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Wagon Road Pilot Environmental Analysis Available for Review

Coos Bay, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coos Bay District and the Coquille Indian Tribe are releasing an analysis of the environmental effects of implementing the Wagon Road Pilot project for a 30-day public review period. The environmental assessment will be available for public review until December 12, 2011 and is available online at www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/plans.

The document, called the *Wagon Road Pilot Environmental Assessment*, analyzes the environmental effects of implementing a timber sale that will demonstrate Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin's ecosystem restoration principles in a section of Coos Bay Wagon Road lands in Coos County. The proposed project includes 151 acres of variable retention harvest and is estimated to yield 5.5 million board of timber. The project also includes five acres of thinning within the Riparian Reserve, and nine acres of thinning and hardwood conversion within a marbled murrelet buffer area.

Comments on the document should be sent via mail to Coos Bay District BLM, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459, Attn: Aimee Hoefs or e-mail to BLM_OR_CB_Mail@blm.gov, RE: Wagon Road Pilot.

The 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. The Secretary of the Interior approved the BLM and Coquille Tribe working together on the project in April 2011, and the Wagon Road Pilot is one of three pilot projects underway in southwestern Oregon.

Additional information on the Wagon Road Pilot project is available online at www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/forestry/pilot.

About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, 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. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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