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Prineville, Oregon 97754

IN REPLY REFER TO:
DOI-BLM-ORWA-P000-2013-0039-EA
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Dear Interested Public:

The Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting input on actions it is proposing to improve the recreational experience in Segment 3 on the Lower Deschutes River. The actions considered in the EA are dividing Segment 3 into Segments 3A and 3B (division at Pine Tree boat ramp), moving the boundary between Segment 2 and 3 to Pine Tree, using Pine Tree as a “soft boundary” between Segments 2 and 3, requiring a “pass through” zone in Segment 3A for guided whitewater boaters or for all users, and changing the daily limits and seasonal targets of Segment 3. The BLM has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzes the expected effects of these actions.

The Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-ORWA-P000-2013-0039-EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for this proposal are available on the BLM’s website https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do (use text or map search) or you may request a copy from the BLM office at the address listed above. Business hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, excluding federal holidays.

The Prineville District BLM will accept written comments postmarked or received by February 1, 2016. Include **Attn: Segment 3 EA** on the envelope or in the subject line and send or deliver comments to the street address at the top of this letter, or email to BLM_OR_PR_Mail@blm.gov or FAX to (541) 416-6798.

To be most helpful, comments should be as specific as possible. A substantive comment identifies a different way to meet the purpose of the project; provides new information about the proposed actions or the analysis; points out a specific flaw in the analysis; suggests alternate methodologies and the reason(s) why they should be used; makes factual corrections; or identifies a different source of credible research which, if used in the analysis, could result in different effects.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have questions about the project please contact Heidi Mottl, Project Lead, hmottl@blm.gov, (541) 416-6718, or Teal Purrington, Environmental Coordinator, tpurring@blm.gov, (541) 416-6772.

Sincerely,

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