, landscape changes, large amounts of snags and down logs, fish, 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 3 to Stop 4:

- Intensive forestry (e.g., clearcuts) from the 1970-80s along Crane Creek and 2-3 miles towards Granite on the left (east side of Road 73)
- Historic mining near Granite (Ah-Hee Diggings)
- Large areas of 1970s pine beetle damage and re-establishment of dense lodgepole between Granite and Sumpter - starting to move lower in elevation into the moist forest environment
- Fish species (bull trout and anadromous fish)
- Sumpter to Phillips Lake - Moving into a warm/dry environment.





Stop 4 - Mowich Loop (2:00 - 3:00)

Topics of interest:

- High use recreation area surrounding Phillips Lake
- Bald Eagle habitat
- Special habitats (aspen)
- Warm dry ponderosa pine environment
- Frequent, low intensity fires
- Sense of place



Questions to consider:

1. How do the desired conditions for recreation, Bald Eagle habitat, special habitats, warm dry ponderosa pine 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



Things to notice as we travel from Stop 4 back to Baker City

- Union Creek Campground
- Past management like historic railroad logging and pine thinning along Highway 7
- Lack of large trees

