



**BLUE MOUNTAINS  
FOREST PLAN REVISION - 2015**

Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman  
National Forests

# News Release

## Additional public meetings scheduled to discuss the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision

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**Baker City, John Day, and Pendleton, Oregon** – The Forest Service has scheduled new public meetings to discuss the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision. Below is the current schedule:

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

DATE and TIME	TOPIC and HOST	LOCATION
<b>Mon., Nov. 2, 2015</b> 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)	<b>Access and Wilderness</b> Union County, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	<b>Blue Mountain Conf. Center, La Grande Armory, 404 12th St.</b> La Grande, OR 97850
<b>Wed., Nov. 4, 2015</b> 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)	<b>Livestock Grazing</b> Umatilla National Forest	<b>Heppner City Hall</b> 111 N Main St. Heppner, OR 97836
<b>Mon., Nov. 9, 2015</b> 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)	<b>Blue Mtns. Forest Plan</b> Baker County, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	<b>Baker City, OR</b> Venue to be determined and announced ASAP
<b>Tues., Nov. 10, 2015</b> 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)	<b>Livestock Grazing</b> Umatilla National Forest and Malheur National Forest	<b>N. Fork John Day District Office</b> 401 West Main St. Ukiah, OR 97880
<b>Thur., Nov. 12, 2015</b> 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)	<b>Pace and Scale of Restoration</b> Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla National Forests	<b>Blue Mountain Conf. Center, La Grande Armory, 404 12th St.</b> La Grande, OR 97850

### TECHNICAL MEETINGS (anyone is welcome to attend; open to the public)

DATE and TIME	TOPIC and HOST	LOCATION
<b>Tues., Nov. 10, 2015</b> 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (doors open at 10:30)	<b>Technical Pack Goat Meeting</b> Blue Mtns. National Forests	<b>Pendleton Convention Center</b> 1601 Westgate Pendleton, Oregon 97801
<b>Thur., Nov. 12, 2015</b> 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (doors open at 9:30)	<b>Technical Forestry Meeting</b> Blue Mtns. National Forests	<b>Blue Mountain Conf. Center, La Grande Armory, 404 12th St.</b> La Grande, OR 97850

A facilitator will ensure that everyone in attendance has time to speak, listen to others, and propose solutions. The Forest Service is working with partners to schedule additional meetings, which will be announced in the near future via email and news updates.



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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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In 2014, the Forest Service released a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Proposed Revised Land Management Plan related to the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision and received over a thousand comment letters. Based in part on that feedback, the three Blue Mountains National Forests have worked with stakeholders to identify topics for further discussion – including the Pace and Scale of Restoration, Livestock Grazing, Access, and Wilderness.

A Forest Plan describes the social, economic, and ecological goals of a National Forest and provides a framework for future management decisions. The National Forest Management Act of 1976 requires each National Forest to prepare a Forest Plan and revise it every 15 years to address changing needs and conditions. The current Forest Plans for the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, and Malheur National Forests are from 1990, and the Blue Mountains region has changed significantly since that time.

Meeting notes from previous Forest Plan Revision meetings are available at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMountainsPlanRevision>, and the notes from new meetings will be posted to this website as well.

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