

SECRETARIAL FORESTRY PILOT PROJECTS UPDATE January 20, 2012

In December 2010, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar set in motion a plan to apply the principles of ecosystem restoration, as suggested by Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin, on BLM lands within the Roseburg, Coos Bay, and Medford Districts. As the BLM moves forward with these pilot projects we'll be regularly posting updates about their status.

ROSEBURG PILOT PROJECT

The Roseburg District is continuing development of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Roseburg Secretarial Demonstration Pilot Project. The draft EA will be available for review and comment by the public tentatively in early March 2012. The current timeline for the Roseburg Pilot is available online at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/forestrypilot/pilot-maps.php> Contact: Cheyne Rossbach, (541) 464-3245 or at crossbac@blm.gov

MIDDLE APPLGATE WATERSHED PILOT PROJECT

The collaborative transportation planning group for the next project under the Middle Applegate Pilot met to evaluate road management needs and opportunities. With the dry winter weather, the implementation of the first Pilot project is well underway and continues. Public field trips to the harvest operations are being scheduled for February and/or March. Additional information about the pilot is available online at: www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/forestrypilot/. Contact: John Gerritsma, (541) 618-2438.

COOS BAY WAGON ROAD PILOT PROJECT

The District released the Decision Documentation for the Wagon Road Pilot Timber Sale on January 18 and published the Timber Sale Notice in the World Newspaper. The 15-day public protest period ends at close of business on February 3. The documents, including the EA and FONSI, are available online at: www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/plans/index.php Contact: Kathy Hoffine (541) 751-4421.

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