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A Note from the District Manager

This document provides updates on the status of projects and is designed to serve as a scoping tool for upcoming projects on the Eugene District. If you would like to provide issues, concerns, or opportunities relative to one or more of the projects, I encourage you to contact the project lead. For some of the projects listed we have conducted or will be conducting additional scoping based on our knowledge of the project and potentially interested parties.

Thank you for your continued interest in public land management.

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Abbreviations and Definitions

Administratively Withdrawn Areas - One of the six land use designations in the 2008 Resource Management Plan. These lands are withdrawn from the harvest land base for specific reasons including the following: recreation sites, areas not suitable for sustainable timber production, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, areas dedicated to specific purposes such as roads and buildings.

CX - 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).

DNA-Determination of 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.

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.

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).

O&C Lands - Revested Oregon and California Railroad Lands.

RR – Riparian Reserves - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. These reserves are managed for the aquatic conservation strategy objectives.

RMP -Resource Management Plan - A land use plan prepared by the BLM in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

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.

Name/Description	Locations	Planning Status	Contact
Eugene District Projects			
<p>Valley Fringe Project – This project proposes fuels reduction treatments which may reduce the threat of wildfire in the wildland-urban interface (WUI) and improve habitat conditions for fire-dependent species. Actions considered include burning of meadows; underburning stands that include oak or ponderosa pine; conifer pruning; thinning of small-diameter conifers; piling and burning of slash; removal of small-diameter material for biomass; and mastication of brush and slash.</p>	<p>District-wide: BLM-administered lands identified as wildland-urban interface in the Lane County Community Wildfire Protection Plan</p>	<p>Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway.</p>	<p>Eric Johnson (683-6484)</p>
<p>Invasive Vegetation Treatments – This project proposes the use of herbicides to slow the spread of noxious and other weeds and invasive plants throughout the District. Herbicides would be one of several tools used by the District to control noxious and other weeds and invasive vegetation. The EA for this proposal will tier to the state-wide “Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides on BLM Lands in Oregon” Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision (ROD). Although the ROD addressed the use of up to 14 herbicides in western Oregon, the Eugene District EA will consider a proposed action to allow the District to use 4 herbicides in its vegetation treatment programs.</p>	<p>District-wide, except for the West Eugene Wetlands</p>	<p>Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway.</p>	<p>Richard Hardt (683-6690)</p>
<p>Travis Tyrrell Seed Orchard Hoop Building Construction - This project proposes construction of a prefabricated hoop building at the Travis Tyrrell Seed Orchard.</p>	<p>T20S., R05W., sec 21</p>	<p>An environmental assessment has been prepared and has been made available for public comment.</p>	<p>Emily Gregory (767-1333)</p>
Upper Willamette Resource Area Projects			
<p>Hills Camp Project – This project proposes to implement commercial thinning and density management projects on approximately 1300 acres in the Lower McKenzie and Little Fall Creek 5th field watersheds. Other project activities may include riparian reserve thinning, aquatic restoration and road management actions. The land use allocations Matrix and Riparian Reserve.</p>	<p>T16S., R01W., sec 33, T17S., R01W. sec. 7 T17S., R01W. sec. 35, T18S., R01W., sec. 5 T18S., R01E., sec. 19, T18S., R01W., secs. 7, 9</p>	<p>Work on an environmental assessment has been completed. The EA was made available for public comment in March 2011. Decisions are expected in 2012 through 2013.</p>	<p>Panchita Paulete (683-6976)</p>
<p>North Dorena Project - This project proposes to implement commercial thinning and density management projects on approximately 1400 acres. Other project activities may include riparian reserve thinning, aquatic restoration and road management actions. The land use allocations Matrix and Riparian Reserve.</p>	<p>T20S., R02W., Secs. 13, 15, 21, 23, 29 T19S., R02W., Secs. 23, 25, 27, T20S., R02W., Secs. 1, 3 T20S., R01W., Secs. 9, 11, 15</p>	<p>Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway. The EA was made available for public comment in the Summer of 2012. Decisions are expected in 2013.</p>	<p>Panchita Paulete (683-6976)</p>
<p>South Dorena Project - This project proposes to implement commercial thinning and density management projects on approximately 1600 acres. Other project activities may include thinning in Riparian Management Areas, aquatic restoration and road management actions. The land use allocations are Timber Management, Riparian Management Areas and Late –Successional</p>	<p>T21S., R02W., Secs. 9, 15 T22S., R03W., Secs. 21, 27 T21S., R03W., Sec. 25</p>	<p>Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway. The EA is expected to be made available for public review in the Fall of 2012.</p>	<p>Mike Blow (683-6495)</p>

Management Areas.			
The 2014 Project – This project proposes to implement a commercial thinning on approximately 1700 acres, and a regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres. Project activities may include riparian reserve thinning, aquatic restoration, and road management actions. Land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T15S., R01W., Sec. 17 T15S., R02W., Secs. 10, 11, 13, 15, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 T16S., R02W., Secs. 17, 33	Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway. The EA is expected to be made available for public review in the Spring of 2013.	Panchita Paulete (683-6976)

Siuslaw Resource Area Proposed Projects			
January 9th - Pursuant to the Long Tom Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 306 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T17S-R7W-Sec 9	A DNA was prepared. This timber sale was sold at auction in March 2012.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Big Canyon - Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 70 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Late-successional Reserve and Riparian Reserve.	T18S-R8W-Sec 23, 27	A DNA was prepared. This timber sale was sold at auction in March 2012.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Schaffer Road - Pursuant to the Long Tom Landscape Plan environmental assessment and the Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 180 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T19S-R5W-Sec 27	A DNA was prepared. This timber sale was sold at auction in September 2012.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Cedar Shake - Pursuant to the Long Tom Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 277 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T17S-R7W-Sec 21, 27	A DNA was prepared. The timber sale was sold at auction in June 2012.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
A-Line - Pursuant to the Long Tom Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 170 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are LSR and Riparian Reserve.	T18S-R6W-Sec 21	A DNA was prepared. The timber sale was sold at auction in June 2012.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Bolton Hill - Pursuant to the Long Tom Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 84 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T18S-R6W-Sec 11	A DNA was prepared. The timber sale was sold at auction in August 2012.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)

Power Up - Pursuant to the Long Tom Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 135 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T18S-R6W-Sec 7, 17	A DNA was prepared. The timber sale was sold at auction in August 2012.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Farman Flats - Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 204 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Late-successional Reserve and Riparian Reserve.	T19S-R5W-Section 33	This is a re-offer. A DNA has been prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in October 2012, pending findings in the DNA	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Fairview - Pursuant to the Long Tom Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 190 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T18S-R6W-Section 3	A DNA has been prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in October 2012, pending findings in the DNA	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Wild Badger - Pursuant to the Long Tom Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 400 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T18S-R07W-Sec 1 T17S-R07W-Sec 27, 35	A DNA will be prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in February 2013, pending findings in the DNA	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Major Nelson - Pursuant to the Long Tom Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 63 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T16S-R07W-Sec 33	A DNA will be prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in February 2013, pending findings in the DNA	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Re-Thin EA - Scoping was completed for this EA. Thinning is being proposed approximately 25 years after the initial thinning on approximately 600 to 800 acres. Land use allocations include matrix, late-successional reserves and riparian reserves under the 1995 RMP.	T17S-R7W-Sec33; T18S-R7W-Sec3; T18S-R7W-Sec15; T18S-R6W-Sec21; T18S-R6W-Sec31; T19S-R6W-Sec13; T20S-R6W-Sec3; T20S-R4W-Sec31	An environmental assessment is being prepared.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Carpenter Bypass EA - This project would formalize, improve, and add to the existing trail system network, provide a safer and more secure parking area for visitors to utilize and include much needed sanitation facilities. The end result would be the creation and enhancement of multiple use non-motorized trail opportunities on BLM administered lands in Eugene District BLM Siuslaw Resource Area, Carpenter Bypass region.	T20S, R5W, Sec 23,27,35	An environmental assessment is being prepared	Wade Judy (683-6457)