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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Butte Falls Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing a timber sale, fuels treatments, and restoration projects in a sub-watershed of the West Fork of Evans Creek Watershed. The proposed project area is on BLM-administered lands in Township 32 South, Range 3 West, Sections 30 and 31; Township 32 South, Range 4 West, Sections 25 and 35; Township 33 South, Range 3 West, Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33; and Township 33 South, Range 4 West, Sections 1, 11, 13, 23, and 25, Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon.

The proposal assesses timber harvest opportunities that will contribute to the timber harvest levels provided for in the Record of Decision (ROD) of the Northwest Forest Plan and the Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP). Treatments proposed for the area are commercial thinning of dense timber stands, individual tree selection, regeneration harvest to establish young conifers, and site preparation activities such as piling and burning or under burning to treat logging slash. Restoration projects, such as road-related projects (e.g., road upgrades, road closures); removal of dense understory to reduce fuel loading; and mulching, seeding and fertilizing for cutbank stability, are also proposed in this analysis.

Attached is a map displaying the area of consideration. This project is in the development stage. Exact locations of proposed units and projects have not been decided. We appreciate any comments you may have regarding the proposed timber sale and restoration projects. They will be considered in the evaluation process and development of the Environmental Assessment (EA). Please send comments to Jean Williams, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504, call (541) 618-2385 or email at [or110mb@or.blm.gov](mailto:or110mb@or.blm.gov). Please be sure to include "Attention: Jean Williams" in your correspondence. The EA is scheduled for completion by December 2004. Please send your comments concerning issues you would like to see addressed in the EA by May 31, 2004.

Sincerely,



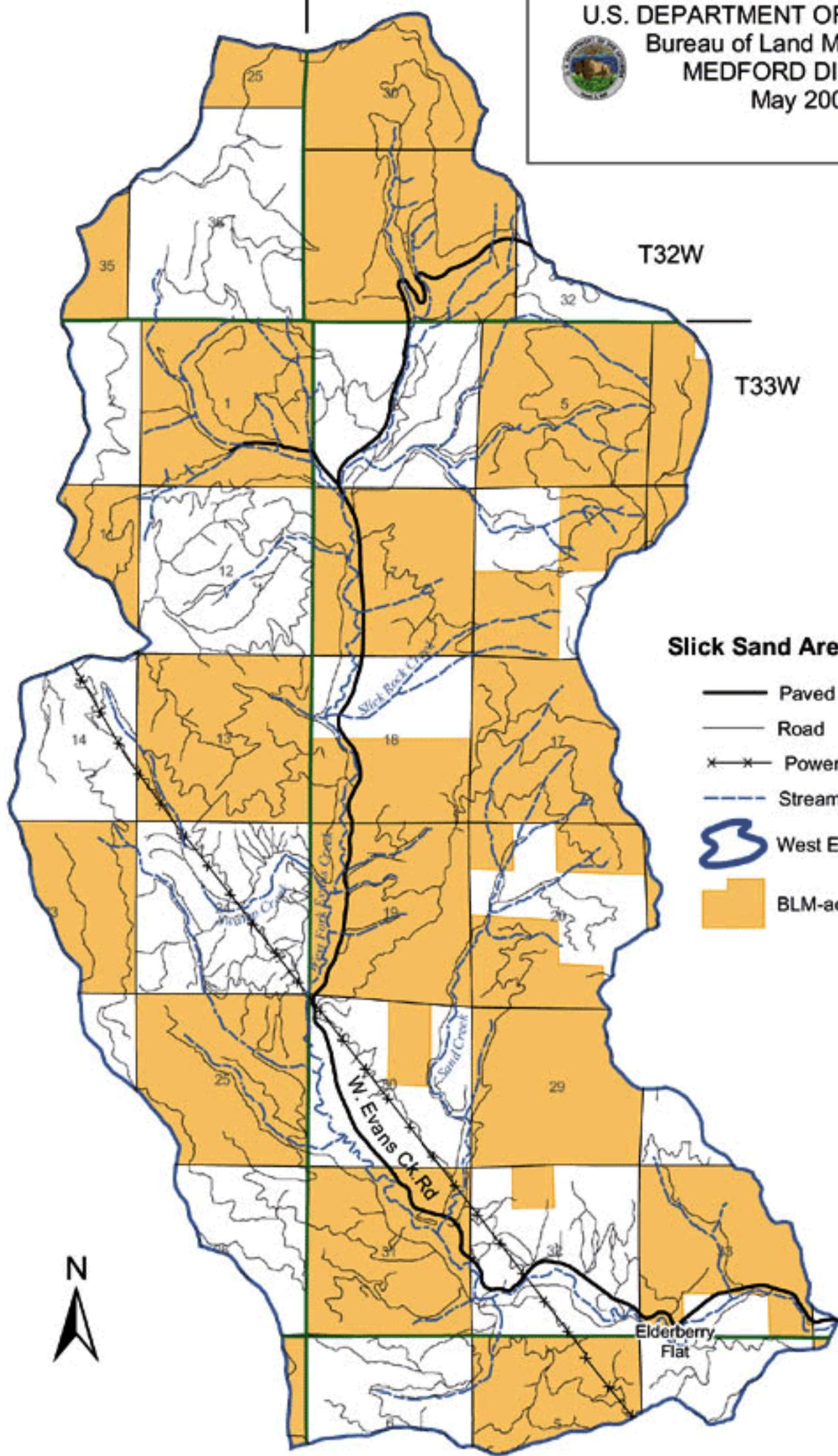
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Butte Falls Resource Area

1 Attachment  
Attachment 1 - Map (1pp)

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**Slick Sand Area of Consideration**

- Paved Road
- Road
- Power Line
- Stream
- West Evans Sub-watershed
- BLM-administered

