

NOTICE OF OBJECTIONS FILED AND OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR INTERESTED PERSON STATUS: Malheur, Umatilla, and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests Revised Land Management Plans. Reviewing Officer: Chris French, National Forest System Associate Deputy Chief. Time Zone of Reviewing Officer: Eastern Time.

The Forest Service has received approximately 300 objections regarding the revision for the Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land Management Plans (Blue Mountains Plans). All objection letters will be posted on the following website:

<https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/ReadingRoom?project=31195>. The Forest Service is currently in the process of determining eligibility of objectors and their objections. The Reviewing Officer will notify all objectors of their status after eligibility determination has been made. The Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman Revised Forest Plans, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and draft Record of Decision are available here:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMountainsPlanRevision>. Individuals or entities who have previously submitted substantive formal comments during the 2010 formal scoping period (March 29-May 25, 2010) and/or the 2014 formal comment period (March 14-August 15, 2014) and who request and are granted recognition as interested persons may participate in the objection resolution discussions with the objectors and the Reviewing Officer. In order to ensure objection resolution discussions are transparent, resolution meetings are open to observation by the public.

To become an interested person: Written requests for recognition as an interested person (36 CFR 219.57) must be submitted no later than 10 days from the publication date of this notice, and should include the following information: name and affiliation, if any; mailing address, phone number, and email address (if available); and the name(s) of the objector(s) in whose objection the person has an interest; a brief explanation of the interest in the objection and any specific concerns including a description of support or opposition to the objection; and identification of substantive formal comment provided by the interested person requester during the planning process demonstrating the requester's participation in the planning process.

Objectors and interested persons will be invited to all resolution meetings to participate in any discussion on the eligible issues that they have raised, both individually and collectively. The time, agenda, and topics to be discussed will be determined by the Reviewing Officer. Requests to become an interested person must be submitted to Chris French, Objection Reviewing Officer. Requests may be submitted by regular mail (USPS) to the following address: 1400 Independence Avenue SW, EMC, Mailstop 1104, Washington, DC 20250. Requests may also be submitted by carrier (UPS or FedEx) or hand deliveries to the following address: USDA Forest Service, Attn: Objection Reviewing Officer, 210 14th Street, SW, EMC Mailstop 1104, Washington, DC 20250. The office business hours for those submitting a carrier or hand delivered request are: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Carrier or hand deliveries may call 202-791-8488 during regular business days and hours, above, to coordinate delivery of the request. Hardcopy submissions by regular mail, carrier, or hand delivery must include a subject line on page one stating: "Interested Persons Request regarding the Revised Blue Mountains Forest Plans." Faxed requests must be addressed to "Chris French, Objection Reviewing Officer" at 202-649-1172 and must include the same subject line noted above. The fax coversheet should specify the number of pages being submitted. Electronic requests must be submitted to the Objection Reviewing Officer via email to objections-chief@fs.fed.us, with a subject line stating: "Interested persons request regarding the Revised Blue Mountains Forest Plans." Electronic requests must be submitted in a commonly used format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), portable document format (.pdf) or Microsoft Word (.docx). The requests will be considered by the Reviewing Officer, and eligible interested persons will be notified in advance of any objection resolution meetings. The date(s), location(s), and agenda(s) for any meeting(s) will be posted online at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/BlueMountainsPlanRevision.