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## Agencies Release Final Analysis of Wagon Road Pilot

**Coos Bay, Ore.** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Coos Bay District and the Coquille Indian Tribe are releasing today the final analysis concerning the Wagon Road Pilot project. The final environmental assessment, along with the signed Finding of No Significant Impact, is available online at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/plans/index.php>

The document, called the *Wagon Road Pilot Environmental Assessment*, includes analysis of the environmental effects of implementing a timber sale that will demonstrate Professors Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin's ecosystem restoration principles in a section of Coos Bay Wagon Road lands in Coos County. The proposed project includes 151 acres of variable retention harvest and is estimated to yield 6.1 million board feet of timber. The project also includes five acres of thinning within the Riparian Reserve to help beargrass grow, and nine acres of thinning and alder conversion in an area bordering marbled murrelet habitat.

A draft version of the document was available for public comment from November 10 – December 12, 2011. The agencies received five comments from six organizations during this time period. "Based on the comments we received, we made several changes to the document to clarify portions of the project. The changes aren't substantive, but hopefully they will add to people's understanding of the effects of the timber sale," said Mark Johnson, Coos Bay District Manager.

The Bureau of Land Management tentatively plans to offer the timber analyzed in the document for sale in February 2012.

The Wagon Road Pilot project is a collaborative effort between the BLM and Coquille Indian Tribe to plan and implement a timber sale that will demonstrate Professors Johnson and Franklin's ecosystem restoration principles. The Secretary of the Interior approved the BLM and Coquille Tribe working together on the project in April 2011, and the Wagon Road Pilot is one of three pilot projects underway in southwestern Oregon.

Additional information on the Wagon Road Pilot project is available online at [www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/forestrypilot](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/forestrypilot).

### About BLM

The BLM manages more land – 245 million surface acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

