

Trails and Travel Management

Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon

Background:

While the decisions about which specific routes should be open or closed won't be made until after the completion of the Resource Management Plans (RMP) for Western Oregon planning effort, the BLM will be making decisions about how public motorized access will generally be managed in different parts of the planning area. In the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, areas are identified by alternative and the Proposed RMP as entirely open to public motorized access, entirely closed to public motorized access, or open to public motorized access with some form of limitation (e.g., limited to existing routes, limited seasonally).

The Implementation-Level Travel Management Planning (TMP) is being deferred during the current RMP planning effort. Implementation-Level TMP is the process of establishing a final travel and transportation network that includes route-specific designations within the broader land use planning level area designations.

Key Points:

- All action alternatives and the Proposed RMP would increase the acreage of areas *closed* to public motorized access compared to the No Action alternative.
- All action alternatives and the Proposed RMP would not designate any areas as *open* to public motorized access.
- Easements and reciprocal right-of-way agreements secure access for BLM forest management activities. Reciprocal right-of-way agreements over O&C and Coos Bay Wagon Road lands do not grant rights for public access and recreational use. For this reason, a portion of BLM-managed roads and BLM-administered lands preclude legal public access.
- The overall replacement value of the BLM's transportation system exceeds \$10 billion. Approximately 30 percent of road mileage is in fair or poor condition, primarily due to depleted surfacing aggregate and well-used minor culverts. Currently, the deferred maintenance backlog exceeds \$300 million.

The Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon will determine how the BLM-administered lands in western Oregon will be managed to produce a sustained yield of timber products, to further the recovery of threatened and endangered species, to provide for clean water, to restore fire-adapted ecosystems, , to provide for recreation opportunities, and to coordinate management of lands surrounding the Coquille Forest with the Coquille Tribe.

For more information, please visit the BLM's Resource Management Plans of western Oregon website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/index.php>.

