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Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision – Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests

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Blue Mountains National Forests Schedule Additional Forest Plan Revision Public Meetings

Baker City, OR – The Blue Mountains National Forests (Malheur, Umatilla, Wallowa-Whitman National Forests, and a portion of the Ochoco National Forest) will host two additional public meetings:

- **April 9 - Clarkston, Washington: Walla Walla Community College Clarkston Campus (1470 Bridge Street) - 5:30-8:30 (Pacific Time zone)**
- **April 10 - Ontario, Oregon: Four Rivers Cultural Center (676 SW 5th Avenue) - 5:30-8:30 (Mountain Time zone)**

to share information about the DEIS and Proposed Revised Land Management Plan, commenting process, and to listen to the public. The official comment period **began on March 14, 2014 and the public has until June 16, 2014** to submit their comments.

“We’ve had multiple requests from Oregon and Washington Senators and Representatives, County Commissioners, partners, and members of the public to bring this information to these communities. It is critical that the public become involved and provide input on the Proposed Revised Forest Plan and DEIS, and we’re pleased to be reaching a larger audience with these additional meetings. This input will help us determine what the final Forest Plans will look like”, stated Kevin Martin, Umatilla Forest Supervisor.

Information on the current public meeting schedule including time, date, and location is available online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMtnsPlanRevision> or by calling 541-523-1246 or 541-523-1302.

The DEIS and Proposed Revised Forest Plan can be downloaded from our web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMtnsPlanRevision>. These versions are more user-friendly because the documents are easily searchable for sections you are interested



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in, and it saves money in printing/shipping costs. Printed copies are available to read at local libraries and Forest District Offices. Compact discs (CDs) and a limited number of printed copies are also available upon request. Requests can be made by sending an email to: bluemtnplanrevision@fs.fed.us, or by calling 541-523-1246 or 541-523-1302.

The Forest Service encourages the public to submit comments electronically by going to this web link: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMountainForestPlanRevisionComments>. Written comments may also be submitted to: Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision Team, P.O. Box 907, Baker City, OR, 97814 or fax to 541-523-6392. Comments received during the 90-day comment period, including names and addresses of those who comment, will become part of the project record and are available for public review. It is the responsibility of the persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period and ensure their comments have been received.

Following is the schedule for the public meetings; all of the meetings begin at 5:30 pm, with a presentation at 6:00, followed by a question and answer time, and then an open house:

DATE	LOCATION
3/17/2014	John Day, OR – Federal Building, Juniper Hall ▪ 431 Patterson
3/18/2014	Burns, OR – Chamber of Commerce Community Center ▪ 484 N. Broadway Center
3/19/2014	Long Creek, – Long Creek Community Center ▪ 201 West 2nd Street
3/20/2014	Enterprise, OR – Cloverleaf Hall ▪ 668 NW 1st St. (Highway 3)
3/25/2014	Baker City, OR – Baker County Fairgrounds ▪ 2600 East Street
3/26/2014	La Grande, OR – Blue Mountain Conference Center ▪ 404 12th Street
3/27/2014	Halfway, OR – Lions Hall ▪ 235 Lion Street
3/31/2014	Portland, OR– Red Lion Convention Center ▪ 1021 NE Grand Avenue
4/1/2014	Pendleton, OR – Pendleton Convention Center, W Rooms 3 & 4 ▪ 1601 Westgate



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DATE	LOCATION
4/2/2014	Heppner, OR – Heppner City Hall ▪ 111 North Main
4/3/2014	Dayton, WA – Fair Grounds Youth Building, ▪ 1 North Pine
4/4/2014	Kennewick, WA – Benton PUD Auditorium ▪ 2721 West 10th Avenue
4/9/2014	Clarkston, WA - Walla Walla Community College, Clarkston Campus, 1470 Bridge Street
4/10/2014	Ontario, OR – Four Rivers Cultural Center, ▪ 676 SW 5th Avenue

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