



### Public Notice

**USDA Forest Service-Malheur National Forest  
Prairie City Ranger District  
Prairie City, Oregon  
Summit Creek Landscape Restoration Project  
Notice of 45-day Objection Filing Period**

The Prairie City Ranger District of the Malheur National Forest has prepared a draft decision notice and finding of no significant impact (DN/FONSI) and a final environmental assessment (FEA) for the Summit Creek Landscape Restoration Project (Summit). These documents are available on the Malheur National Forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=42450>. Copies of the FEA and draft DN/FONSI are available at the Prairie City Ranger District, 327 SW Front Street, Prairie City, OR 97869 and at the Malheur National Forest Supervisor's Office, 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day, OR 97845. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Amy Mathis (Natural Resource Planner), 541-820-3890, [amymathis@fs.fed.us](mailto:amymathis@fs.fed.us), or Ed Guzman (District Ranger), 541-820-3801, [edguzman@fs.fed.us](mailto:edguzman@fs.fed.us).

The draft DN/FONSI identifies a suite of actions to improve the ecological structure and function of forest ecosystems; restore riparian vegetation, including aspen and other hardwood vegetation; reduce fuel loading and fire hazard across the landscape; and reduce road-related impacts on approximately 38,000 acres of National Forest System lands. Activities include 28,700, acres of silvicultural and associated slash treatments, 29,900 acres of prescribed burning, 2021 acres of riparian habitat conservation areas treatments, 2,750 acres of wildlife habitat enhancement, 10 miles of temporary road construction, 215 miles of existing Forest Service system road for log haul (including road maintenance), 32 miles of road closures (changing from maintenance level 2 to 1), and confirmation of 44 miles of past administratively closed roads. This project also includes forest plan amendments to: remove trees greater than or equal to 21 inches diameter at breast height; to allow a short-term loss of late and old structure within the Warm Dry plant association group and; to change old growth boundaries to bring these areas up to Malheur Forest Plan standards. The Summit planning area is located on the Prairie City Ranger District, approximately 20 miles southeast of Prairie City, Oregon.

The draft DN/FONSI is subject to an objection process pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 218. The regulations at 36 CFR 218 provide an opportunity for individuals and organizations to file an objection to a project before the final decision is signed. This allows interested individuals and organizations to share their concerns regarding the decision with the deciding official before the final decision is made.

Objections will only be accepted from individuals and entities as defined in 36 CFR 218.2 who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during the 30-day scoping period or 30-day comment period on the preliminary environmental assessment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based upon previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project, unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:30pm, excluding Federal holidays). Objections may be mailed to: Regional Forester, Objection Reviewing Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service, Attn: 1570 Objections, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208-3623. For emailed objections, email: [objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us). Please put OBJECTION and the project name in the subject line. Electronic objections must be submitted as part of an actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word format (.doc), rich text format (.rtf) or portable document format (.pdf) only.

For electronically mailed objections, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of receipt of the objection, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means. Objections may also be hand-delivered to the Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, OR 97204, between 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday (excluding Federal holidays). Objections may also be faxed to: Regional Forester, Attn: 1570: Objections, at 503-808-2339.

Objections must be postmarked or received by the Reviewing Officer, Regional Forester, within 45 days following publication of notice of the objection filing period in the Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day, OR. The publication date in the Blue Mountain Eagle is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to file and objection should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other sources. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

Specific directions on how to file an objection are provided in 36 CFR 218.8. (A printed copy is available upon request). The objection must contain the minimum required content requirements specified in 36 CFR 218.8(d) and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 36 CFR 218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to 36 CFR 218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.

Objections will be subject to review by a "reviewing officer." Because the responsible official for the Summit Creek Landscape Restoration Project is Steven K. Beverlin, the Malheur National Forest Supervisor, the reviewing officer will be the Regional Forester.

The objection process may include an opportunity for the objector to meet with the reviewing officer and responsible official, with the objective of resolving the concerns expressed in the objection.

The responsible official cannot sign the final decision until the reviewing officer has responded in writing to all pending objections, and the decision must be consistent with any instructions issued by the reviewing officer. After the objection process concludes, there will be no additional opportunity for administrative review or appeal. The final decision will be the final administrative decision by the agency.

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Sec 18: SE1/4 NE1/4

Real property as described: Tax Acct 17 7-29, Map 07529, TL 3803; Ref. 8654.

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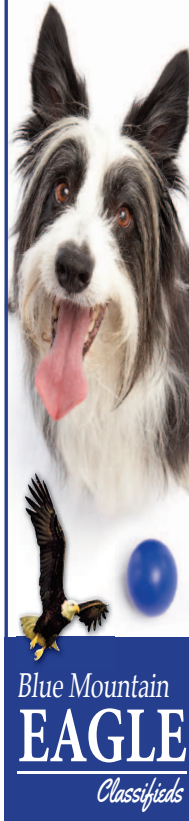


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#### GAME ANSWERS

#### HOCUS-FOCUS

- DIFFERENCES:  
1. CAP IS MISSING  
2. SHRUB IS SMALLER  
3. SHUTTERS ARE MISSING  
4. ARM IS MOVED  
5. SHIRT IS OPENED  
6. SIGN IS SMALLER

#### King Crossword

Answers  
Solution time: 21 mins.

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#### Go Figure!

answers

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7	x	2	+	1	15
+		x		x	
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24		15		18	

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