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Row River Trail Improvement Project

Salem, Ore. -- The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Northwest Oregon District, Upper Willamette Field Office is now accepting comments on the Row River Trail Improvement Project. This project is a great example of the BLM's commitment to serving the American family by being good neighbors, supporting traditional land uses such as grazing, and providing access to hunting, fishing, and other recreational opportunities.

A public meeting will be held on March 7, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the City of Cottage Grove City Hall, located at 400 E. Main Street in Cottage Grove, OR.

The project includes a proposal to repave several sections of the trail, as well as replace six failing culverts between mile posts 8.3 and 10.1. The work would occur between July 9 and November 2, 2018 and require a temporary closure of the trail for public safety.

Comments can be sent to blm_or_no_publiccomments_nepa@blm.gov with Row River Trail Improvement Project in the subject line. For additional information about submitting comments, please contact Linda Wright at (541)683-6469 or lwright@blm.gov. A copy of the planning document is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/Row-River-Trail-Improvements>.

Additional information about the Row River Trail is available at: <https://www.blm.gov/visit/row-river-trail>

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In Fiscal Year 2015, the BLM generated \$4.1 billion in receipts from activities occurring on public lands.



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*Row River Trail Improvements Environmental Assessment
DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2018-0007-EA*

Dear Interested Public,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Upper Willamette Field Office of the Northwest Oregon District has begun planning for the Row River Trail Improvement Environmental Assessment (EA) and is seeking public input.

The proposed project would improve the surface of the existing trail and prolong the life of the trail bed by replacing six undersized culverts between miles 8.3 and 10.1, sealing cracks on the 13.5-mile BLM portion of the trail, and rebuilding tread in select areas. The enclosed map shows the proposed locations for the Row River Trail Improvements project, approximately one mile east of the City of Cottage Grove in Lane County, Oregon.

The paved, multi-use non-motorized trail follows the now-abandoned Oregon Pacific and Eastern Railroad line, along the shores of the Row River Road and Dorena Reservoir. The Row River Trail is important to the City of Cottage Grove's economic health and is the cornerstone of the city's ongoing efforts promoting recreation resources to generate local economic impacts.

The BLM invites the public to attend a scoping meeting inform the public about the project and receive comments about the proposed Row River Trail Improvement Project. The meeting is on **Wednesday, March 7, 2018 from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm at the City of Cottage Grove, City Hall located at 400 E Main St, Cottage Grove, OR 97424**. Displays and staff will be present to share information about the proposed project. You will be able to submit formal (written) scoping comments or informal comments at the meeting to help guide decision-making.

You have been identified as someone who might have specific knowledge or interest in the Row River Trail. The purpose of this letter is to give you an opportunity to share any information regarding issues or concerns you may have about the project. Your written comments help an interdisciplinary team of BLM natural resource specialists to develop design features for the project, to assess the potential environmental effects and develop meaningful project alternatives.

A project Comment Form is enclosed. We would appreciate your written comments by the close of business on March 19, 2018. Please submit your comments in writing by mail or email. Send comments by mail to the Northwest Oregon BLM, Upper Willamette Field Office, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite E, Springfield, OR 97477, Attn: Row River Trail Improvements – Michael Kelly. Comments may also be emailed to blm_or_no_publiccomments_nepa@blm.gov.

Additional project information can be found at the project specific ePlanning webpage:
<https://tinyurl.com/Row-River-Trail-Improvements>.

When submitting a comment, individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

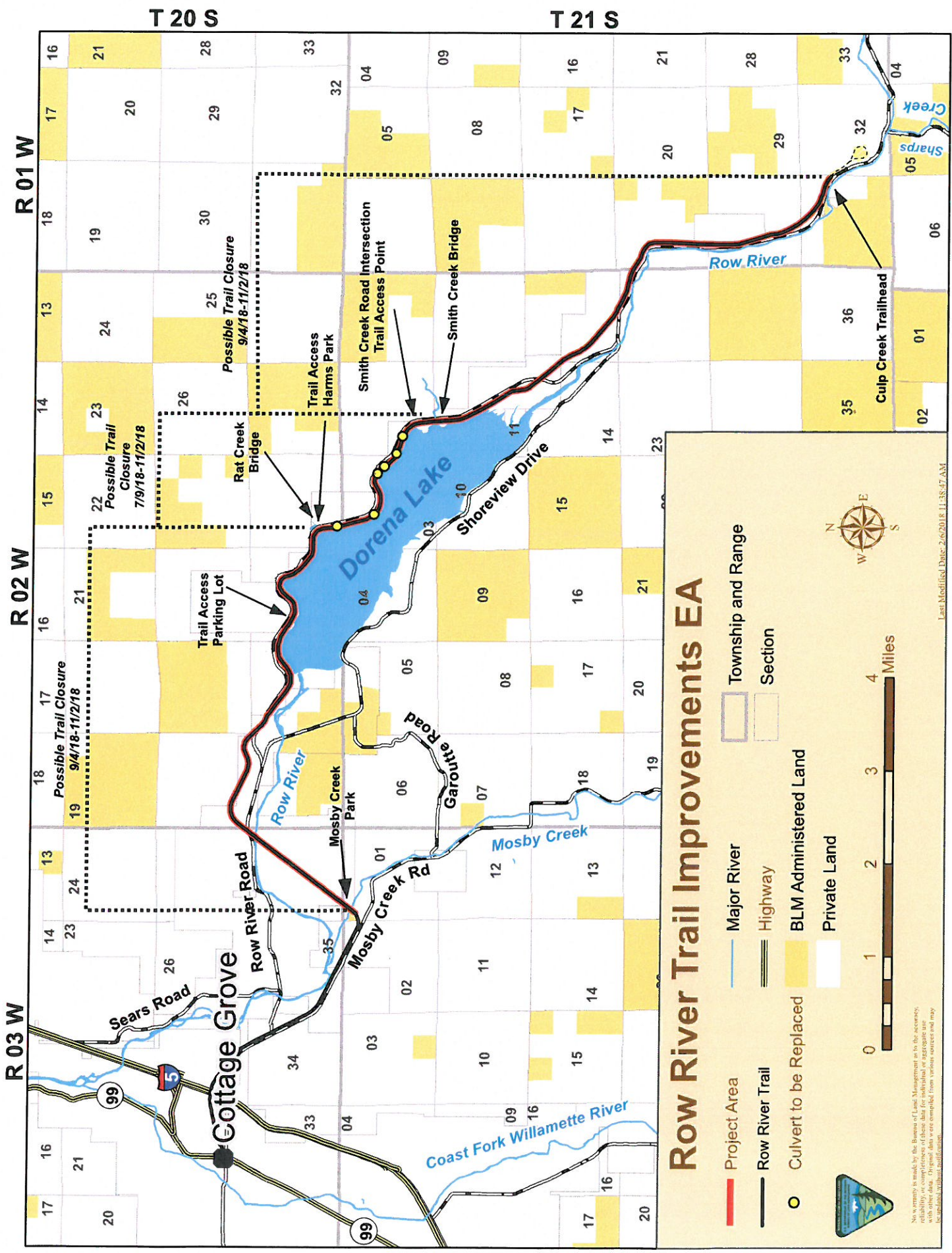
Thank you for your interest in managing your public lands.

Sincerely,



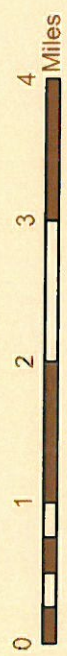
Brian Bickford
Field Manager, Upper Willamette Field Office

Enclosures



Row River Trail Improvements EA

- Project Area
- Major River
- Row River Trail
- Culvert to be Replaced
- BLM Administered Land
- Private Land
- Township and Range
- Section



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Row River Trail Improvements Project

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Do you want to be added to the mailing list for this project? Yes No

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Please feel free to enclose additional sheets if needed.

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