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5705 – REGENERATION STOCKING SURVEYS

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.01 Purpose.

This Manual supplement and the accompanying H-5705 – 1 Regeneration Stocking Surveys Handbook section provide requirements and guidelines for conducting evaluation surveys on areas where management of the regeneration component is the principal focus.

.02 Objectives.

The objectives of regeneration surveys are to determine the adequacy of tree distribution (stocking), density, spatial arrangement, interfering conditions, evaluation of past stand treatments, identification of treatment needs, and the presence of non-forest land within the survey area. Potential treatment needs include seeding, planting, site preparation, maintenance, protection, release, and density control.

The survey techniques described in the H-5705 – 1 Regeneration Stocking Surveys Handbook are applicable to simple and complex forest stand structures for the assessment of regeneration adequacy and characterization of other stand components. The procedures are flexible and allow collection of data on other site attributes such as snags, retention trees, coarse woody debris etc. Managers may choose to direct collection of information unrelated to regeneration evaluation in conjunction with regeneration surveys.

.03 Authority.

The management of Federal lands is governed by the Forest Land Policy and Management Act and the Oregon and California Railroad Lands Act.

.04 Responsibility.

The State Director provides minimum standards and guidelines for conducting regeneration surveys. District Managers are responsible for implementation of the standards. District Managers may establish additional requirements beyond the state standards. However, district standards should be consistent with the Resource Management Plans (RMP).

.05 References.

BLM Manual 5703 Records and Annual Reports.

.06 Policy.

A regeneration survey will be made prior to and following any reforestation treatment. Reforestation treatments are described in BLM Manuals 5710 through 5717. Surveys will continue to be conducted on a periodic basis until the reforestation unit is accepted, or the unit is classified as non-forest land. The instructions contained in manual supplement H-5705 – 1 Regeneration Stocking Surveys Handbook are applicable to BLM-managed lands in western Oregon.

.07 File and Records Maintenance.

Forest development records are required for all denuded and reforested forest land (BLM Manual 5703 Records and Annual Reports). All records will be managed according to established records retention and disposal policies. See General Records schedule 17, Item 13(b) for retention and disposition of the records.