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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Reader:

Thank you for your interest in the management of public lands in Oregon. Enclosed is the *Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides on BLM Lands in Oregon*. The Proposed Action, Alternative 4, would allow for the use of 16 herbicides east of the Cascades and 13 herbicides west of the Cascades to treat noxious and invasive plants; treat any vegetation needed to control pests and diseases in State-identified control areas; treat any vegetation to meet safety and operation objectives in administrative sites, recreation sites, and rights-of-way; and treat any vegetation to achieve habitat goals specified in approved Recovery Plans or other plans specifically identified as part of recovery or delisting plans, Conservation Strategies, or Conservation Agreements for Federally Listed, proposed for listing, or Bureau Sensitive species.

The *Draft EIS for Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides on BLM Lands in Oregon* was released for public comment in October 2009. Approximately 1,050 comments were received on the Draft EIS, and the ideas presented in these comments were used to improve the analysis presented in the Final EIS.

The Notice of Availability for this Final EIS is expected to be published in the *Federal Register* on or about July 30, 2010. A Record of Decision is expected to be signed 30 to 90 days after publication of the Notice of Availability of the Final EIS. A separate Notice of Availability for the Record of Decision will also be published in the *Federal Register* and its publication date will begin a 30-day appeal period. The appeal process will be described in the Notice of Availability for the Record of Decision and in the Record of Decision itself.

For further information, or to receive a printed copy of this EIS, please visit the project website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/vegreatmentseis/>, email orvegreatmentseis@blm.gov, or write to the Vegetation Treatments EIS Team at Vegetation Treatments EIS Team, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure