



**BLUE MOUNTAINS
FOREST PLAN REVISION - 2015**

Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman
National Forests

News Release

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December public meetings scheduled on the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision

The Forest Service has scheduled new public meetings to discuss the Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision. Please see the schedule below for upcoming meetings:

PUBLIC MEETINGS

DATE and TIME	TOPIC and HOST	LOCATION
Thur., Dec. 10, 2015 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)	Pace and Scale of Restoration Malheur National Forest	Harney Co. Community Center 484 North Broadway Burns, OR 97720
Fri., Dec. 11, 2015 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)	Pace and Scale of Restoration Malheur National Forest	Grant Co. Regional Airport 72000 Airport Rd. John Day, OR 97845
Mon., Dec. 14, 2015 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)	Livestock Grazing and Pace / Scale of Restoration Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests	Clarkston Campus of Walla Walla Comm. College 1470 Bridge St., Rm. 187 Clarkston, WA 99403
Tues., Dec. 15, 2015 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. (doors open at 5:30)	Livestock Grazing Wallowa-Whitman National Forest	N. Powder Elementary NW corner of G and 4 th Streets North Powder, OR 97867

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.

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

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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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