

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5186-N-44]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

DATES: *Effective Date: October 31, 2008.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Ezzell, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 7262, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: October 23, 2008.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-08-1610-DP; HAG 08-0051]

Notice of Availability of Draft John Day Basin Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and

Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) for the John Day Basin planning area and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure that they will be considered, BLM must receive written comments on the Draft RMP/EIS within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Mail:* John Day Basin RMP, BLM Prineville Field Office, 3050 NE 3rd Street, Prineville, OR 97754.

- *Web Site:* <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/prineville/plans/johndayrmp/index.php>.

- *E-mail:*

John_Day_Basin_RMP@blm.gov.

- *Fax:* (541) 416-6798.

Copies of the John Day Basin Draft RMP/EIS are available in the Prineville Field Office and on our project Web site (see **ADDRESSES** above), in addition to copies sent to individuals, organizations, and agencies on the John Day Basin RMP mailing list.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ayn Shlisky, John Day Basin RMP Project Leader, BLM Prineville Field Office, 3050 NE 3rd Street, Prineville, OR 97754, phone (541) 416-6700, e-mail *John_Day_Basin_RMP@blm.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area is located in parts of Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Grant, Wheeler, Jefferson, and Wasco Counties in the State of Oregon, covering 456,000 acres of BLM-managed public land. The existing RMPs for the area were completed in the 1980s: John Day RMP (Record of Decision signed 1985), Two Rivers RMP (1986), and Baker RMP (1989). The John Day RMP was amended in 1995, and in 2001, the John Day River Plan amended portions of all three of the RMPs. New information and changed circumstances are cause for the BLM to update these plans. Changed circumstances include, but are not limited to: Acquisition of 44,000 acres along North Fork John Day River, heightened public interest in BLM management actions, increasing demand for recreation activities on public lands, and expanded scientific knowledge and information pertaining to the conservation of aquatic species.

In February 2006, the BLM published a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS and initiate revision/amendment of the existing RMPs. This was followed in March 2006 by five public open houses across the planning area and in Portland, Oregon to solicit public input on the issues to be addressed. The BLM published results of public input and an Analysis of the Management Situation in December 2006, followed by four public open houses across the planning area to solicit input on criteria to be used in development of alternatives. The BLM also met regularly with the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council and with representatives of local, state, and other Federal government agencies, as well as tribal governments. Additionally, the BLM maintained a public Web site and mailed periodic newsletters with information on the plan's status.

The Draft RMP/EIS analyzes five alternatives. Alternative 1 (no action) would continue the current management goals, objectives, and direction specified in the existing RMPs. Alternative 2 (BLM preferred alternative) would provide a mix of recreational opportunities, economic opportunities, and resource protection. Changes from Alternative 1 to 2 include: (a) Development of an interim road system and a process for developing a final transportation plan; (b) a reduction in areas "open" for motorized use off of roads; (c) synthesized management direction to achieve forest and upland health goals while providing for timber and forage production and wildfire prevention; (d) management direction for the North Fork John Day River lands that, in accordance with the land acquisition legislation, protects native fish, wildlife habitat, and public recreation; (e) addition of an integrated strategy to address fish, water quality, and water quantity together; (f) management direction for 11,929 acres containing wilderness characteristics not already protected by Wilderness or Wilderness Study Area (WSA) provisions; (g) use of "appropriate management response" rather than full suppression of all wildfires; and (h) a process for identifying and addressing management concerns in grazing allotments. Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 are similar to Alternative 2 in most instances, but provide variation in the amount of roadway open for motorized travel, the number of areas open to off-road motorized use, the number and classifications of river segments deemed suitable for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic River System, and the