Dear Citizen:

The Planning Update is published to provide current information about specific projects and future events planned on the Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management. Please send written comments including the specific project and field office name to 777 N.W. Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97470, during the public comment period. If you wish to save paper and postage and have access to the internet, you can find the Planning Update at www.blm.gov/roseburg. Please remember to ask us to remove your name from our mailing list. For your convenience, you can also find a copy of the Planning Update at the Douglas County Library. Your comments and concerns are welcomed and may influence the final decision on these projects.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

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Categorical Exclusions
South River Field Office
- Temporary timber haul permit to Douglas County
- Pruning of selected dominant and co-dominant trees in plantations within the Matrix land use allocations

Swiftwater Field Office
- Economy Wood Salvage Temporary Woodlog Haul Permit
- Lone Rock Timber Co. Yellow Butte Helicopter Log Landing
- Permittee road construction under Reciprocal Right-of-Way

Watershed Analysis Status
South River Field Office
The second iteration of watershed analysis for the South Umpqua River watershed is complete.

Preparation of a second iteration of watershed analysis for the Cow Creek watershed is scheduled to begin on March 5, 2001, with completion of a draft anticipated by May 4, 2001.

New Area Projects
South River Field Office
An analysis for regeneration timber harvest was initiated on January 8, 2001. The interdisciplinary team will be conducting an analysis for the preparation of an environmental assessment for the proposed harvest of approximately 641 acres. Approximately 303 acres are located in the Lower South Umpqua River Watershed, in Sec. 33 and 35 of T. 27 S., R. 4 W. and in Sec. 3, 5, and 10 of T. 28 S., R. 4 W.; 151 acres are located in the South Umpqua River Watershed in Sec. 3 and 4 of T. 30 S., R. 4 W.; and 187 acres are located in the Lower Cow Creek Watershed in Sec. 27 and 33 of T. 31 S., R. 6 W., and Sec. 3 of T. 32 S., R. 6 W. It is anticipated that the analysis will yield three timber sales totaling an estimated 26,900 CCF of merchantable timber volume.

Pending receipt of final approval from the Washington Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the South River Field Office of the Roseburg District is preparing to initiate an interdisciplinary review and preparation of an Environmental Assessment for a proposed land exchange. The exchange would be concluded between the BLM and Roseburg Resources Co. In exchange for parcel(s) of BLM timberlands, Roseburg Resources Co.
would transfer title to company lands in the Beatty Creek and Island Creek areas in the Lower Cow Creek Watershed. Acquisition of lands in the Beatty Creek area would allow the BLM to expand the Beatty Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) for protection of rare and unique populations of plant species and their habitat. Lands adjacent to the BLM Island Creek Day Use Recreation Site would be acquired to secure recreational values. Both of these objectives were identified in the Roseburg District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/EIS) and Record of Decision/Resource Management (ROD/RMP).

**Swiftwater Field Office**

**Wahl Tract Crossing Plat Rights-of-Way Amendment**

**Description:** Amend 50 foot R-O-W into both BLM 80s and Lone Rock property.

**Location:** T25S, R5W, Sections 27 & 29.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Expected April 15, 2001.


**ERFO (Emergency Repair of Federally Owned) roads EA**

**Description:** Repair of existing roads and culverts damaged by winter storms.

**Location:** T24S, R6W Section 5; T25S, R2W, Sections 22 & 30.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Completed.

**Public Review:** Started March 6 through April 5, 2001.

**Wolf/Miner Creek Instream Structures and Culvert Replacement**

**Issue Identification:** To Be Announced.

**Location:** Wolf Creek (Tyee) drainage.

**Description:** Replacing four culverts and adding stream structure for fish habitat.

**Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items**

**South River Field Office**

**Middle Fork Coquille Commercial Thinning 2001**

**Description:** Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 1,000 acres of managed second-growth stands in GFMA, Connectivity Diversity Block and Riparian Reserve land use allocations. Proposed units are located in Sec. 29 and 31 of T. 28 S. R. 8 W.; Sec. 31, 32, and 33 of T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; Sec. 5 and 7 of T. 30 S., R. 8 W.; and Sec. 1, 2, and 3 of T. 30 S., R. 9 W. The analysis is anticipated to generate 5 sales which will include an estimated 18,000 CCF of merchantable timber volume.

**Location:** Middle Fork Coquille River;

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment in progress, completion expected by April 1, 2001.

**Public Review:** Unknown at this time.

**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time.
South River Commercial Thinning 2000
Description: Matrix. Commercial thinning of approximately 300 acres of managed second-growth stands generating approximately 5,590 CCF of merchantable timber volume scheduled to be offered for sale in fiscal years 2001 and 2002.
Location: East Fork and Middle Fork Coquille River; Sec. 19, T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; South Umpqua River; Secs. 13, 24, T. 29 S., R. 3 W.; Secs. 3, 4, T. 30 S., R. 3 W.; and Upper South Umpqua River; Sec. 19, T. 29 S., R. 2 W.; Sec. 9, T. 30 S., R. 2 W.
Issue Identification: Complete
Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress, completion expected by April 1, 2001.
Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

South Umpqua Connectivity Density Management
Description: Matrix. Accelerate development of old-growth habitat and harvest approximately 2,040 CCF of merchantable timber volume.
Location: Deadman / Dompier; Sec. 17, T. 30 S., R. 2 W., and S. Umpqua River; Sec. 17, T. 30 S., R. 3 W.
Issue Identification: Complete
Analysis: Environmental Assessment in final draft

Kola’s Ridge Commercial Thinning
Description: Commercial thinning of approximately 67 acres of managed second-growth stands and quarry development for road renovation.
Location: Sec. 27, T. 30 S., R. 9 W.
Issue Identification: Complete
Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete
Public Review: Complete.
Decision Date: Quarry development decision executed on May 9, 2000. A decision on the commercial thinning unknown at this time.

Dickerson Heights Timber Sale
Description: Matrix. Approximately 8,800 CCF from approximately 180 acres proposed for harvest.
Location: Sec. 3, 11, 9, and 15, T. 29 S., R. 7 W.
Issue Identification: Complete
Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.
Public Review: Unknown at this time.
Decision Date: Unknown at this time.
**South River Watershed Restoration**
**Description:** Road renovation and decommissioning; culvert replacement; stream bank stabilization; tree-lining and instream structure placement.
**Location:** S. Umpqua River, Myrtle Creek, Lower Cow Creek, Olalla-Lookinglass and Middle Fork Coquille Watersheds.
**Issue Identification:** Completed
**Public Review:** Complete.
**Decision Date:** Decision for road renovation, streambank stabilization and culvert replacement on Days Creek issued on February 14, 2001.

**Ragu Timber Sale**
**Description:** Matrix. Approximately 6,208 CCF from approximately 150 acres is proposed for harvest.
**Location:** Sec. 9, 21, 29, and 33, T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; and Sec. 5, T.30 S., R. 8 W.
**Issue Identification:** Complete
**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment complete
**Public Review:** Complete
**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time

**Loose Laces Timber Sale**
**Description:** Matrix. Approximately 7,300 CCF from approximately 200 acres is proposed for harvest.
**Location:** Sec. 1, 3, 13, and 15, T. 31 S., R. 6 W.
**Issue Identification:** Environmental Assessment 105-98-04 is being replaced by a new analysis. The new Environmental Assessment is 105-99-14.
**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment work in progress.
**Public Review:** Unknown at this time.
**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time

**Cow Catcher Timber Sale**
**Description:** Matrix. Approximately 7,700 CCF from approximately 190 acres is proposed for harvest.
**Location:** Sec. 5, 7, 9, and 17, T. 31 S., R. 6 W.
**Issue Identification:** Complete
**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment work in progress.
**Public Review:** Unknown at this time.
**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time

**Recreational Trails**
**Description:** Matrix and Key Watershed. To provide trails and interpretive signing.
**Location:** Sec. 4, 8, 9, and 17, T. 29 S., R. 2 W.
**Issue Identification:** Complete
**Analysis:** Pending removal of salvage.
**Public Review:** Unknown at this time
**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time
North Myrtle Timber Sale(s)

**Description:** Matrix. Approximately 20,000 CCF from approximately 480 acres is proposed for harvest.

**Location:** Myrtle Creek Watershed Sec. 7, 17, and 19, T. 27 S., R. 3 W.; Sec. 35, T. 27 S., R. 4 W.; Sec. 1, 15, 17, and 21, T. 28 S., R. 4 W., Sec. 26 and 35, T. 28 S., R. 5 W.

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment work in progress.

**Public Review:** Unknown at this time.

**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time

Can-Can Watershed Level Project Plan

**Description:** Matrix. Approximately 22,000 CCF from approximately 489 acres is proposed for harvest. Potential restoration opportunities will also be analyzed.

**Location:** Shively-O’Shea, Lane-Judd, and Canyon Creek Subwatersheds. Sec. 5, T. 30 S., R. 4 W.; Sec. 9, 10, 11, and 15, T. 30 S., R. 5 W.; Sec. 23 and 26, T. 31 S., R. 5 W.; and Sec. 13 and 25, T. 30 S., R. 6 W.

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment work in progress.

**Public Review:** Unknown at this time.

**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time

Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Level Plan

**Description:** Matrix. Approximately 16,400 CCF from approximately 412 acres is proposed for harvest. Potential restoration opportunities will also be analyzed.

**Location:** Lower Tenmile, Shields and Lookingglass Subwatersheds. Sec. 8 and 9, T. 28 S., R. 7 W.; Sec. 21, 25, and 35, T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; and Sec. 3, T. 29 S., R. 9 W.

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment in progress

**Public Review:** Unknown at this time.

**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time

Middle South Umpqua/Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Level Plan

**Description:** Matrix. Approximately 25,200 CCF from approximately 530 acres is proposed for harvest and planned for 2001. Potential restoration opportunities will also be analyzed.

**Location:** Kent/Rice, Middle Olalla, Thompson, Willis-VanDine, Lower Cow Creek Subwatersheds. Sec. 28 and 29, T. 29 S., R. 6 W.; Sec. 13, 23, and 33, T. 29 S., R. 7 W.; Sec. 33, T. 29½ S., R. 7 W.; and Sec. 5, 7, and 11, T. 30 S., R. 6 W.

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment in progress.

**Public Review:** Unknown at this time.

**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time
Slimewater Creek Density Management

**Description:** Late-Successional Reserve. Density Management of approximately 255 acres of early and mid-seral aged stands through thinning. The objective would be the accelerated development of late-seral habitat characteristics for the northern spotted owl and other species.

**Location:** Shively-O’Shea Subwatershed. Sec. 27, T. 30 S., R. 4 W.; and Sec. 9, T. 31 S., R. 4 W.

**Issue Identification:** Complete

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment in final draft


**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time.

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Eagleview Campground

**Description:** Conversion of formerly leased camp area (1948 - 1992) into a public access camp area; Project is in Late Successional Reserve and Riparian Reserve; Background Analysis found in the Middle Umpqua Frontal Watershed analysis.

**Location:** T. 24 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 11.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Completed.

**Public Review:** To Be Announced

Millpond Group Campsite

**Description:** Construct a group reservation camping area; Construct associated structures and facilities; Background Analysis found in Rock Creek Watershed Analysis.

**Location:** T. 25 S., R. 2 W., Sec. 21.

**Issue Identification:** Completed

**Analysis:** Initiated March 6, 2001, through April 5, 2001.

**Public Review:** Expected April 1, 2001.

Stream Crossing Project Environmental Assessment

**Description:** Reduce or eliminate stream crossings from being a direct source of sedimentation to streams; Provide for unobstructed movement of aquatic fauna.

**Location:** The project would range throughout the Swiftwater Resource Area, crossings being selected by priority.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Completed.

**Public Review:** Initiated March 6, 2001, through April 5, 2001.
Susan Creek Exchange

Description: Exchange an isolated BLM parcel containing approximately 68 acres of public
domain land located near the mouth of the Umpqua River, near the south jetty, in Coos
Bay BLM District for land of equal value located within the North Umpqua River Wild
and Scenic River Corridor in the Roseburg BLM District; All parcels are located in
Douglas County; Background Analysis found in Roseburg District Old Fairview
Watershed Analysis and Coos Bay District Lower Umpqua Frontal Watershed Analysis.

Location: T. 22 S., R. 13 W., Sec. 13, Lot 1 SWNW; 68 acres.
T. 26 S., R. 2 W., Sec. 14, S2SWSESE; 10 acres; T. 26 S., R. 2 W., Sec. 23, part lot 4
between highway 138 and North Umpqua River; 17.5 acres; T. 26 S., R. 2 W, Sec. 24,
strip 100 feet wide adjacent to high water line along both the north and south banks of the
North Umpqua River; 18 acres


Gallagher Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning on an estimated 300 acres; Background analysis in the
Upper Umpqua 5th Field watershed.

Location: T. 26 S., R. 4 W., Secs. 9 & 19.

Issue Identification: Completed.

FY 2001 Commercial Thinnings

Description: Commercial thinning on an estimated 160 acres; Background analysis found in
the Calapooya Watershed Analysis.

Location: T. 24 S., R. 3 W. Sec.17; and T. 25 S., R. 4 W., Sec.17

Issue Identification: Completed.
Analysis: Completed.

FY2000 Thinnings (Off Little River, Bearbuck)

Description: Commercial thinning on an estimated 190 acres; Project is in Connectivity and
Little River Adaptive Management Area (AMA); Background analysis found in Elk
creek 5th Field Watershed Analysis (WA), Upper Coast Fork Willamette 5th Field
Watershed Analysis, and the Little River 5th Field Watershed Analysis.

Location: T. 27 S., R. 3 W., Secs. 1, 7; T. 22 S., R. 4 W., Secs. 9, 27; T. 21 S., R. 4 W.,
Secs. 23, 27, 35

Issue Identification: Completed.
Analysis: Completed.
Smith River Restoration
Description: Restoration of the Upper & Middle Smith River subwatersheds; Reduce road impacts that are high risk to streams, water quality, and aquatics; Decommission roads with other management activities; Enhance habitat.
Location: Upper & Middle Smith R. Sub-basins.
Issue Identification: Completed.
Analysis: Completed.
Decision: A partial decision has been signed for road decommissioning and culvert replacement. Other decisions will be signed in the future to address other aspects of the analysis. The public will be notified as these decisions are made.

Shingle Lane Regen & Commercial Thinning
Description: Regeneration harvest of an estimated 30 acres and commercial thinning of an estimated 225 acres; Project is in Matrix (General Forest Management Area); Background Analysis: Elk Creek Watershed Analysis.
Location: T. 23 S., R. 4 W., Sec. 27
Issue Identification: Completed.
Analysis: Awaiting resolution of litigation.
Public Review: To be announced.

Watson Mountain
Description: A sub-watershed level project that includes: Mariposa Lily habitat enhancement, commercial thinning, fertilization, Jim and Fall Creek roadwork, slide stabilization, control of noxious weeds and regeneration timber harvest; Background Analysis: Little River Watershed Analysis.
Location: T. 25 S., R. 1 W., Secs. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35; Little River Adaptive Management Area
Issue Identification: Completed.
Analysis: Awaiting resolution of litigation.
Public Review: To be Announced.

Powell Creek
Description: A regeneration harvest of an estimated 52 ac.; Project is in Matrix (General Forest Management Area) and is in the Rural Interface Area; Background Analysis: No Watershed Analysis (not required).
Location: T. 24 S., R. 4 W., Sec. 33; T. 25 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 5
Issue Identification: Completed.
Analysis: Completed.
Public Review: Awaiting resolution of litigation.
Pipeline
Description: Regeneration harvest on approximately 225 ac.; Project is in Matrix (General Forest Management Area and Connectivity/Diversity Block); Background Analysis: Brush Creek-Hayhurst Valley-Yoncalla Watershed Analysis.
Location: T. 23 S., R. 5 W., Secs. 7, 19, 21; T. 23 S., R. 6 W., Secs. 1, 13
Issue Identification: Completed.
Analysis: Completed.
Public Review: Completed.
Decision: Awaiting resolution of litigation.

What-a-Gas
Description: Regeneration harvest on an estimated 195 ac.; Project is in Matrix (General Forest Management Area and Connectivity/Diversity Block); Background Analysis: No Watershed Analysis (not required).
Location: T. 25 S., R. 3 W., Secs. 7, 17, 19; T. 25 S., R. 4 W., Sec 13
Issue Identification: Completed.
Analysis: Completed.
Public Review: Completed.
Decision: Awaiting resolution of litigation.

Green Thunder
Description: Regeneration and Commercial Thinning harvest in the Little River Adaptive Management Area; Approximately 215 ac. of regeneration and 325 ac. of commercial thinning is proposed; Background Analysis: Little River Watershed Analysis.
Location: T. 26 S., R. 2 W., Secs. 31, 33; T. 26 S., R. 3 W., Sec. 25; Little River Adaptive Management Area and Middle, North Umpqua 5th Field Watershed
Issue Identification: Completed
Analysis: Completed
Public Review: Completed
Decision: Awaiting resolution of litigation.

Bear Hill
Description: Regeneration harvest in Matrix; Approximately 50 ac. Are proposed;
Background Analysis: Brush Creek-Hayhurst Valley-Yoncalla Watershed Analysis.
Location: T. 22 S., R. 6 W., Sec. 23
Issue Identification: Completed.
Analysis: Awaiting resolution of litigation.
Public Review: To Be Announced.

Tyee Mountain
Due to other priorities, this project has been deferred indefinitely.
North Bank Habitat Management Area

Description: An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Habitat Management Plan is being prepared for the management of this area for Columbian white-tailed deer as well as other sensitive plants and animals; Background Analysis: North Bank Watershed Analysis.

Location: T. 25 S., R. 4 W., Secs. 31, 33; T. 25 S., R. 5 W., Secs. 35, 36; T. 26 S., R. 4 W., Secs. 4, 8, 17, 19; T. 26 S., R. 5 W., Secs. 1, 3, 10, 14, 23, 26

Issue Identification: Completed.
Analysis: Completed.
Public Review: Completed.
Decision Date: Expected April 2001.

Planning Documents

Water Quality Restoration Plans (WQRPs)
The Swiftwater Field Office is currently working on WQRPs for federal lands in the Little River and Upper Smith River watersheds. The Little River WQRP will be a joint plan with the Umpqua National Forest, North Umpqua Ranger District. These WQRPs will be provided to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for inclusion in an overall Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP).

DEQ is responsible for carrying out the Clean Water Act in Oregon. The DEQ completes four steps to protect water quality:

1. Establish state water quality standards.
2. Perform an assessment of the rivers, streams, and lakes in the state.
3. Identify those water bodies that do not meet the state standards.
4. Develop plans (WQMPs) to correct water quality problems.

If a stream does not meet clean water standards, it is listed as water quality limited. DEQ is then required to identify the sources of the pollution and how much reduction from those sources is necessary to meet water quality standards. This is called a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). A WQMP identifies the actions that will be taken to reduce the pollutants identified in the TMDL. Every management agency is responsible for identifying actions to help reduce pollutants.

Transportation Management Objectives (TMO)
Ground Transportation Resource Net (GTRN) is the official GIS database containing the Transportation Management Objectives. GTRN is currently being established. When it is completed the initial TMO for each road segment will be set in this GIS database. After this initial phase, these TMOs will be continually maintained and updated as road objectives are defined and road management actions are taken.

Watson Mountain Ecosystem Management Strategy:
Project is awaiting resolution of litigation.
Upper Umpqua Watershed Analysis (North Umpqua Watershed Analysis)
Develop an analysis of the Middle North Umpqua watershed combining the Old Fairview and the Forest Service North Umpqua Ranger District watershed analyses

Upcoming Events

The Annual Umpqua Valley Migratory Bird Day Festival will be held on May 12, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Umpqua Valley Arts Center. This is an annual event organized by the BLM, USFS, USFWS, ODFW, Umpqua Audubon Society, Douglas County Museum, Umpqua Wildlife Rescue, Wildlife Safari, Ducks Unlimited, and the Umpqua Valley Arts Association. For more information, contact Liz Gayner, Umpqua Valley IMBD (International Migratory Bird Day) Committee Chairperson, at 464-3381.
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Please refer to The Planning update for individual project locations
Abbreviations and Definitions

CF - Cubic feet.

CCF - Hundred cubic feet.

**CX or Categorical Exclusion** - Actions which do not have significant effects on the environment and for which an Environmental Analysis (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

**EA - Environmental Assessment** - A concise public document that briefly provides evidence and analysis of a proposed Federal action. It is used to determine whether further analysis needs to be done for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

**IDT - Interdisciplinary Team** - A group of resource specialists, whose participation is determined by the issues relating to the project proposal, and who conduct environmental analysis.

**LSR - Late-Successional Reserve** - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. These reserves will maintain a functional, interactive, late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystem. Approximately 81% of the Roseburg District BLM is reserve.

**Matrix Lands** - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. Most timber harvest contributing to the Allowable Sale Quantity takes place in this area. Approximately 19% of the Roseburg District BLM is matrix.

**MBF** - Thousand board feet.

**MMBF** - Million board feet.

**NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act** - A federal law which sets the systematic interdisciplinary analysis to achieve integrated consideration of physical, biological, economic, and other sciences to provide for an informed decision. The process provides for public participation in the development, review and revision of certain activities on Federal Lands.

**NFP - Northwest Forest Plan** - A common name for the *Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* (April 1994). *It is also used to refer to the Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species with the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* which accompanies the Record of Decision.

**O&C Lands** - Revested Oregon and California Railroad Lands.

**Resource Management Plan (RMP)** - A land use plan prepared by the BLM in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

**Scoping** - An early and open part of environmental analysis that allows interested public and other Federal, state and local agencies the opportunity to provide issues, concerns and opportunities relative to proposed project actions. Scoping is required by regulation for Environmental Impact Statements.