

Beech Brook is a concern for public safety and stream health. Finally, our biological program would be enhanced through partnerships that would increase our ability to conduct surveys and long-term monitoring.

Alternative C is similar in many respects to Alternative B, but proposes more intensive forest management and wildlife dependent recreation, with a philosophy of maintaining the character and history of the forest, to the extent that it does not compromise the refuge purposes and goals. Generally, white pine (*Pinus strobus*) and other native species would be encouraged to regenerate. The addition of permanent staff would enhance the visitor services program through a much broader array of programming and outreach. In addition to the trail and signage improvements proposed with Alternative B, under Alternative C we would improve the Ecology Trail to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and lead to a viewing platform at the lakeshore. Both fishing and hunting would be added as new public uses at the refuge. Biological programs would incorporate more surveys and the ability to conduct habitat improvements.

#### Comments

We solicited comments on the draft CCP/EA for a 30-day period of public review and comment from February 18 to March 22, 2010, and held a public meeting on March 11, 2010, in Newbury, New Hampshire. We received 18 unique letters and oral comments representing individuals, organizations, and State agencies. Appendix F in the final CCP includes a summary of those comments and our responses to them.

#### Selected Alternative

After considering the comments we received on our draft CCP/EA, we have selected Alternative B for implementation for several reasons. Alternative B comprises the mix of actions that, in our professional judgment, works best towards achieving refuge purposes, our vision and goals, and the goals of other State and regional conservation plans. We also believe it most effectively addresses the key issues raised during the planning process. The basis of our decision is detailed in Appendix G of the CCP.

#### Public Availability of Documents

You can view or obtain documents as indicated under **ADDRESSES**.

Dated: June 24, 2010.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Bureau of Land Management

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##### Notice of Public Meeting, John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Meeting Notice for the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council (JDSRAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The JDSRAC meeting will begin at 8 a.m. (Pacific daylight time) on September 10, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The JDSRAC will meet at the La Grande Ranger Station, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, located at 3502 Highway 30, La Grande, Oregon 97850. For a copy of material to be discussed or the conference call number, please contact the BLM, Prineville District; information below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The JDSRAC will conduct a public meeting to discuss several topics, including the Malheur National Forest's travel management alternatives, the Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision alternatives, and updates on the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Project and Baker Resource Management Plan. An informational presentation will be given titled 'Endangered Species Act 101.' Prior to the Council meeting, a fieldtrip will occur on September 9, 2010, to follow-up on previous discussions regarding the North End Umatilla Sheep Plan. Public comment is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. (Pacific daylight time) September 10, 2010, during the Council Meeting. For a copy of information distributed to JDSRAC members, please contact the BLM Prineville District Office by telephone at (541) 416-6700 or at the address listed below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christina Lilienthal, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Prineville District Office, 3050 NE Third, Prineville,

Oregon 97754, (541) 416-6889 or e-mail: [christina\\_lilienthal@blm.gov](mailto:christina_lilienthal@blm.gov).

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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##### Public Meeting of the Central California Resource Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central California Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Friday, Sept. 17, 2010, at the Harris Ranch, 24505 West Dorris Avenue, Coalinga, CA, beginning at 9 a.m. Time for public comment is reserved from 11 a.m. to noon.

On Sept. 18, RAC members will tour lands managed by BLM's Hollister Field Office west of Interstate 5.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** BLM Central California District Manager Kathy Hardy, (916) 978-4626; or BLM Public Affairs Officer David Christy, (916) 941-3146.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 12-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Central California. At this meeting, agenda topics will include an update on Resource Management Plans and other resource management issues. Additional ongoing business will be discussed by the council. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. The meeting and tour are open to the public, but individuals who wish to attend the tour must provide their own vehicles, food and water. High-clearance vehicles are