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Dust Abatement

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Dear Citizen:

The Siuslaw Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eugene District has begun the preparation of a National Environmental Policy Act Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the effects of applying dust abatement material to a BLM-controlled road near the Lane County Low Pass Disposal Site.

Project Summary

The Eugene District proposes to allow Lane County to apply lignin sulfonate on a 0.4-mile section of gravel surface road (Road No. 16-6-7.1).

Lignin sulfonate is commonly used on gravel roads as a method for dust control and surface stabilization. The product is derived from the lignin that naturally binds cellulose fibers together to give trees and plants firmness. These products are a safe and an economical alternative to petroleum and salt-based products that are also sometimes applied to road surfaces.

Location

This project is located along BLM Road No. 16-6-7.1 in T. 16 S., R. 6 W., Section 7, Will. Mer., Lane County, Oregon.

Purpose and Need for the Project

The need for the project is caused by dust arising from heavy use of this section of road during the summer months. Fugitive dust has become problematic, covering local vegetation in a thick blanket of dust and causing air quality and visibility issues. Lane County contacted the BLM with a request to apply lignin sulfonate to manage dust on this section of road, should issues arise again this summer season.

The purpose of the action is to minimize or eliminate this dust. Action alternatives must meet the objectives provided in the 1995 Eugene Resource Management Plan and its Record of Decision for projects to be implemented within the planning area. The ROD/RMP and applicable statutes specify that the BLM "where needed, use dust abatement measures on roads during BLM timber harvest operations or other BLM commodity hauling activity (p. 36)".

Scoping Comments

You are invited to submit written comments on any issues or concerns that you may have regarding this project by April 19, 2013. Comments that are helpful to the analysis process are those which identify new scientific or technical information, determine the scope of issues to be addressed and express specific concerns related to the proposed action. Opinions agreeing or disagreeing with current laws and policies are not helpful in refining the proposed action.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed below during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA document or other related documents.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Please direct your responses or questions to Dana Wilson at (541) 683-6221, via email at BLM_OR_EU_Mail@blm.gov, Attn: Dana Wilson, or by mail at BLM Eugene District, P.O. Box 10226, Eugene, Oregon 97440-2226, Attn: Dana Wilson.

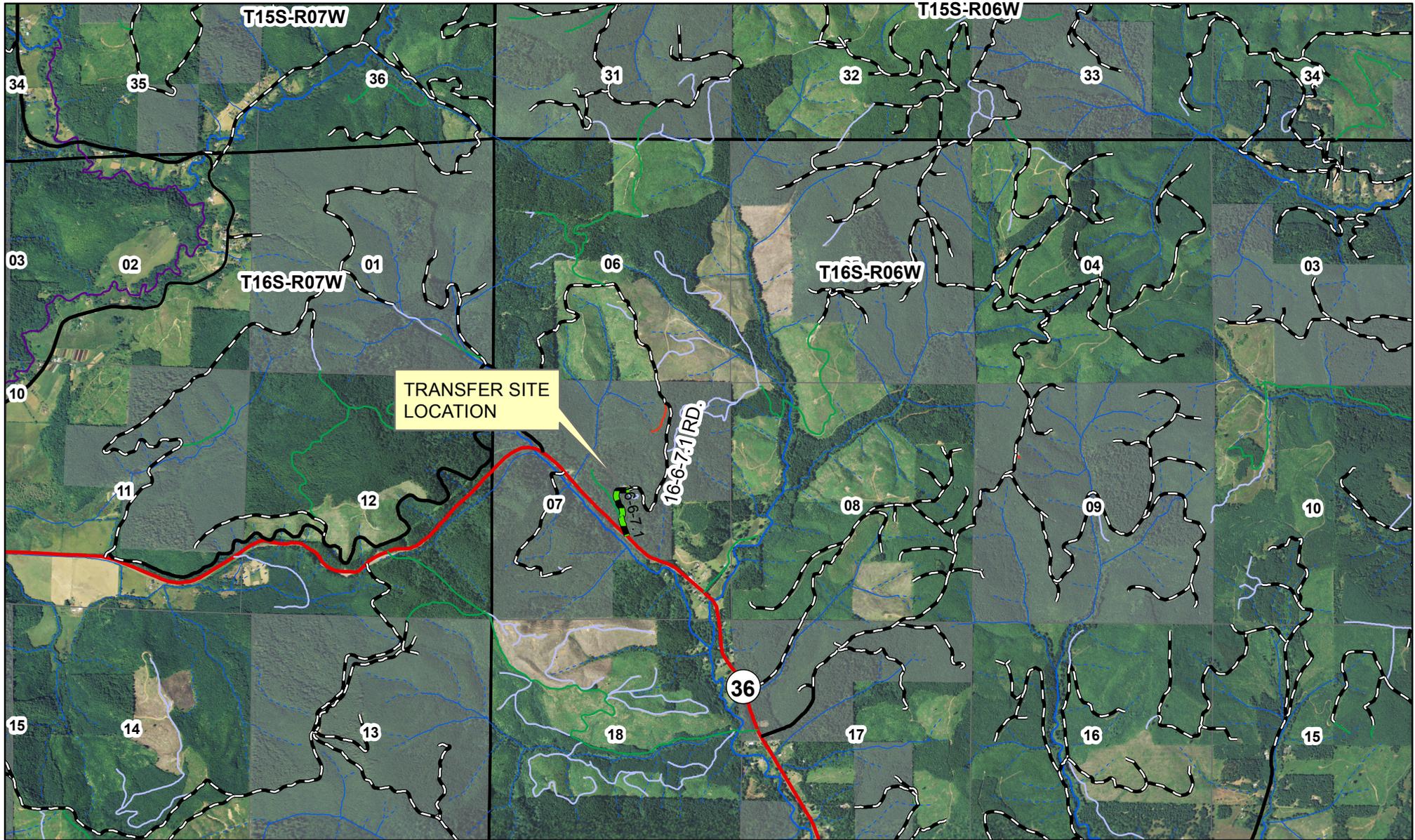
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan D. Corbin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alan Corbin
Field Manager
Siuslaw Resource Area

Enclosure:
Location map

TRANSFER SITE DUST ABATEMENT EA. 16-6-7.1 ROAD



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 Affected Area

