

## CHAPTER 4.

# CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

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### Changes from the Draft to Final EIS

The following changes were made between the DEIS and FEIS. This listing does not include minor corrections to grammar, spelling, explanations, and paragraph formatting that have also been made. Some of the changes resulted from comments made to the DEIS.

- The distribution list was updated to include new individuals, organizations, and agencies that received the FEIS.

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State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Burns Paiute Tribe

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## **Public Involvement Summary**

The analysis of the Easy Fire Recovery Project began in October 2002. A Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (NOI) was published in the Federal Register on March 24, 2003. The project was also listed quarterly in the Schedule of Proposed Activities (SOPA) starting in the Summer/Fall of 2002 and continuing through the Summer/Fall of 2004. A fire recovery open house was held at the Federal Building in John Day on February 13, 2003, and on February 14, 2003, the agency mailed a scoping letter seeking public comment to approximately 130 groups, other agencies, and individuals who had previously shown interest in Malheur National Forest projects.

In response to these scoping efforts, written comments were received from 9 interested parties. In addition to comments supporting the project, the District received comments reflecting concerns related to potential adverse impacts on soils, wildlife and aquatic habitat, and economics. Public comments were used in the development of the reasonable range of alternatives and the identification of the significant issues.

In October 2003 the Easy Fire Recovery Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement was published by the Malheur National Forest, and a Notice of Availability (NOA) was published

in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency on October 24, 2003. A news release announcing the availability of the DEIS was also published in the Blue Mountain Eagle the following week.. The DEIS was mailed to over 100 individuals, organizations, or agencies, as well as the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and the Burns Paiute Tribe. The DEIS was made available to the public for a 45-day review. Ten comments were received in response to the DEIS (see Table 4-1). Information received from these sources of public involvement was used by the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) to help refine and develop this final EIS.

The IDT reviewed the 10 letters with comments on the DEIS and addressed each substantive comment provided. The 10 letters are disclosed in Response to Comments section in Appendix I of the FEIS. Comments received on the DEIS were assigned a number to track them through the review and response process. Table 4-1 lists those who commented and the tracking number assigned to their letter.

**Table 4-1: Individuals Who Commented on the Easy DEIS**

Letter Number	Commenter
1	Dan Becker
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5	Steven J. Courtney/Malheur Lumber Company
6	Doug Heiken/Oregon Natural Resources Council
7	Asante Riverwind/League of Wilderness Defenders/Blue Mtn. Biodiversity Project
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## Distribution of the Final Environmental Impact Statement

In addition to those who commented on the DEIS above, copies have been sent to the following other individuals, Federal agencies, federally recognized tribes, State and local governments, and organizations representing a wide range of views regarding the project.

### Individuals

This environmental impact statement has been distributed to individuals who commented on the DEIS or requested a copy of the document plus the following individual:

Emmel Brothers Ranch, Prairie City, Oregon

## **Organizations, Industry, and Local Agencies**

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National Marine Fisheries Service  
Northwest Power Planning Council  
U.S. Army Engineer NW Division  
U.S. Coast Guard, Environmental Impact Branch  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, APHIS PPD/EAD  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Region 6/Environmental Coordination  
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