Field Tour of Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project Scheduled

COOS BAY, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Coquille Indian Tribe will host a public field trip on Wednesday, September 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to visit the Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project area, east of Fairview, Oregon.

During the field trip, participants will view portions of the forest where retention aggregates (portions of the forest that will remain after harvesting) and other design features of the project that have been laid out on the ground. Professors Jerry Franklin and Norm Johnson, the BLM, and the Tribe will be on hand to discuss the future timber sale, answer questions, and gather feedback.

Those interested in going on the field trip should meet at The Mill Casino Hotel lobby for a 9:00 a.m. departure. An alternate pick-up location will also be available at Frona Park, east of Fairview, at approximately 10:00 a.m. Transportation will be provided, but participants should bring a sack lunch and water. Those going on the field trip should be prepared for up to one mile of walking on uneven terrain. Please RSVP by September 9 to Megan Harper at (541) 751-4353.

The Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project is a collaborative effort between the BLM and Coquille Indian Tribe to plan and implement a timber sale that will demonstrate Professors Johnson and Franklin’s ecosystem restoration principles, including regeneration harvest. The project area includes approximately 150 acres of Coos Bay Wagon Road lands in Coos County. The Secretary of Interior approved the BLM and Coquille Indian Tribe working together on the project in April 2011, and the Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot is one of three pilot projects underway in southwestern Oregon.

Additional information on the Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project is available online at www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/forestrypilot

About the BLM: The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land known as the National System of Public Lands. The lands are primarily located in 12 Western states, including 75 million acres in Alaska. With a budget of about $1 billion, the bureau also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

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