

Oregon BLM Wild and Scenic Rivers Management Workshop: Implementing the Dingell Act February 11-14, 2020

Location

Holiday Inn Express, 919 Kruse Way, Springfield, OR

Goal

Increased understanding of the protection requirements associated with managing designated wild and scenic rivers with an emphasis on those rivers designated in Public Law 116-9, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act.

Objectives

Increase participants' knowledge in:

- The provisions of the Act that guide management
- Contents of a comprehensive river management plan (CRMP)
- How to determine and/or refine outstandingly remarkable values
- Application of the protect and enhance mandate of Section 10(a)

Participant's Prework

To achieve the workshop goal and objectives, it is essential that each participant review the several documents identified below, and the web-based BLM Wild and Scenic River Course of Study module #6¹. Modules 1 and 2 are also recommended.

Prework for all participants

- Interagency Wild and Scenic Rivers Coordinating Council (IWSRCC) technical reports and guidance documents found at www.rivers.gov
 - *The Wild and Scenic River Study Process*
<https://www.rivers.gov/documents/study-process.pdf>
 - *WSR Management Responsibilities*
<https://www.rivers.gov/documents/management.pdf>
 - *Newly Designated WSR: Interim Management and Steps to Develop a CRMP*
<https://www.rivers.gov/documents/crmp-steps.pdf>
 - *Steps to Address User Capacities on Wild and Scenic Rivers*
<https://www.rivers.gov/documents/user-capacities.pdf>
 - *Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: Section 7*
<https://www.rivers.gov/documents/section-7.pdf>

¹ In order to access the BLM Wild and Scenic Rivers Course of Study you will have to register at the following website: <https://provalenslearning.com/checkout/cart/index/> The course is free, but you will have to add it to your "cart" and go through something akin to a purchasing process in order to access it. Please contact Lauren Pidot (lpidot@blm.gov) if you need help.

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**Agenda
Day 1 – Tuesday, Feb 11th (1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

1:00 p.m.	Welcome	Lauren and Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introductions • Meeting Goal, Objectives and Organization • Workshop Notebook • Your WSR Questions 	
1:30 p.m.	Genesis of Act	Mollie
2:05 p.m.	Key Provisions	Rod
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contents of CRMP (Appendix A) 	
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Management Course Introduction	Mollie
3:20 p.m.	Management Pretest (Appendix B)	Mollie
3:30 p.m.	River Values	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Source • Resource Assessment 	
3:50 p.m.	Group Exercise/Reports (Appendix C)	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource Assessment 	
4:25 p.m.	Bin Items	
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

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**Agenda
Day 2 – Wednesday, February 12th (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

8:00 a.m.	Recap and Review	Mollie
8:10 a.m.	Classification	Mollie
8:20 a.m.	River-specific ORV assessments	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Region(s) of comparisons<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Coastal, river basin, species distribution, cultural influence area• Apply/refine criteria for specific rivers	
11:45 a.m.	Lunch	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preliminary determination and rationale	
2:00	Report out - ORV findings	
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Boundary	Rod
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishment• Requirements for Final Boundary• Amending a Boundary	
	Group Exercise (Appendix D)	Rod
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing the Boundary (Lateral Corridor)	
4:25 p.m.	Bin Items	
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

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**Agenda
Day 3 – Thursday, February 13th (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)**

8:00 a.m.	Recap and Introduction	Rod
8:15	Management Plan	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contents of a CRMP • Group Exercise – first draft - river-specific contents of a CRMP 	
9:00 a.m.	User Capacities	Rod
9:30 a.m.	Group Exercise (Appendix E)	Rod
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Capacities 	
10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:15	Group Exercise	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Capacities (continued) 	
10:45 a.m.	Group Reports	Rod
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User Capacities 	
11:15 a.m.	Lands and Minerals	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition Procedures (Section 6) • Public Lands (Section 8) • Minerals (Section 9) 	
11:45	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Section 7	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intent • Definitions • Is this a WRP? (Large-group Exercise) • Standards Introduction • Statutory Exercise (Appendix F) • Standards Discussion • Process and Roles • Determination 	
2:45 p.m.	Break	

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Day 3 – Thursday, February 13th (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) (cont.)**

3:00 p.m.	Management Direction	Rod
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nondegradation and Enhancement Policy (Section 10(a))• Wilderness (Section 10(b))• General Statutory Authorities (Sections 10(c) and 10(d))• Protect and Enhance• Protective Management	
3:20 p.m.	Group Exercise (Appendix G)	Rod
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protect and Enhance Exercise	
4:00 p.m.	Group Reports (Appendix G)	Rod
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Protect and Enhance Exercise	
4:15 p.m.	Bin Items	
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn	

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**Agenda
Day 4 – Friday, Feb 14th (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

8:00 a.m.	Recap and Review	Mollie
8:10 a.m.	Cooperative Management	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative Agreements (Section 10(e)) • Federal Assistance (Section 11(b)(1)) 	
8:30 a.m.	Management Policies	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction to Other Federal Agencies (Section 12(a)) • Existing Rights (Section 12(b)) • Water Quality (Section 12(c)) 	
9:00 a.m.	Jurisdiction	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish and Wildlife (Section 13(a)) • Federal Reserved Water Right (Section 13(c)) • Interstate Compacts (Section 13(e)) • Navigability (Section 13(f)) • Easements and ROW (Section 13(g)) 	
9:30 a.m.	Management Course Summary	Mollie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References • Key Points • Post-test (Appendix B) 	
9:45 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m.	Starting your CRMP	Rod
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Get Started on a CRMP/Revision – Large-group Exercise • Refining Your River-specific Content and Process 	
11:30 a.m.	Group reports	
11:50 a.m.	Bin Items and Course Close-out	
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn	