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As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has responsibility for most of our nationally owned public lands and natural resources. This includes fostering the wisest use of our land and water resources, protecting our fish and wildlife, preserving the environmental and cultural values of our national parks and historical places and providing for the enjoyment of life through outdoor recreation. The Department assesses our energy and mineral resources and works to assure that their development is in the best interest of all our people. The Department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in Island Territories under U.S. Administration.

A Note from the District Manager

This document is designed to serve as an information link between you and the BLM's Eugene District Office. Its intent is to increase your awareness of BLM activities and improve your opportunities to discuss these activities with us. By keeping you informed of the Eugene District's management activities and inviting your participation, we hope to continue our ongoing relationships. If you need to know the status of a project or want additional information, you can contact the project lead listed in the following text. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding this Planning/Project Update or how it could be improved to make it more useful to you.

I have just completed serving my first year as the Eugene District Manager, and we are beginning a new fiscal year that looks to be every bit as challenging as the past. However, I am pleased to report that we were able to deliver on our promised targets in our fiscal year 07. We exceeded our goals in the timber sale program and did so without the controversy of protest and appeals. We were able to complete some much needed work on replacing culverts and improving road surface on areas throughout the district. We implemented dozens of restoration projects approved by our Resource Advisory Council or funded by Challenge Cost Share. We expanded partnerships with Advisory Councils, the Northwest Invasive Weed Program and at the West Eugene Wetlands. We hosted and attended several meetings and workshops to assist the public in their understanding of the proposals in the Draft Western Oregon Plan Revision. In addition, we hosted two National Public Lands Day events and provided the opportunity for hundreds of people to participate as volunteers. As I mentioned, the task in the coming year ahead will be challenging. We will continue to work diligently on revising our Resource Management Plan through the Western Oregon Plan Revision (WOPR) process. The draft RMP/EIS document was released in July and public comments are due in December 2007. Additional information on the Plan Revision can be found on page 4 of this document. The Eugene District continues to work on an internal Strategic Planning Process to address issues related to our budget, staffing, and business practices. A part of that process has allowed us to consolidate some services with the BLM Salem District. In addition, ground has been broken for a new joint office facility that the BLM, Forest Service and National Guard will share in Springfield. This document provides you with a view of the projects we would like to implement and the facilities we need to maintain for our publics in the coming months. We have the dedicated staff that is prepared to work closely with you to address your concerns and achieve reasonable solutions. I look forward to continuing our dialog and would welcome you to contact us if you are interested in a future meeting.

This document exists in two forms – the electronic version on our web page, and this companion document printed on paper. If you have Internet access you can view this document at any time and also get additional information on issues related to the Eugene District. The address is: www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene/plans/index.php

We will continue to send you printed copies of this document unless you request to be removed from our mailing list. If you do not need a hard copy, you can help us reduce our overhead expenses and printing and postage costs by having your name removed from the District's extensive mailing list. Contact Doug Huntington on my staff, at 541-683-6415 or at doug_huntington@blm.gov.

Ginnie Grilley, District Manager

U.S. Bureau of Land Management Western Oregon Plan Revision

What's Being Revised?

BLM is revising the District Resource Management Plans for the Salem, Eugene, Coos Bay, Roseburg, Medford District's and Klamath Falls Field Office. These plans guide the agency's actions District's on approximately two and one-half million acres in western Oregon. Of these public lands, 2.1 million acres are managed under the O&C Lands Act and about 400,000 acres are managed under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

Why Revise Current Plans?

The BLM must revise the six western Oregon Resource Management Plans now because:

- Plan revisions are a normal part of BLM's land use planning evaluation and revision cycle. Resource Management Plans (RMP's) are periodically evaluated and revised or amended as necessary. Recent evaluations of our existing RMP's have demonstrated that BLM has done a good job of meeting most of the plan's goals and objectives , but has not met the forest management goals and objectives of maintaining a steady and predictable flow of forest products to benefit local communities.
- Now is an opportunity to revise our RMP's to assure consistency with recovery plans now being prepared for the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet.
- BLM has been challenged in court for failure to meet the intent of the O&C Lands Act of 1937 that directs BLM to manage O&C lands for, among other things, permanent forest production. As a result, BLM agreed to revise its plans in western Oregon by December 2008 in a settlement agreement.
- The controversy surrounding the implementation of the timber management portions of these existing plans has led to numerous court cases and endless process and paperwork that take BLM resource management efforts away from on-the-ground management.

Where are we in the Process?

On August 10, 2007 the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released for public review and comment. The Plan Revision Newsletter number 7 was mailed to interested individuals and groups in August 2007, and included a summary of the proposed alternatives and suggestions on how to participate and provide comments. During the months of August, September and October, more than 70 meetings and workshops were conducted to provide the public an opportunity to become more informed and seek clarification on issues related to the document. At the public's request, the comment period was extended an additional 30 days, with the deadline for comments now set for December 10, 2007. The planning team has already begun to assess comments and make revisions to the document. The Final RMP/Record of Decision (ROD) is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2008 after all comments are considered.

Who's Involved in this Effort?

BLM hopes to involve interested citizens, organizations and other groups in key points of the plan revision process. In addition, several public agencies are participating as formal cooperators: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, the State of Oregon, USDA Forest Service, 16 western Oregon Counties, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

How Do You Get Involved?

Periodic information about the process and opportunities to get involved will be sent to interested parties. If you'd like to get on the postal or e-mail lists, contact the BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revision office at (503) 808-6629, or www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr/index.php or mail to P.O. Box 2965, Portland OR 97208, or contact Emily Rice at the Eugene District Office (541) 683-6776, emily_rice@blm.gov

Abbreviations and Definitions

ACEC/RNA - Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Research Natural Area

BO - Biological Opinion.

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 - This is 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).

GFMA - General Forest Management Area.

IDT - Interdisciplinary Team - A team is 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 Reserves - 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.

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.

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.

NWFP - 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

DNA-Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy-Used to document that a BLM action has been adequately analyzed in an existing NEPA document (EA or EIS) and that no further NEPA analysis is needed.

TABLE 1: Upper Willamette Resource Area Proposed Projects			
Name/Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Mohawk East - This project proposes to thin stands in Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations to provide a sustainable supply of timber while maintaining ecologically valuable structural components, such as down logs, snags and large trees. This project also proposes aquatic restoration and road improvements.	T. 15 S., R. 01W., Sections 13 and 27; T. 16 S., R 01W., Sections 3, 19, 25 and 27.	Work on an environmental assessment has ended. The EA was made available for public review in August of 2006. One comment was received and will be addressed in the decision documents.	Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)
Camp Run Timber Sale - This project proposes to treat stands in Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations to provide a sustainable supply of timber while maintaining ecologically valuable structural components, such as down logs, snags and large trees. This project also proposes aquatic restoration and road improvements.	T. 16 S R. 01 W., Sections 35, 27, 25 T. 16S R. 01 E., Section 31	Work on an environmental assessment has been completed. One comment was recieved. A decision is expected in 2008.	Christie Hardenbrook (683 – 6110)
McKenzie Tribs Project – This project proposes to initiate forest management activities on approximately 1000 acres. These activities may include timber harvest, aquatic habitat restoration, and road management activities (improvement, construction, and decommissioning). The land use allocations for these sections are Matrix, Riparian Reserve and BEHA.	T. 16S., R. 01E., sections 33, 25 and 35	Work on an environmental has ended. The EA will be made available for public comment in October 2007. A decision is expected in 2008.	Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)
Seeley Creek Thinning – This project proposes to thin approximately 800 acres on Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations within the Mohawk watershed. This project is located adjacent to designated trails within the Shotgun Off-Highway Vehicle Area. Activities may include aquatic restoration and road management actions.	T. 15S., R.01W., sections 7, 19. T. 15S., R.02W., sections 13, 24.	Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway. This document is expected be available for public review in Spring 2008. A decision is expected in 2009.	Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)
Calapooya II/ Big Fir Spur - This project proposes to treat stands in Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations to provide a sustainable supply of timber while maintaining ecologically valuable structural components, such as down logs, snags and large trees. This project also proposes aquatic restoration and road improvements.	T. 14S., R. 2W., Secs 34, 35 T. 14S., R. 1E., section 35	Work on an environmental assessment is scheduled to begin in Spring 2008.	Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)
Blackberry Hole Salvage – The Blackberry Hole Timber Sale (EA-02-24) was logged in 2005. Subsequently, a wind event caused some blowdown with in the logged units. This project proposes to salvage that blowdown.	T. 18S., R. 1 W., section 23	A review is scheduled to determine if this action is categorically excluded from NEPA analysis or if it will require an environmental assessment.	Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)

TABLE 2: Siuslaw Resource Area Proposed Projects			
Name/Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Siuslaw Resource Area Proposed Projects-Lake Creek Watershed			
Billy Tower Thin - Pursuant to the North Lake Creek Thinning Project environmental assessment, this project would commercially thin approximately 370 acres in the North Lake Creek planning area. The project is in the Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations.	T15S, R7W, Sections 14 and 15, northwest of Hult Pond	This timber sale was auctioned in July, 2007.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Nutmeg Thin - Pursuant to the North Lake Creek Thinning Project environmental assessment, this project would commercially thin approximately 230 acres in the North Lake Creek planning area. The project is in the Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations.	T15S, R7W, Sections 8, 15, 16, and 17, northwest of Hult Pond	A DNA is being prepared. The timber sale is scheduled for auction in November 2007, pending findings in the DNA.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Mark Time Thin - Pursuant to the North Lake Creek Thinning Project environmental assessment, this project would commercially thin approximately 400 acres in the North Lake Creek planning area. The project is in the Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations.	T15S, R7W, Sections 22, and 26, west of Hult Pond	A DNA has been signed, the timber sale is now in the preparation phase and is scheduled for auction in February 2008.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Tower Canyon Thin - Pursuant to the North Lake Creek Thinning Project environmental assessment, this project would commercially thin approximately 302 acres in the North Lake Creek planning area. The project is in the Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations.	T15S, R7W, Sections 12, 13, and 14, northwest of Hult Pond	A DNA is being prepared. The timber sale is scheduled for auction in November 2008, pending findings in the DNA.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
East Chinkapin Thin - Pursuant to the North Lake Creek Thinning Project environmental assessment, this project would commercially thin approximately 302 acres in the North Lake Creek planning area. The project is in the Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations.	T15S, R6W, Section 19 and T15S, R7W, Section 24, west of Hult Pond	A DNA is being prepared. The timber sale is scheduled for auction in November 2008, pending findings in the DNA.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Salvage Sam Blowdown Salvage – Winter storms during December, 2006, created a 25-acre blowdown in the former Sammy Hill Late-Successional Reserve Density Management Project Area. BLM is considering whether or not to salvage some of the fallen logs.	T16S, R8W, Section 1, approximately 2 miles NW of Triangle Lake.	An EA has being prepared and was available for public review in August, 2007. A decision record will be prepared in Fall 2007. The timber sale is scheduled for auction in November 2007.	Janet Zentner (683-6795)
January 2006 Storm Events Road Repair – BLM has recently repaired two road segments: one with subsidence damage by realignment of the roadway grade; one with culvert replacement.	T16S, R7W, Section 22 T16S, R8W, Section 25	Categorical exclusions have been completed.	Don Meckley (683-6972)
Upper Lake Creek Riparian Restoration Project -Decadent red alder and brush species will be replaced with Western Red cedar	T.15S., R.7W., Section 23	The project was completed in June 2007.	Leo Poole (683-6289)

<p>and Douglas-fir on approximately 8 acres of riparian habitat along Lake Creek above Hult Reservoir. The long term benefits include increased stream shading, recruitable large woody debris, and wildlife habitat (potential snags for birds).</p>			
<p>Siuslaw Resource Area Proposed Projects-Siuslaw Watershed</p>			
<p>Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan - BLM is planning a program to treat forested stands in the Upper Siuslaw 5th Field Watershed. The planning area contains both Matrix and Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocations. Young stands in LSR (<80 years old) would be considered for thinning to accelerate development of late-successional forest characteristics. Matrix stands would be considered for timber harvest to produce a sustainable supply of forest products to the economy.</p>	<p>Upper Siuslaw 5th Field Watershed, excluding the area covered under the “Upper Siuslaw Late-Successional Reserve Restoration Plan” and EIS.</p>	<p>An EA is being prepared. If you are interested in learning more about this process, or if you have information about important resources in this watershed, you are encouraged to contact BLM.</p>	<p>Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)</p>
<p>Trivial Tempest Restoration Project - Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Late Successional Reserve (LSR 267) Restoration Plan and EIS, this project would treat forest stands to accelerate the development of late-successional forest structure. A density management thinning is being considered for this 235 acre project area. In addition, a project for creation of snags and coarse woody debris is in the planning/analysis stage.</p>	<p>T20S, R6W, Sections 1 and 13</p>	<p>This timber sale was auctioned in October, 2007.</p>	<p>Mark Stephen (683-6439)</p>
<p>Stone Pony Restoration Project - Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Late Successional Reserve (LSR 267) Restoration Plan and EIS, this project would treat forest stands to accelerate the development of late-successional forest structure. Density management thinning is being considered for this 660 acre project area.</p>	<p>T20S, R5W, Section 7; T20S, R6W, Sections 9, 15, 19, 21, and 29; T20S, R7W, Section 3;</p>	<p>A DNA is being prepared; the timber sale is scheduled for auction in September, 2008 pending findings in the DNA.</p>	<p>Mark Stephen (683-6439)</p>
<p>Bottomline Density Management Study - BLM is planning to re-thin this 270 acre research site as part of a continuing effort to evaluate silvicultural methods intended to promote development of late-successional forest structure.</p>	<p>T21S, R5W, Section 1</p>	<p>An Environmental Assessment will be prepared during fall, 2007. If you are interested in learning more about this process, or if you have information about important resources in this watershed, you are encouraged to contact BLM.</p>	<p>Peter O’Toole (683-6786)</p>
<p>Hazelton Road Easement Project-BLM is planning to replace 2 existing road easements with 2 new road easements in an alternative location. Two private landowners have constructed a new road of equivalent standard, in the alternative location. Upon granting the new easements to BLM, the old easements will be released to the landowners. Purpose of the “easement exchange” is to improve the access situation in this neighborhood.</p>	<p>Section 11, T. 20 S., R. 4 W., Will. Mer.</p>	<p>A categorical exclusion was prepared and signed on September 13, 2007. Tentative completion of the project is projected as Spring, 2008.</p>	<p>Dave Schroeder (683-6482)</p>
<p>Non Commercial Silvicultural Projects - LSR 267-Pursuant to</p>	<p>T19S, R5W; T19S, R6W;</p>	<p>The Siuslaw Resources Area is planning</p>	<p>Mark</p>

<p>the Upper Siuslaw Late Successional Reserve (LSR 267) Restoration Plan and EIS, this project would treat forest stands to accelerate the development of late-successional forest structure. A variety of silvicultural treatments would be applied to 20-40 year old aged stands in LSR 267. Tree densities would be reduced to provide growing space and allow trees to develop large live crowns and large limbs, and to promote a multi-layered understory. Snags and coarse woody debris would be created. Underplanting of shade tolerant conifer trees would also occur.</p>	<p>T19S, R7W; T20S, R5W; T20S, R6W; T20S, R7W.</p>	<p>silvicultural treatments on approximately 300 acres in LSR 267 during 2008. A DNA for 592 acres of pre commercial thinning was signed in August and this work will be completed in November to February.</p>	<p>Stephen (683-6439)</p>
<p>Siuslaw Stew Stewardship Project - Under the Proposed Action, a stewardship project is being considered for approximately 2,000 acres in LSR 267. Tiered to the Upper Siuslaw Late-Successional Reserve Restoration Plan and EIS, the proposed action would include approximately 25 acres of commercial thinning, pre-commercial thinning, culvert replacement and removal, weed treatments, snag and coarse woody debris creation, and road decommissioning.</p>	<p>T19S, R6W, Section 21</p>	<p>The culvert replacement, road decommissioning and culvert removals were completed in July 2007. The commercial thinning is expected to begin in late October 2007.</p>	<p>Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)</p>
<p>Chinook Stew Stewardship Project - A multi year stewardship contract project is being developed and would start in FY 2008. The proposed action is tiered to the Upper Siuslaw Late-Successional Reserve Restoration Plan and EIS, and would include commercial thinning, pre-commercial thinning, snag and coarse woody debris creation, and riparian conifer release. The strategy is to thin in young stands with marginal product value and treat adjacent areas to improve stand conditions and habitat. The value of the timber is an offset against the costs of the services received.</p>	<p>T19S, T20S</p>	<p>The contract is in the preparation phase now and would be awarded in January 2008. The project areas would be identified and reviewed in early 2008, and the first task order is planned for June 2008.</p>	<p>Mark Stephen (683-6439) Rich Kelly (683-6405)</p>
<p>January 2006 Storm Events Road Repair – BLM plans to repair two road segments that sustained slip-out damage by realignment of the roadway.</p>	<p>T18S, R8W, Section 25</p>	<p>A categorical exclusion has been completed.</p>	<p>Don Meckley (683-6972)</p>
<p>Siuslaw River Road Repair – In order to replace a failing culvert, the Siuslaw River Road will be closed to traffic from July 11, 2007 through mid-August. Visitors can still reach BLM’s Clay Creek Campground and other lands to the west of the closure by using the Siuslaw River Road from the junction with Hwy 126.</p>	<p>T19S, R7W, Section 25, just west of Alma</p>	<p>The project was completed on September 10, 2007.</p>	<p>Don Meckley (683-6972)</p>
<p>Mill Creek Aquatic Habitat Improvement Project-The proposed project is to place large woody debris in stream reaches devoid of key pieces, but rich in gravels. This is phase 3 of a large scale project that included the construction of 2 cascades in</p>	<p>T.19S., R8W., Sections 23</p>	<p>The project was completed in June 2007.</p>	<p>Leo Poole (683-6289)</p>

the Siuslaw River (Phase 1) and the replacement of a barrier culvert in Mill Creek (Phase 2).			
Buck and OxBow Creeks Instream Restoration -Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Late Successional Reserve (LSR 267) Restoration Plan, logs will be placed in selected stream reaches.	T.20S., R.7W., Section 3	The project was completed in June 2007.	Leo Poole (683-6289)
Siuslaw Resource Area Proposed Projects-Long Tom Watershed			
West Eugene Wetlands Project Scheduling EA -Pursuant to the West Eugene Wetlands environmental assessment, BLM proposes to implement maintenance activities which include the control of woody vegetation encroachment, the control of invasive species, reduce litter and thatch, maintain native species cover, and maintain suitable habitat for the western pond turtle on approximately 600 acres.	West Eugene Wetlands	A DNA was prepared for 2007. The implementation phase commenced in May and is expected to continue through early December of 2007.	Sally Villegas – Moore (683-6790)
West Eugene Wetlands Project Scheduling EA -Pursuant to the West Eugene Wetlands environmental assessment, BLM proposes to implement restoration and enhancement actions on approximately 150 acres of oak and prairie habitat at the Hansen/See-sil parcel. Treatments would occur over a three year implementation period.	West Eugene Wetlands	A DNA was prepared for 2007. The implementation phase commenced late May and is expected to continue through the end of October 2007. Thinning treatment of oak habitat occurred only on approximately 25 acres due to funding constraints.	Sally Villegas – Moore (683-6790)
West Eugene Wetlands Bank Mitigation Project – The Proposed Action is to continue to work cooperatively with the City of Eugene to implement management actions on approximately 60 acres of BLM wetland parcels with existing and in progress Mitigation Improvement Plans (MIP). These BLM parcels are all located within the West Eugene Wetlands project area in West Eugene, Oregon. The goal for these BLM sites (with MIPs) is to continue to control invasive species and maintain the prairie systems by utilizing different maintenance treatments.	West Eugene Wetlands	A DNA was prepared for 2007. Treatments commenced in May and are expected to continue through early November of 2007.	Sally Villegas – Moore (683-6790) Trevor Taylor (682-4888)
West Eugene Wetlands Project Area - The Proposed Action is to burn approximately 40 acres in The Nature Conservancy’s Willow Creek Preserve within the West Eugene Wetlands in Eugene, Oregon. Prescribed burning involves the hand application of fire (via drip torches) to remove and control invasive woody plants, remove thatch, and invigorate native plant populations in wet prairie systems.	West Eugene Wetlands	A Categorical Exclusion was prepared. Burning occurred late summer on 40 acres in September of 2007.	Nancy Ashlock (683-6667)
Transition Management, Inc. Right-of-Way Agreement E-952 – Transition proposes to improve 1,600 feet of roadway and construct 800 feet of new road to access their property.	T.16 S., R.7W., Section 25	An Environmental Assessment is being prepared and will be available for public review in January, 2008. The project is planned for the summer 2008.	Don Meckley (683-6972)
Siuslaw Resource Area Proposed Projects-Wildcat Creek Watershed			

<p>Walker Creek Culvert Replacements –This cooperative effort between the BLM and the Siuslaw Watershed Council will use RAC funds to remove 2 aquatic species barriers in the mainstem of Walker Creek. New culvert designs will allow for passage of all aquatic species at all flow regimes here.</p>	<p>T.18S., R.8W., Section 1</p>	<p>An EA has been prepared and was available for public review in August 2007. Project work is expected to begin in summer 2008.</p>	<p>Leo Poole (683-6289)</p>
<p>Siuslaw Resource Area Proposed Projects-Silvicultural Treatments</p>			
<p>Manual Maintenance/Precommercial Thinning - Manual cutting of vegetation and tree girdling in young stands to reduce competition and to reduce the density of trees is on going. The project areas from 2007 would be completed under a service contract in October 2007 to February 2008. Additional stands will be identified in 2008 and would likely be treated in FY 2009.</p>	<p>T 16S, 17S, 18S, 19S and 20S.</p>	<p>A Categorical Exclusion has been prepared after interdisciplinary team reviews. Approximately 100 acres of manual maintenance and 200 acres of pre commercial thinning will be planned in 2008.</p>	<p>Mark Stephen (683-6439)</p>

