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### **Conservation Agreements for Kincaid's Lupine Implemented in Douglas County**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently designated critical habitat for three Oregon species native to the prairies of the Willamette Valley, including the threatened Kincaid's lupine, which is present in Douglas County. The two other species for which critical habitat was also designated are the endangered Fender's blue butterfly and the endangered Willamette daisy.

Critical habitat for these species was designated in several Oregon counties, but Douglas County was not one of them. Because of voluntary cooperation and habitat protection by private landowners, coupled with Conservation Agreements developed between the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Douglas County acreage was not included in the proposed critical habitat designation.

The private lands containing habitat for Kincaid's lupine are owned by Lone Rock Timber Management Company, Roseburg Forest Products, and Seneca Jones Timber Company. These companies are working cooperatively with state and federal agencies to implement conservation and recovery activities for this species on their private properties. According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, the success of the private landowners' voluntary management is demonstrated by the continued survival of several flourishing patches of Kincaid's lupine.

The BLM and the U.S. Forest Service, in cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service, have completed Conservation Agreements which identify objectives to protect, conserve and restore habitat for each of the Kincaid's lupine habitats occurring on their lands. Local federal officials Craig Tuss, Field Supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service Roseburg Field Office, and Jay Carlson, District Manager for the Roseburg BLM, worked with private landowners in developing workable alternatives to the formal designation of critical habitat

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