

August 28, 2015

Dear Interested Party,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eugene District, Upper Willamette Resource Area has begun planning for the Lonesome Second Fiddle Environmental Assessment (EA) DOI-BLM-060-2016-0001-EA, a commercial thinning and density management timber project, and is seeking public input.

The proposed project is located south of Cottage Grove, Oregon in T23S R03W Secs. 13, 15, and 23. The project is primarily within the Upper Coast Fork Willamette River 5<sup>th</sup> Field Watershed. The land use allocations for the area are Matrix (Connectivity) and Riparian Reserves.

The project would be in conformance with the Eugene District 1995 Resource Management Plan, as amended. Commercial thinning (including density management in some Riparian Reserves) is being considered on up to 835 acres. The project may also include culvert replacements, road renovation, road construction, and road decommissioning.

The proposed harvest areas are within designated northern spotted owl Critical Habitat. Treatments would be designed to retain or enhance the habitat components necessary to support spotted owls. These components, as they relate to this project, include stand characteristics such as moderate to high canopy closure, multi-storied and multi-species canopies, large trees with a high degree of deformities (e.g., cavities, broken tops), and large snags and down logs. Currently, the stands are dense, overstocked, and uniform in structure.

We would like to hear from you regarding any issues or concerns you feel we should consider in development of the project.

Please submit your comments in writing prior to September 15, 2015 to: Eugene District BLM, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Suite E, Springfield, OR 97477, ATTN: Kristine Struck. Comments will also be accepted by FAX 541-683-6981 or e-mail [BLM\\_OR\\_EU\\_Mail@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_OR_EU_Mail@blm.gov). Please include Lonesome Second Fiddle EA – Kristine Struck in the subject line of e-mailed and faxed comments.

Thank you for your interest in the management of the public lands.

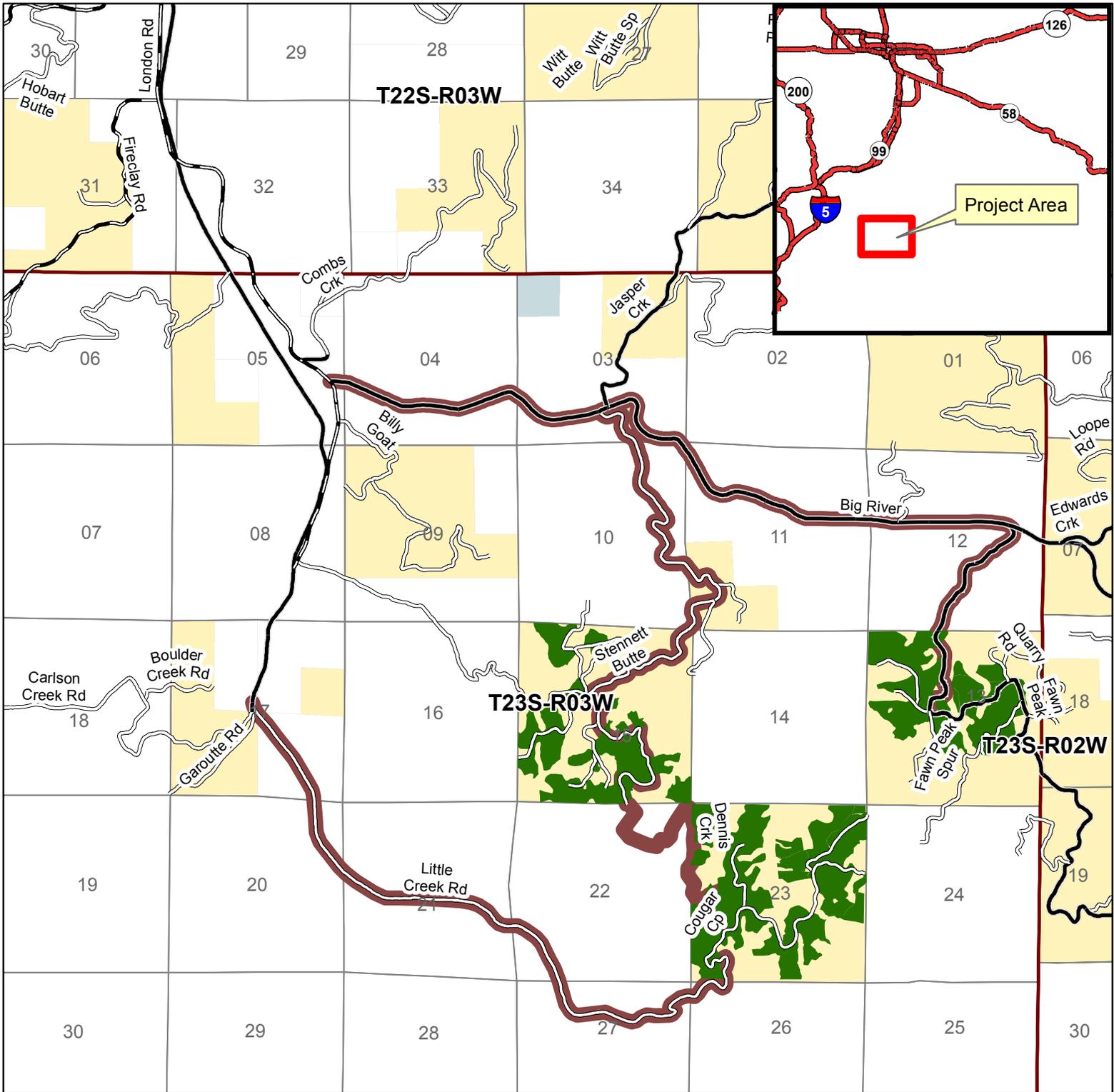
Sincerely,

/s/ William O'Sullivan

William O'Sullivan  
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Upper Willamette Resource Area

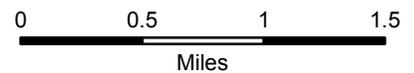


# Lonesome Second Fiddle Environmental Assessment Proposed Project Area



- County Road
- Aggregate
- Bituminous
- Proposed Harvest Area
- Potential Haul Routes

- Land Ownership**
- Bureau of Land Management
  - Local Government
  - Private/Unknown



Upper Willamette Resource Area  
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 August 26, 2015

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