

How can I provide feedback?

The Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision team welcomes input regarding the draft assessment documents **by May 26, 2024**.

You can find information on engagement opportunities and feedback periods, as they arise, on the Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision website:

<https://tinyurl.com/yubnjj5n>.

You may also email the Revision Team with inquiries at: sm.fs.bluesforests@usda.gov.

Public Input Opportunities

The Blue Mountain Forest Plan Revision is currently in the assessment phase, and seeking feedback regarding the draft assessment, Potential Species of Conservation Concern (SCC) list, Lands that May Have Wilderness Character draft inventory, and Wild and Scenic Rivers draft inventory. **Please submit feedback by May 26, 2024**. Feedback received during the assessment phase will be used to develop the final assessment report.

The purpose of the assessment phase is to gather existing relevant information on Forest conditions and trends and use this information to rapidly evaluate the sustainability of existing ecological, economic, and social conditions and trends within the context of the broader landscape. Once complete, the assessment is used to help identify the need to change the existing plan, and to inform the development of plan components and other content.

What does helpful feedback look like?

The current feedback period invites you to share your perspective and knowledge to help the responsible officials make an informed decision.

Public input will help the Forest Service gain local knowledge about existing forest conditions and understand concerns about community or resource impacts.

If you have a specific concern or additional data regarding any of the draft documents, please state the page or paragraph where your concern is. For example, “I have additional information about the current conditions in the X section of the draft Assessment. My data which is x, y, and z should be included in this paragraph or sentence.”

If your concern is about a specific area being missed or included on one of the draft inventory maps, giving coordinates or the name of the area would be helpful. We welcome images or PDFs of maps that have markings on them to help demonstrate areas of concern.

If you submit scientific literature, it helps if you let us know how it relates to the review material. However, we do appreciate any input on the draft assessment or any of the corresponding documents.

How do I provide feedback?

The best way to submit your feedback is through our online database, Comment Analysis and Response Application (CARA). CARA allows us to collect, organize, and consider public feedback efficiently. **Please submit feedback for any of the draft documents by May 26, 2024.** We welcome public feedback during this process and would appreciate the following:

- To directly enter your input into CARA, please use this link: <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?project=64157>, or by following this QR code:



- You can write feedback into the field provided in CARA or attach a document. If you attach a document, please convert it to a PDF format, if possible.
- As we are collecting feedback on the draft assessment, draft SCC list, Wild and Scenic Rivers draft inventory, and Lands that may have Wilderness Character draft inventory please clearly state the topic on which you are providing feedback to.

If CARA does not work for you, please mail your feedback to us at:

Umatilla National Forest Supervisor's Office
Attn: Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision
72510 Coyote Road
Pendleton, OR 97801

You may also email your input to us at:
sm.fs.bluesforests@usda.gov.

How does the Forest Service use my feedback?

The content of each letter, message, or file is coded by theme and topic. This allows the Revision team to efficiently review submitted input. The Revision team will work to reflect public input throughout the final assessment.

If any feedback collected includes site-specific or project level planning, the feedback will also be forwarded to the appropriate staff, such as district rangers or project managers, at the forest level.

Feedback and Formal Comment Periods

The assessment phase is prior to the formal comment period. Formal comment periods will be offered in the future as required at key milestones in the process and will be advertised in advance. Formal comments submitted during these future periods give parties standing to participate in the objection process.

Contact Information

Have questions about the Forest Plan Revision? Want to connect with the team?

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<https://tinyurl.com/35wtfbpj>
or by following the QR code:

