



**NATIONAL  
CONSERVATION  
LANDS**

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management

# WELCOME

---

**Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument  
Resource Management Plan/  
Environmental Impact Statement**

---

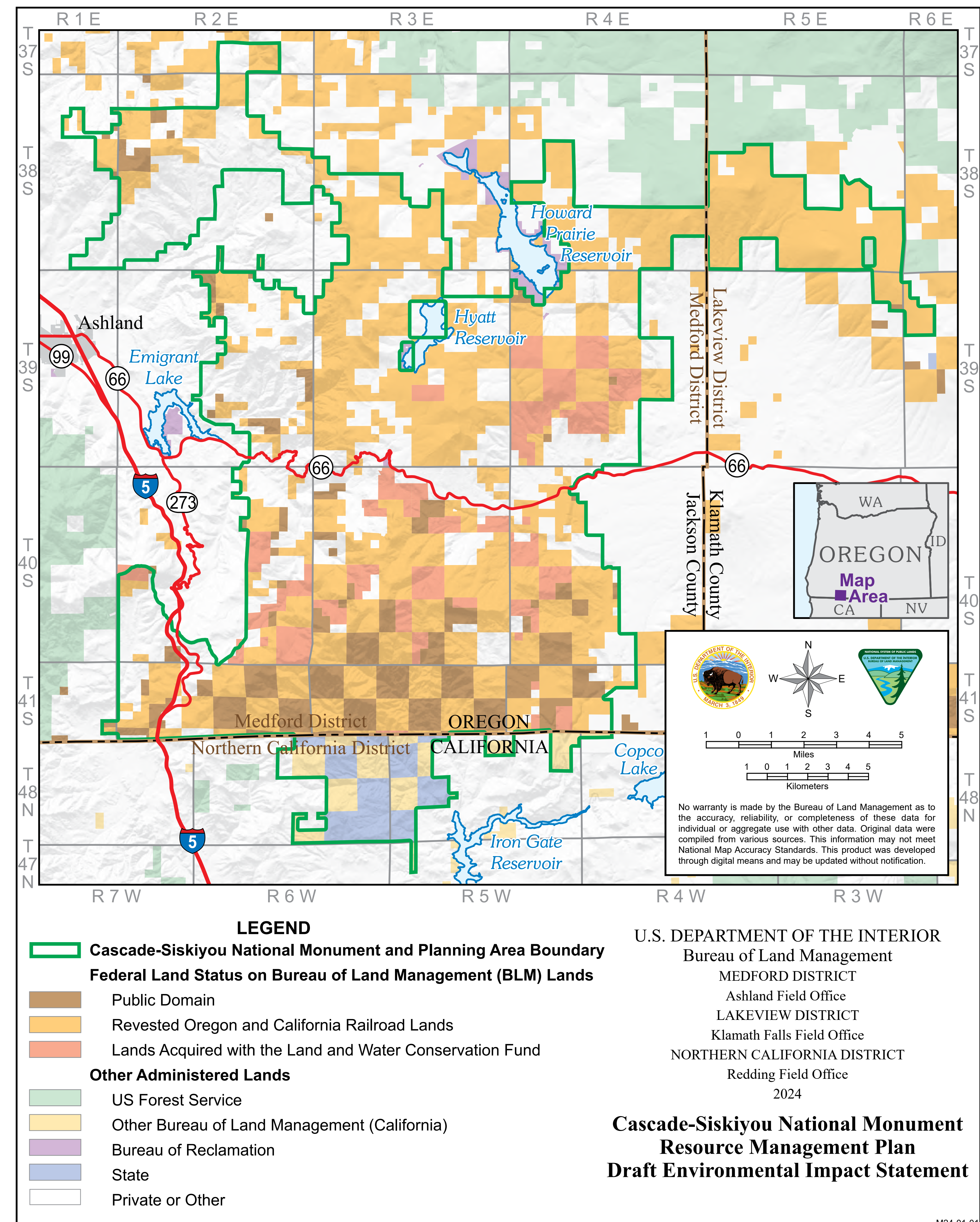
**Public Meeting**



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## Background

- » The Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) was originally established in 2000 under Proclamation 7318 to protect unique ecosystems and biodiversity
- » CSNM was expanded in 2017 under Proclamation 9564 to further protect ecosystems, biodiversity, and vital habitat connectivity
- » Congress designated Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers since the 2008 RMP
- » Current boundary now includes 113,500 acres of BLM-administered lands
- » The 2008 CSNM RMP needs to be revised to encompass all lands in the CSNM under one plan

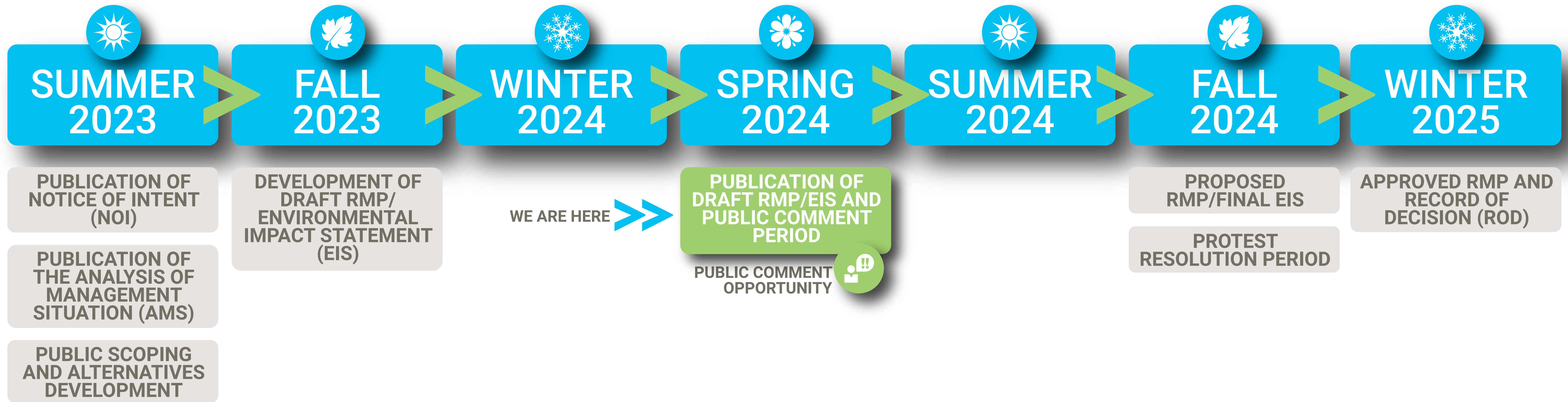


MAP 1-1: Planning Area and Decision Area



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## Draft RMP/EIS Process





# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

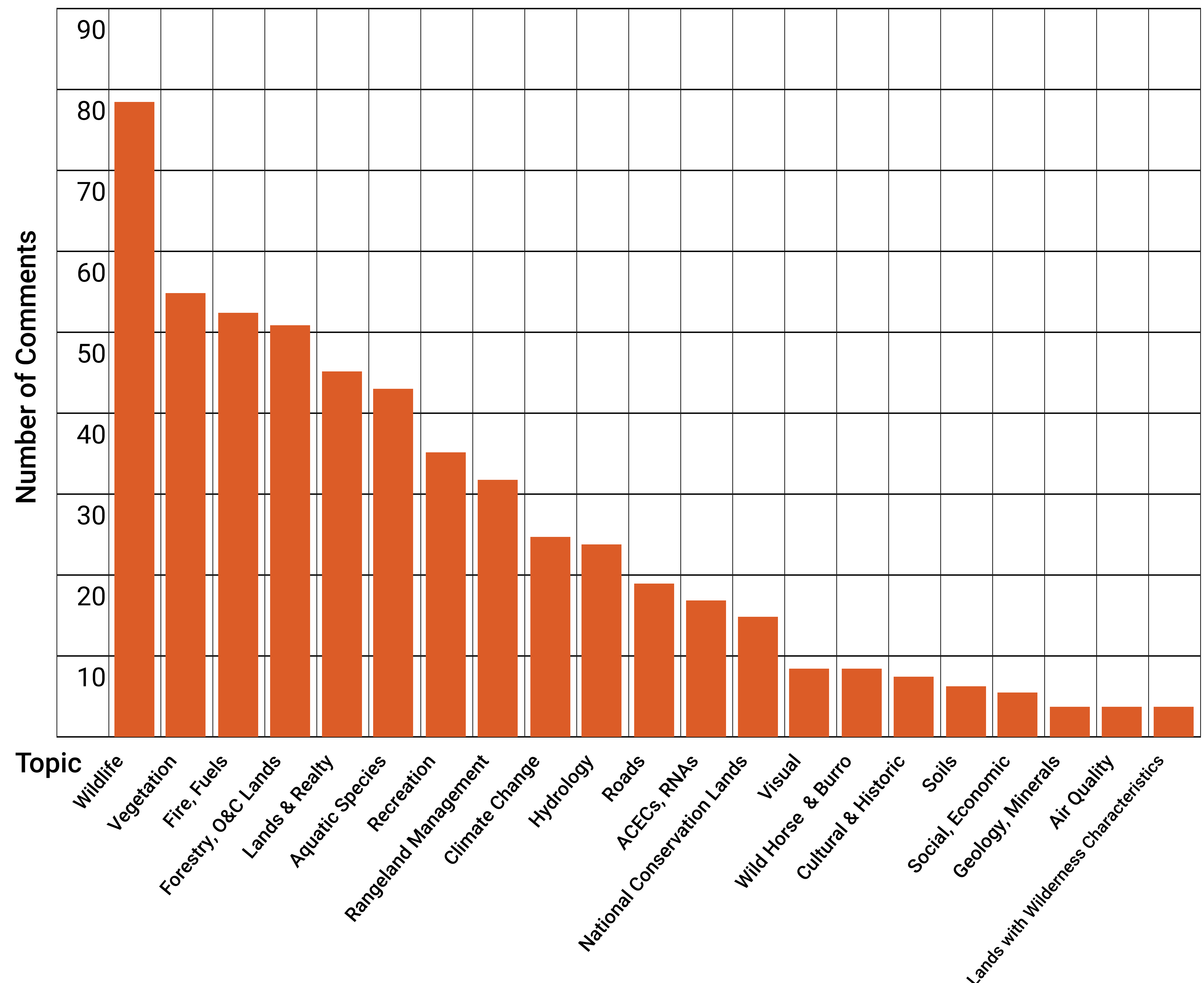
## Summary of Scoping Comments

The BLM received 198 comments during the 60-day scoping period that ran from June 9 to August 8, 2023.

Substantive comments received were used to develop alternatives and the analysis of the Draft RMP/EIS and covered the following topics:

For more information visit:

<https://bit.ly/CSNMscoping>





# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## How to Review the Draft RMP/EIS

- » Review the purpose and need
- » Evaluate the alternatives
- » Focus on the resource/use topics that are most relevant to you
- » Consider the adequacy of the analysis

### Considerations for written comments

- » Has the BLM conducted sufficient analysis of the issues to evaluate the way and degree to which the resource would be affected by the alternatives?
- » Is there information available that is relevant to the analysis of the alternatives?
- » Does the BLM's information contain inaccuracies?
- » Is there an adequate range of alternatives?

Visit the GIS Storymap  
for more details



[bit.ly/CSNMstory](https://bit.ly/CSNMstory)



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## Draft RMP/EIS Overview

### Volume 1

- » Executive Summary
- » Chapter 1: Introduction
- » Chapter 2: Alternatives
- » Chapter 3: Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences
- » Chapter 4: Consultation and Coordination

### Volume 2

- » Appendices and Maps



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## Purpose and Need

The purpose of this RMP is to provide a framework that guides the management of BLM-administered lands in the decision area to protect and restore the objects and values for which the area was designated.

The need for the action is to revise the 2008 CSNM RMP to encompass all the BLM-administered lands in the monument under one Record of Decision and RMP that is consistent with the proclamations that established and expanded the CSNM.

### The purposes of this RMP/EIS are to:



1. Protect and restore a diversity of ecosystems that provide habitat for the rare and endemic and special status wildlife and plant species.



2. Protect and restore landscape-scale resilience for the area's critically important natural resources.



3. Protect intact habitats and undisturbed corridors and restore degraded habitats that allow for animal migration and movement.



4. Reduce fire risk within the wildland urban interface and to CSNM objects and values.







5. Manage discretionary uses to protect CSNM objects and values.



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## Alternatives Overview

 <p><b>ALTERNATIVE A NO ACTION</b></p>	<p>The <b>No Action</b> Alternative (Alternative A) <b>carries forward existing management</b> under the three current Resource Management Plans as well as management consistent with applicable presidential proclamations, court rulings, laws, and executive orders.</p>
 <p><b>ALTERNATIVE B MOST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b></p>	<p>Alternative B <b>emphasizes flexibility in planning-level direction</b> and <b>promotes the most active management</b> for the purposes of protection and restoration of CSNM objects and values and reducing wildfire risk using a variety of management tools. The BLM would maximize the potential for an array of discretionary actions that are compatible with the protection of CSNM objects and values and would designate areas of critical environmental concern (ACEC) and research natural areas (RNA).</p>
<p><b>&gt;&gt;</b></p> <p><b>PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE</b></p> <p><b>&gt;&gt;</b></p>  <p><b>ALTERNATIVE C MODERATE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b></p>	<p>Alternative C (Preferred Alternative) <b>emphasizes flexibility in planning-level direction</b> while <b>promoting a moderate level of active management</b> for the protection and restoration of CSNM objects and values and reducing wildfire risk and sets limitations on management actions and tools available. The BLM would reduce certain types of recreation activities and would designate ACECs in some areas to protect and restore relevant and important values in the CSNM that may not be adequately covered by other proposed management direction.</p>
 <p><b>ALTERNATIVE D LEAST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b></p>	<p>Alternative D <b>promotes the least active management</b> for protection and restoration of CSNM objects and values. The BLM would <b>rely primarily on natural ecosystem processes</b> that allow plant community dynamics to unfold without active intervention. Exceptions include the management of young conifer stands (plantations) that are a product of past timber harvest and thinning along wildfire evacuation routes and around legacy trees. The BLM would provide the least accommodation for discretionary uses and would not designate any ACECs or RNAs.</p>





# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## Key Features Common to All Action Alternatives

Management of the following management areas and resource programs are the same across all action alternatives:

### Resource Programs:

- » Air Quality
- » Collections / Special Forest Products
- » Cultural Resources
- » Geology and Paleontology
- » Invasive Plants
- » Lands and Realty – Land Tenure
- » Livestock Grazing – Framework for Making Future Decisions Regarding Livestock Grazing and Complying with Presidential Proclamations
- » Minerals
- » Special Status Plants, Lichen, and Fungi
- » Terrestrial Wildlife
- » Tribal Uses and Values
- » Visual Resource Management

### Management Areas:

Congressionally Designated Management Areas

- » Wilderness
- » Designated and Eligible Wild and Scenic Rivers
- » Applegate Trail, California Historical National Trail

Ecosystem Management Area:

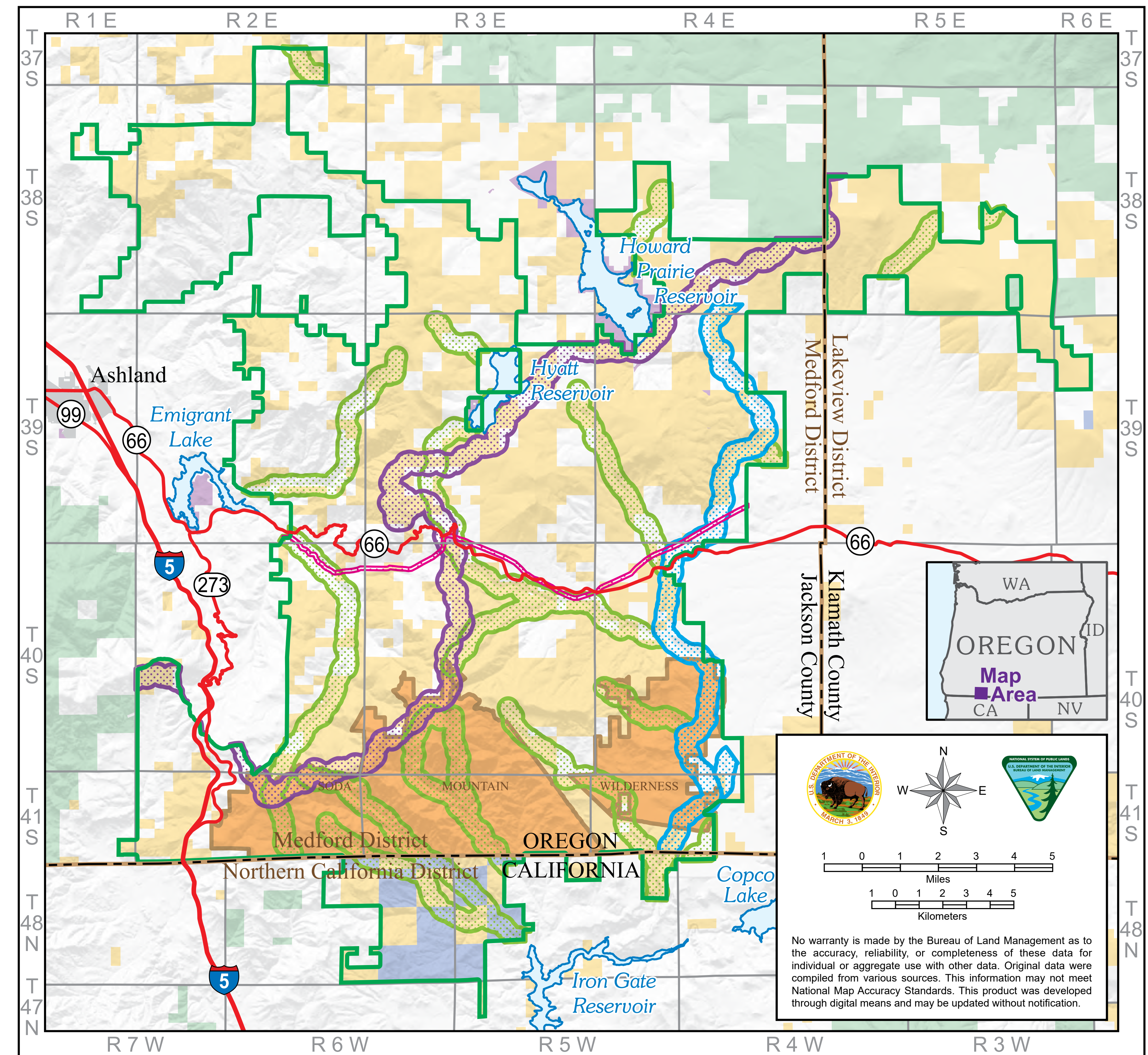
- » Riparian Habitat



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## Congressionally Designated Management Area

Congressionally Designated Management Area includes wilderness, designated and eligible Wild and Scenic River corridors, and National Scenic and Historic Trail corridors.



**LEGEND**

- Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument and Planning Area Boundary**
- Existing Designations**
  - Soda Mountain Wilderness
  - Designated Wild and Scenic River Corridor
  - Applegate Trail Corridor
  - Pacific Crest Trail Corridor
  - Eligible Wild and Scenic River Corridor
- Administered Lands**
  - Other Bureau of Land Management
  - US Forest Service
  - Bureau of Reclamation
  - State
  - Private or Other

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Bureau of Land Management  
MEDFORD DISTRICT  
Ashland Field Office  
LAKEVIEW DISTRICT  
Klamath Falls Field Office  
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT  
Redding Field Office  
2024

**Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument  
Resource Management Plan  
Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

M24-01-01

MAP 2-2: Congressionally Designated Management Areas- Alternatives A-D



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

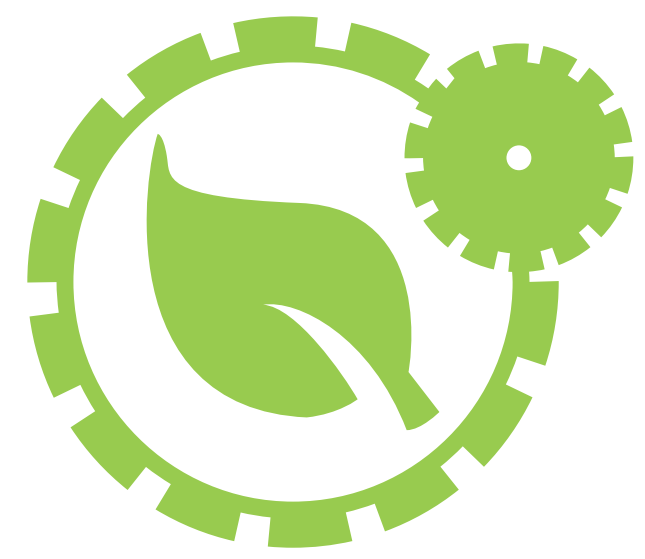
## Administratively Designated Management Area (ADMA)

Comprised of areas designated as lands to be managed for their wilderness characteristics, areas of critical environmental concern, research natural areas, recreation management areas and herd management areas.






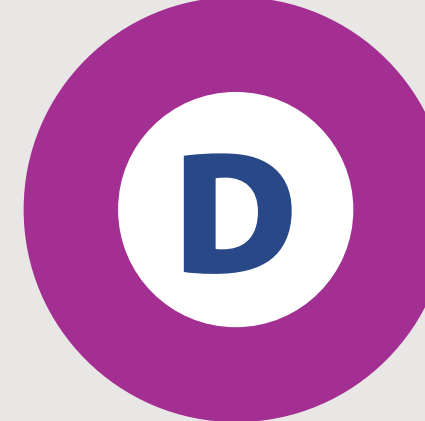


# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan



## Comparison of Alternatives: Administratively Designated Management Areas

∨ PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE ∨

	 <b>ALTERNATIVE A NO ACTION</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE B MOST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE C MODERATE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE D LEAST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN</b>	<b>1,229 acres:</b> Moon Prairie Tunnel Creek Jenny Creek RNA Lost Lake RNA Old Baldy RNA	<b>473 acres:</b> Cottonwood Glades Mariposa Lily Moon Prairie Tunnel Creek	<b>368 acres:</b> Cottonwood Glades Mariposa Lily	<b>0 acres</b>
<b>RESEARCH NATURAL AREAS</b>	<b>2,844 acres:</b> Oregon Gulch Scotch Creek	<b>3,968 acres:</b> Jenny Creek Lost Lake Old Baldy Oregon Gulch Scotch Creek	<b>0 acres</b>	<b>0 acres</b>
<b>LANDS WITH WILDERNESS CHARACTERISTICS</b>	<b>0 units, 0 acres:</b> Continue current management (no lands designated to be managed for their wilderness characteristics)	<b>0 units, 0 acres:</b> Allow for other multiple uses while not protecting wilderness characteristics	<b>8 units, 8,548 acres:</b> Minimize impacts to wilderness characteristics	<b>8 units, 8,548 acres:</b> Protect wilderness characteristics

\*Herd Management Area is 3,926 acres for all alternatives. Recreation Management Areas are listed under Recreation, see Visitor and Recreation Services board or pages 133-155

# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan



## Ecosystem Management Areas

The Ecosystem Management Area (EMA) is comprised of three sub-management areas that are delineated based on plant community type: Riparian Habitat, Old-Growth Emphasis, and Diversity Emphasis.

- » Riparian Habitat: lands within 170 feet of a stream or waterbody
- » Old-Growth Emphasis: all conifer dominant plant communities
- » Diversity Emphasis: non-forest plant community types, such as grasslands, shrublands, and oak communities





# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan



## Comparison of Alternatives: Ecosystem Management Areas

∇ PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE ∇

	<b>A</b> ALTERNATIVE A NO ACTION	<b>B</b> ALTERNATIVE B MOST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT	<b>C</b> ALTERNATIVE C MODERATE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT	<b>D</b> ALTERNATIVE D LEAST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT
<b>MANAGEMENT APPROACH</b>	No restoration target	Restore ≥20% of total ground targeted for restoration per decade  Retain largest size class of snags within the stand  Retain conifers* >36" DBH** and hardwoods >24" DBH***	Restore ≥10% of the total ground targeted for restoration per decade  Retain existing snags >12" DBH****  Retain conifers* >20" DBH** and hardwoods >13" DBH***	No decadal restoration target  Retain existing snags >6" DBH****  Retain all trees >8" DBH, except when radial thinning around legacy trees - when thinning around legacy trees, retain conifers >20" DBH and hardwoods >13" DBH**

\* Conifers: pines, Douglas-firs, and incense cedar

\*\* Diameter Breast Height (DBH): diameter of the stem of a tree measured at 4.5 feet above the ground level

\*\*\* except where falling is necessary for safety or operational reasons. If such trees need to be cut, retain cut trees in the stand

\*\*\*\*except those for operational or safety reasons, including hazardous fuels reduction (refer to WUI management direction). Retain snags as a mix of single trees and clumps of trees.







# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan



## Comparison of Alternatives: Wildland Fire Management

∇ PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE ∇

	 <b>ALTERNATIVE A NO ACTION</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE B MOST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE C MODERATE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE D LEAST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>MANAGEMENT APPROACH</b>	Continue current management of suppression in original CSNM boundary, and full range of management response in expansion area in Oregon.	Manage natural ignitions for multiple objectives, as conditions allow	Manage natural ignitions for multiple objectives, as conditions allow excluding WUI - within WUI take immediate action to limit wildfire size	Take immediate action to limit wildfire size
<b>WILDFIRE RESPONSE - MULTIPLE OBJECTIVES</b>	42,320 acres	113,500 acres	102,562 acres	0 acres
<b>WILDFIRE RESPONSE - SUPPRESSION</b>	71,186 acres	0 acres	10,944 acres	113,500 acres
<b>WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE (WUI)/ FUELS EMPHASIS AREA</b>	29,600 acres	26,483 acres ¼ mile around private property and community at risk	10,944 acres ¼ mile around community at risk	2,082 acres 120' from private property

**Wildfire response, multiple objectives:** Fire, as a critical natural process, may be integrated into Land and Resource Management Plans and activities on a landscape scale. A wildland fire may be managed concurrently for one or more objectives, including allowing fire to function in its natural ecological role and suppression. Objectives can change as the fire spreads across the landscape. Objectives are affected by changes in fuels, weather, topography; varying social understanding and tolerance; and involvement of other governmental jurisdictions having different missions and objectives.

**Wildfire response, suppression:** Immediate action will be taken to suppress all unplanned ignitions at the lowest cost commensurate with the protection of firefighter and public safety and welfare, and resulting in the fewest negative consequences to natural and cultural resources.




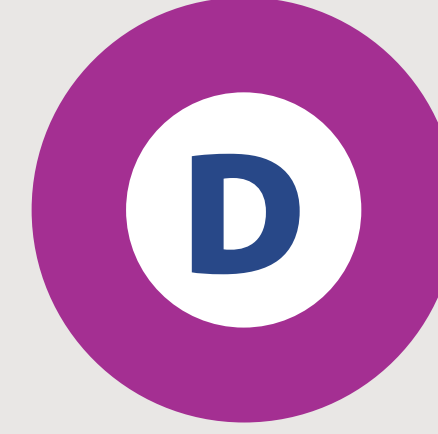
**Wildland Urban Interface (WUI):** The Healthy Forest Restoration Act describes the WUI as “an area within or adjacent to an at-risk community.” The act goes on to state that “in the case of any area for which a community wildfire protection plan is not in effect” this area can vary from one-half mile to one- and one-half miles around the at-risk community.



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## Comparison of Alternatives: Recreation & Visitor Services

 PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 

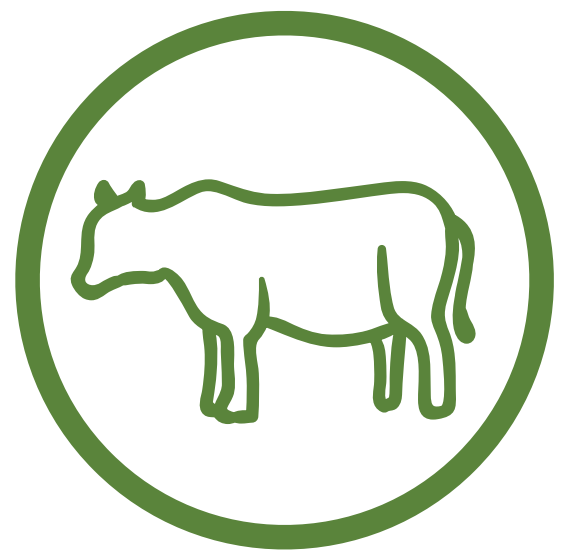
	 <b>ALTERNATIVE A NO ACTION</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE B MOST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE C MODERATE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE D LEAST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>MANAGEMENT APPROACH</b>	Continue current management	Provide diversity of quality recreational opportunities  Develop new recreation opportunities. Allows for consideration of cross-country snowmobile use in the Surveyor Mountain ERMA during future travel management planning.	Provide diversity of quality recreational opportunities  Develop new recreation opportunities	Provide quality recreational opportunities  Manage existing recreation opportunities
<b>SPECIAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREAS (SRMA)</b>	9,859 acres Continue to manage six existing SRMAs	431 acres Designate three SRMAs	431 acres Designate three SRMAs	431 acres Designate three SRMAs
<b>EXTENSIVE RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREAS (ERMA)</b>	21,031 acres Continue to manage two existing ERMAs	21,309 acres Designate ten ERMAs	6,362 acres Designate nine ERMAs	149 acres Designate five ERMAs

SRMA: lands and waters where recreation management is the predominant land use plan focus, and where the BLM intends to manage and provide specific recreation opportunities on a long-term basis  
ERMA: administrative units that require specific management considerations to address recreation use or demand, but where recreation management is considered in context with the management of other resources and resource uses









# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan



## Comparison of Alternatives: Livestock Grazing

∇ PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE ∇

	 <b>ALTERNATIVE A NO ACTION</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE B MOST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE C MODERATE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE D LEAST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>MANAGEMENT APPROACH</b>	For existing allotments, compatibility studies would occur prior to making future decisions regarding grazing leases. The BLM's voluntary relinquishment process would apply.			
	Continue current management of active grazing leases	Continue to allow active grazing in allotments  Integrate adaptive, flexible, and outcome based techniques	Continue to allow active grazing in allotments  Integrate adaptive, flexible, and outcome based techniques	All existing grazing leases would be phased out (not renewed)
<b>ACRES LIVESTOCK GRAZING - AVAILABLE</b>	27,820 acres	27,820 acres	27,820 acres	0 acres
<b>ACRES LIVESTOCK GRAZING - UNAVAILABLE</b>	85,686 acres	85,686 acres	85,686 acres	113,500 acres







# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan



## Comparison of Alternatives: Travel & Transportation Management

▼ PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE ▼

	 <b>ALTERNATIVE A NO ACTION</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE B MOST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE C MODERATE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE D LEAST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>MANAGEMENT APPROACH</b>	Continue current management	Manage the transportation system to accommodate existing public use, where feasible  Provide opportunity for future road closures and decommissioning		
<b>ACRES OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES - CLOSED</b>	32,043 acres	27,819 acres	35,516 acres	33,792 acres
<b>ACRES OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES - LIMITED WITH SEASONAL CLOSURE</b>	72,094 acres	10,342 acres	5,801 acres	0 acres
<b>ACRES OF OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES - LIMITED</b>	9,368 acres	75,346 acres	72,190 acres	79,715 acres

\*Off-highway vehicles - open is 0 acres for all alternatives

\*Cross-country snowmobile use allowed in 0 acres for all alternatives except Alternative B, in which 11,133 acres are available (Surveyor Mountain)

Closed: area where off-road vehicle use is prohibited  
Limited: area restricted at certain times, in certain areas, and/or to certain vehicular use







# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan



## Comparison of Alternatives: Lands and Realty

**∨** PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE **∨**

	 <b>ALTERNATIVE A NO ACTION</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE B MOST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE C MODERATE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>	 <b>ALTERNATIVE D LEAST ACTIVE MANAGEMENT</b>
<b>MANAGEMENT APPROACH</b>	Continue current management	Provide needed rights-of-way permits, leases, and easements only when no feasible alternative route is available, except in ROW exclusion areas (Soda Mountain Wilderness)	Provide needed rights-of-way permits, leases, and easements only when no feasible alternative route is available, except in ROW exclusion areas (Soda Mountain Wilderness and lands managed for their wilderness characteristics)	All lands allocated as right-of-way exclusion area
<b>LAND TENURE: ZONE 2</b>	76,993 acres	58,987 acres	55,777 acres	0 acres
<b>LAND TENURE: ZONE 1</b>	36,523 acres	54,529 acres	57,737 acres	113,506 acres
<b>RIGHTS-OF-WAY EXCLUSION AREA</b>	24,700 acres	24,700 acres	33,248 acres	113,506 acres
<b>RIGHTS-OF-WAY AVOIDANCE AREA</b>	88,799 acres	88,799 acres	80,258 acres	0 acres

Exclusion Area: BLM would not grant future rights-of-way except as mandated by law or necessary for administration of valid existing rights  
Avoidance Area: areas with sensitive resource values where the BLM would grant future land use authorizations on a case-by-case basis



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## How to Provide Substantive Comments

- ✓ Raise issues the BLM has not identified
- ✓ Provide information relevant to the analysis and impact of the alternatives
- ✓ Provide input on the adequacy of the range of alternatives

- ✗ Offer opinion
- ✗ Comment in favor or against an action without reason
- ✗ Disagree with BLM policy
- ✗ Comments without justification or supporting data
- ✗ Comments that don't pertain to the planning area or the scope of the EIS





# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## Share Your Feedback and Comments

We appreciate your help in this planning effort. You can provide comments in the following ways:

- » Submit a comment at the BLM ePlanning site:  
<https://bit.ly/CSNMplan>
- » Submit a written comment via mail:

ATTN: CSNM RMP Project Manager  
BLM Medford District  
3040 Biddle Rd.  
Medford, OR 97504

### BLM ePlanning Site



Scan QR Code with your  
Smart Phone

***Comments must be received by July 5, 2024.***

For additional information or clarification regarding this document or the planning process, please contact: [blm\\_csnm\\_rmp@blm.gov](mailto:blm_csnm_rmp@blm.gov) or (458) 246-8861



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## For More Information



**PHONE**  
**(458) 246-8861**



**EMAIL**  
**[blm\\_csnm\\_rmp@blm.gov](mailto:blm_csnm_rmp@blm.gov)**



# Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan

## Public Meetings



**MAY 14, 2024**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. PT.  
Medford Armory  
1701 S. Pacific Hwy,  
Medford, OR 97501



**MAY 16, 2024**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. PT.  
Klamath Community College  
Building 4, Commons  
7390 S. 6th Street,  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603



**MAY 18, 2024**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PT.  
Pinehurst School  
15337 Hwy. 66,  
Ashland, OR 97520