



Umatilla National Forest  
Blue Mountains Forest Plan Revision  
7210 Coyote Rd  
Pendleton, OR 97801

September 26, 2024

Re: Need to Change

Baker County supports the Need to Change as outlined in the Draft Preliminary Need to Change document. The change from the 1990 to the 2012 Planning Rule should make the resulting Forest Plan Revision more adaptable in the complex management of the forests.

The County will hold the FS to the statement, “Revised plans will focus on outcomes rather than outputs, integrated resource management, and contributions to ecological, economic, and social sustainability.” Forest management cannot operate in a vacuum, it must take the above statement into account.

We appreciate the FS’s commitment to “listening and incorporating input from the public, organizations, and tribal and government entities”. With that in mind, Baker County looks forward to working with the FS through the Congressionally mandated Coordination process, government-to-government.

Sincerely,

Christina Witham  
Baker County Commissioner