More than two decades in the making,

the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan (RMP) was completed in 2024 and established a new paradigm for managing 4.6 million acres of federal public lands on the Malheur Field Office in the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Vale District.

The new plan protects more than 400,000 acres of public lands for their wilderness values, the most ever in a single land use plan. The plan will also guide management of wildlands, wildlife, watersheds, recreation and multiple uses across this iconic landscape for decades to come.

Long-term conservation of this landscape will promote climate resilience, support recovery of species like the greater sage-grouse, and provide for abundant backcountry recreation on one of Oregon's most remote landscapes.

This landmark result stems from Oregon Natural Desert Association's (ONDA) decades of grassroots work inventorying these lands, advocating for their protection, and pressing for strong, science-based management decisions in the final plan.

ONDA's policy experts, analysts and attorneys then applied that robust record of support to a complex planning process that wound its way to federal court and back before finally arriving at the plan we have today.



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