

area would not be available for planned timber harvest. Off-highway vehicle use would be limited to designated roads. Grazing would continue at or near current levels. Mineral leasing would be subject to no surface occupancy. The area would not be available for hydroelectric development. The area would be managed for semi-primitive motorized recreation opportunities.

The Yainax Butte area is designated an area of critical environmental concern to maintain, protect, and/or restore natural process and systems. The area would not be available for planned timber harvest. The area would be open to livestock grazing, but could be fenced if necessary to protect plant communities. Off-highway vehicle use would be limited to existing roads. Mineral leasing would be subject to no surface occupancy. The area would be managed for semi-primitive motorized recreation opportunities.

The Old Baldy area is designated an area of critical environmental concern/research natural area to preserve, protect, and/or restore natural processes or systems. The area would not be available for timber harvest, firewood, or salvage sales. The area would be closed to off-highway vehicle use. The area would remain free of cattle use. Mineral leasing would be subject to no surface occupancy and closed to mineral entry. The area would be managed for semi-primitive motorized recreation opportunities.

#### **Wild and Scenic Rivers**

The Secretary of the Interior designated the 11.0 miles of the upper Klamath River as scenic under section 2(a)(ii) of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on September 22, 1994. There is currently litigation over the Secretary's designation. The same river segment was found suitable for designation under section 5 of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in the September 1994, Klamath Falls Resource Area Proposed Resource Management Plan/ Final Environmental Impact Statement and that finding is affirmed, with appropriate management direction for the BLM administered lands, in the Klamath Falls ARMP/ROD. An additional 23.2 miles of rivers, in five segments of four creeks, that were found eligible for designation and studied by the BLM are found not suitable for designation.

#### **Off-Highway Vehicles**

The ARMP/ROD makes the following designations for OHV management in the Klamath Falls Resource Area: 102,000 acres will be open; 105,600 acres will be restricted to designated

existing roads and trails and/or seasonally closed; and 4,300 acres will be closed to all use, except for specified administrative or emergency uses. The closed areas include 3 acres of the Pacific Crest National Scenic trail, 1,800 acres of administratively withdrawn areas [such as the Lower Klamath Hills wildlife area, Spencer Creek, and progeny test sites], and 2,520 acres in various ACECs. In addition, the ARMP/ROD provides for road closures to meet ecosystem management objectives. Such closures may be permanent or seasonal, and by use of signs, gates, barriers or total road de-construction and site restoration.

#### **Land Tenure Adjustment**

The ARMP/ROD identifies 186,000 acres of BLM administered lands which will be retained in public ownership, 3,000 acres of BLM lands which may be considered for exchange under prescribed circumstances and 23,000 acres of BLM lands which may be available for sale or disposal under other authorized processes. The ARMP also provides criteria for the acquisition of lands, or interests in lands, where such acquisition would meet objectives of the various resource programs. The plan allocates 840 acres as right-of-way exclusion areas and 56,000 acres as right-of-way avoidance areas.

#### **Special Recreation and Visual Resource Management Areas**

The plan identifies 4 new or existing Special Recreation Management Areas. They are the Hamaker Mountain SRMA (1,200 acres), the Stukel Mountain SRMA (12,000 acres), the Pacific Crest National Scenic trail SRMA (40 acres), and the Klamath River SRMA (7,400 acres). The plan allocates from 450 to 1,220 acres of BLM administered lands for 15 to 50 existing or potential recreation sites. The plan also allocates lands for 4 to 22 existing or potential trails, totaling 8 to 118 miles. The plan also identifies management objectives for four visual resource management classifications.

#### **Mineral and Energy Resource Management**

Approximately 206,600 acres or 98 percent of BLM administered lands remain open to mineral location, and 211,700 acres or almost 100 percent are open to energy and mineral leasing and mineral material disposal.

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#### **Availability of the Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, Salem, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the resource management plan and record of decision for the Salem District of the Bureau of Land Management, Salem, Oregon.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1550.2), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, (43 CFR 1610.2 (g)), the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salem District provides notice of availability of the resource management plan (RMP) and record of decision (ROD) for the Salem District. In addition to describing the decisions, the RMP/ROD provides the framework to guide land and resource allocations and management direction for the next 10 to 20 years in the Salem District. This RMP supersedes the existing Westside Salem and Eastside Salem management framework plans for managing approximately 398,100 acres of mostly forested land and 27,800 acres of non-federal surface ownership with federal mineral estate administered by the Bureau of Land Management in thirteen northwestern Oregon counties.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the RMP/ROD are available upon request by contacting the Salem District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1717 Fabry Road S., Salem, OR 97306. This document has been sent to all individuals and groups who were on the mailing list for the Salem District Proposed Resource Management Plan(RMP)/ Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The full supporting record for the RMP/ EIS is available for inspection in the Salem District Office at the address shown above. Copies of draft RMP/EIS and proposed RMP/final EIS are also available for inspection in the public room on the 7th floor of the BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 1515 SW Fifth Street, Portland, OR and public libraries within the Salem District.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bob Saunders, Salem District Office, Bureau of Land Management. He can be reached by telephone number at 503-315-5978 or by FAX at 503-375-5622.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Salem District RMP/ROD is essentially the same as the Salem District Proposed RMP and Final EIS. Virtually no