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Public involvement was sought throughout the development of the comprehensive conservation plan (CCP). A collaborative process was defined as a goal early in the planning process and was an integral aspect of the planning process. Public involvement strategies included face-to-face meetings with community organizations, local, State, and Federal agencies, elected officials (or their aides), tribal governments, and Refuge users. The planning team also held open houses, conducted listening posts, provided newsletters, and gave presentations to inform the public, invite discussion, and solicit feedback. The Refuge maintained a website where CCP information could be found and where the public could print out comment forms or submit emails during the scoping phase. Below is a brief summary of the events, meetings, and outreach tools that were used in our scoping public involvement efforts.

Meetings with Congressional Representatives and/or their Aides

- July 2009. Met with U.S. Representative Greg Walden's aide Colby Marshall, Burns, OR
- October 2010. Met with U.S. Representative Greg Walden's aide Nick Strader, Bend, OR
- October 2010. Met with U.S. Senator Ron Wyden's aide Wayne Kennedy, Bend, OR
- October 2010. Met with U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley's aide, Bend, OR
- February 2011. Met with U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley's aide Elizabeth Scheeler, Pendleton, OR
- September 2011. Met with U.S. Representative Greg Walden's aide Nick Strader, Bend, OR

Meetings with Tribes

- April 2009. Met with Burns Paiute staff, Burns, OR
- November 2009. Open house at Burns Paiute Tribe Gathering Center, Burns, OR
- June 2010. Meet with Burns Paiute Tribe at council meeting, Burns, OR

Meetings with Elected Officials

- February 2009. Met with Dan Nichols, Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR
- April 2009. Met with Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR
- July 2009. Met with Steve Grasty, Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR
- January 2010. Met with Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR
- August 2010. Met with Dan Nichols, Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR
- September 2010. Met with Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR
- January 2011. Met with Dan Nichols, Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR
- February 2011. Met with Dan Nichols, Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR
- March 2011. Met with Dan Nichols, Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR
- May 2011. Met with Steve Grasty, Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR
- May 2011. Met with Dan Nichols, Harney County Court (County Commissioners), Burns, OR

Meetings with Community/Business Organizations

- April 2009. Met with the board of the High Desert Partnership, Burns, OR
- August 2009. Met with Lions Club, Burns OR
- October 2009. Met with Burns/Hines Kiwanis Club, Burns, OR
- October 2009. Met with various merchants, Burns, OR
- October 2009. Met with the board of Portland Audubon Society, Portland, OR
- October 2009. Met with Harney County Chamber of Commerce.
- October 2009. Met with Harney County Historical Society, Burns OR
- November 2009. Met with Harney County Stockgrowers, Burns, OR
- December 2009. Met with Harney County Farm Bureau, Burns, OR
- January 2010. Met with Lions Club, Burns, OR
- January 2010. Met with Ducks Unlimited, Burns, OR
- April 2010. Met with the Oregon Natural Desert Association, Burns, OR
- May 2010. Met with Malheur Wildlife Associates, Frenchglen, OR
- June 2010. Met with Central Oregon Flyfishers, Princeton, OR
- June 2010. Met with Oregon Natural Desert Association, Bend, OR
- August 2010. Met with Oregon Natural Desert Association, Bend, OR
- August 2010. Met with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Steens Mountain Advisory Council, Burns, OR
- September 2010. Met with East Cascades Audubon Chapter, Bend, OR
- September 2010. Met with Ducks Unlimited and Defenders of Wildlife, Burns, OR
- September 2010. Met with Oregon Natural Desert Association, Burns, OR
- October 2010. Met with Oregon Natural Desert Association, Burns, OR
- October 2010. Met with Portland Audubon Society, Burns, OR
- January 2011. Met with Ducks Unlimited, Burns, OR
- January 2011. Met with Oregon Natural Desert Association, Burns, OR
- January 2011. Met with Defenders of Wildlife, Burns, OR
- February 2011. Met with Lions Club, Ontario, OR
- February 2011. Met with High Desert Partnership, Burns, OR
- March 2011. Met with Harney County Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD), Burns Oregon
- May 2011. Met with Ducks Unlimited, Vancouver, WA
- May 2011. Met with Ducks Unlimited, Princeton, OR
- May 2011. Met with Oregon Natural Desert Association, Burns, OR
- June 2011. Met with Ducks Unlimited, Burns, OR

Meetings with Collaborators

- May 2009. Met with collaborators, Prineville, OR
- October 2009. Met with collaborators, Prineville, OR
- May 2010. Met with collaborators, Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Burns, OR
- June 2010. Met with collaborators, Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Burns, OR
- September 2010. Met with collaborators, Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Burns, OR
- January 2011. Met with collaborators, Agriculture Research Station, Burns, OR
- March 2011. Met with collaborators, Senior Citizen Center, Burns, OR

- April 2011. Met with collaborators, High Desert Partnership, Burns, OR
- May 2011. Met with collaborators, U.S. Forest Service Office, Prineville, OR
- September 2011. Met with collaborators and High Desert Partnership about Harney Basin Wetlands Initiative, Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Burns, OR
- October 2011. Met with collaborators, Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Burns, OR

Meetings with Agencies and Academia

- January 2009. Met with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) staff, Burns, OR
- February 2009. Met with Harney County Soil and Water Conservation District, Burns, OR
- March 2009. Met with Oregon Natural Desert Association, Bend, OR
- April 2009. Met with Agricultural Research Service staff, Burns OR.
- October 2009. Met with various Oregon State University (OSU) professors and students from wildlife department (34), Corvallis, OR
- October 2009. Met with Harney County school educators in Burns and Crane OR
- October 2009. Met with U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) staff, Forest and Range Resources Center, Corvallis, OR
- January 2010. Met with University of Minnesota Staff, St. Paul, MN
- January 2010. Met with Iowa State University Staff, Ames, IA
- February 2010. Conference call with USGS staff, Forest and Range Resources Center, and OSU Co-Op, Corvallis, OR
- March 2010. Met with U.S. Forest Service Staff, Burns, OR
- March 2010. Met with Harney County Soil and Water Conservation District, Burns, OR
- April 2010. Conference call with USGS staff and Forest and Range Resources Center, Corvallis, OR
- April 2010. Conference call with Aquatic Health Funding and Partnership Work Group
- April 2010. Conference call with Aquatic Health Carp Control Work Group
- April 2010. Presented at NWR-CRFPO 2010 Workshop, Vancouver, WA
- April 2010. Met with Harney County Soil and Water Conservation District, Burns, OR
- May 2010. Conference call with Fish Carcass Users Group
- May 2010. Met with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Princeton, OR
- June 2010. Conference call with Aquatic Health Assessment Work Group
- June 2010. Met with Genie Montebland, Science Delivery Project Coordinator, Princeton, OR
- July 2010. Met with David Dobkin and Lewis & Clark College students, Princeton, OR
- September 2010. Met with ODFW, BLM, and Aquatic Health Group Chair, Burns, OR
- September 2010. Conference call with Aquatic Health Funding and Partnership Work Group
- October 2010. Met with University of Minnesota staff, Princeton, OR
- October 2010. Met with Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Orem, UT
- October 2010. Met with ODFW, Burns, OR
- November 2010. Met with ODFW, Burns, OR
- December 2010. Met with ODFW, Burns, OR
- January 2011. Met with ODFW Directorate, Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Tualatin, OR
- January 2011. Met with DU, Burns, OR

- January 2011. Met with ODFW, BLM, HCSWCD, HCWSC, FS, Oregon Natural Desert Association, DU, The Nature Conservancy, BPT, USGS, OSU, HDP, Defenders of Wildlife for NAWCA Funding, BLM District Office, Burns, OR
- February 2011. Met with OSU and USGS scientists, Corvallis, OR
- February 2011. Met with American Fisheries Society, Bend, OR
- March 2011. Met with ODFW, BLM, HCSWCD, HCWSC, FS, Oregon Natural Desert Association, DU, The Nature Conservancy, BPT, USGS, HDP, Defenders of Wildlife for NAWCA Funding, BLM District Office, Burns, OR
- April 2011. Met with ODFW, Burns Office.
- May 2011. Met U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Office for Brown Bag carp presentation, Portland, OR
- May 2011. Met with fisheries professionals, Vancouver, WA
- June 2011. Met with HCSWD, Natural Resource Conservation Society (NRCS), and ODFW, Burns, OR
- June 2011. Met with Bill Renwick, Burns, OR

Ecology Work Group

- January 2010. Teleconference with Tony Svejcar (Agricultural Research Service), Esther Lev (Wetlands Conservancy), John Christy (Oregon Natural Heritage Program), and Mike Shannon (Ducks Unlimited), Burns, OR
- July 2010. Teleconference with Tony Svejcar, Esther Lev, John Christy, and Gary Ivey (independent wildlife biologist), Burns, OR
- May 2011. Telephone discussions with core group (see January 2010 attendees) regarding May 2011 update
- September 2011. Telephone discussions with core group (see January 2010 attendees) regarding September 2011 update
- October 2011. Refuge field trip and inventory and monitoring planning by core group. Princeton, OR

Public Open Houses/Scoping Sessions

- February 2008. Presentation and public open houses for CCP scoping afternoon and evening sessions. Salem, OR
- February 2008. Presentation and public open houses for CCP scoping afternoon and evening sessions. Corvallis, OR
- September 2009. Presentation and public open house, Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Burns, OR
- October 2009. Presentation and public open house, Central Oregon Environmental Center, Bend, OR
- October 2009. Presentation and public open house, Doubletree Hotel-Lloyd Center, Portland, OR
- October 2009. Presentation and public open house, Golden Eagle Audubon Society, Boise, ID

Listening Posts/Displays

- September 2009. Held at Harney County Fair, Burns, OR
- September 2009. Held at Harney County Library, Burns, OR
- September 2009. Held at Harney County Senior Citizens Center, Burns, OR
- September 2009. Held at Harney County Chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association, Burns, OR
- September 2009. Held at The Narrows Restaurant, Princeton, OR
- September 2009. Held at Round Barn Visitor Center, Diamond, OR
- September 2009. Held at Lane County Audubon Society, Eugene, OR
- September 2009. Held at Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Burns, OR
- September 2009. Held at Frenchglen Hotel, Frenchglen, OR
- September 2009. Held at Harney County Courthouse, Burns, OR
- October 2009. Held at Thriftway Grocery Store, Hines, OR
- October 2009. Held at Central Oregon Environmental Center, Bend, OR
- October 2009. Held at Crane High School, Crane, OR
- October 2009. Held at Portland Audubon Society, Portland, OR
- October 2009. Held at Corvallis Audubon Society, Corvallis, OR
- March 2010. Redmond Sports Show, Redmond, OR
- August 2010. Harney County Library Foundation, Burns, OR
- August 2010. Invasive Carp Awareness Day, Princeton, OR

Meetings with Individuals

- February 2009. Met with Gary Marshall, Refuge permit holder, Princeton, OR
- March 2009. Met with Dick Jenkins, local rancher, Diamond, OR
- July 2009. Met with John and Laurie O'Connor, former Refuge employees, Burns, OR
- July 2009. Met with Dick Jenkins, owner of Round Barn Interpretive Center, longtime resident, current Refuge haying/grazing permit holder, Diamond, OR
- July 2009. Met with John and Cindy Witzel, lifelong residents of Frenchglen, descendants of former Refuge haying/grazing permit holder, Frenchglen, OR
- July 2009. Met with Malena Koenik, Frenchglen General Store owner, Frenchglen, OR
- July 2009. Met with Steve, Dwight, and Susie Hammond, neighboring landowners and former permit holders, Frenchglen, OR
- July 2009. Met with Guy Sheeter, retired school teacher and hunter, Burns, OR
- July 2009. Met with Joe Hendry, retired BLM biologist, Burns, OR
- September 2009. Met with Stacy Davies, local rancher, Catlow Valley, OR
- September 2009. Met with Tom Downs, former Refuge employee, Fields, OR
- October-November 2009. Met with several Refuge permit holders (G. Marshall, G. Miller, Tyler family, R. Dunbar, Buck Taylor, and Don Opie), rural Harney County, OR
- November 2009. Met with Mark and Susan Doverspike, ranchers, rural Harney County, OR
- March 2010. Met with Bill Renwick, community activist, Burns, OR
- March 2010. Met with Gary Marshall, Refuge permit holder, Princeton, OR
- August 2010. Met with Gary Marshall, Refuge permit holder, Princeton, OR
- October 2010. Met with past Refuge managers, Princeton, OR
- January 2011. Met with Tom Downs, former Refuge employee, Fields, OR

- February 2011. Met with past Refuge biologists, Princeton, OR
- March 2011. Met with Bill Renwick, Burns, OR
- March 2011. Met with Dan Otley, Diamond, OR
- March 2011. Met with Dick Jenkins, Diamond, OR
- May 2011. Met with Nancy Fine, *Ruralite* writer, Burns, OR
- May 2011. Met with Gary Marshall, Refuge permit holder, Burns, OR
- June 2011. Met with Wayne Baron, entrepreneur, Burns, OR

Workshops/Field Reviews

- June 2009. Conducted a Wildlife and Habitat Program Review with approximately 40 participants, Princeton, OR
- July 2009. Conducted a Visitor Services Program Review with approximately 40 participants, Princeton, OR
- October 20, 2009. Conducted a Priority Resources of Concern workshop with approximately 40 participants, Prineville, OR
- March 2010. Conducted an Invasive Carp workshop with 64 participants, Burns, OR
- January 2011. Presented Aquatic Health and Habitat CCP goals, objectives, and progress made to Science in the Service meeting, Stevenson, WA

Press Coverage

- Fall 2009. Various notices of CCP open houses and listening posts printed in the local *Burns Hines Herald*, *The Oregonian*, and online (Oregon Birders' online network, National Rifle Association online notice, online notice of CCP public open house in Salem's *Statesman Journal*).

Planning Updates

- September 2009. Planning Update 1 mailed to approximately 400 persons, organizations, and officials. Copies of the planning update were also placed at key Refuge points, including the Visitor Center and brochure boxes, and copies were made available to people at listening posts and public meetings. Copies of the planning update were also placed at various locations in Burns, Oregon, and surrounding locations, including: Chamber of Commerce, BLM office, ODFW office, USFS office, HCSWCD office, NRCS office, Big R store, Rite Aid store, King's store, B&B Sporting Goods store, District Hospital, High Desert Medical Center, Library, Burns Post Office, Hines Post Office, Narrows Restaurant, Round Barn Visitor Center, Malheur Field Station, Diamond Hotel, Steens Mountain Resort, Fields store, Frenchglen Hotel, and Crane store.
- November 2009. Creation of Carp Coalition Listserve. Updates sent at least monthly to approximately 150 members from creation to present.
- May 2010. Planning Update 2 mailed to approximately 400 persons, organizations, and officials. Copies of the planning update were also placed at key Refuge points, including the Visitor Center and brochure boxes, and copies were made available to people at listening posts and public meetings. Copies of the planning update were also placed at various locations in Burns, Oregon, and surrounding locations, including: Chamber of Commerce, BLM office, ODFW office, USFS office, HCSWCD office, NRCS office, Big R store, Rite Aid store, King's store, B&B Sporting Goods store, District Hospital, High Desert Medical

Center, Library, Burns Post Office, Hines Post Office, Narrows Restaurant, Round Barn Visitor Center, Malheur Field Station, Diamond Hotel, Steens Mountain Resort, Fields store, Frenchglen Hotel, and Crane store.

Other Tools

- June 2009. Updated Refuge website to include CCP information.
- March 2011. Central Oregon Sportsman Show, Redmond, OR

Federal Register Notices

- June 29, 2009. Federal Register published Notice of Intent to prepare a CCP and environmental impact statement (EIS); request for comments.

