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A Note from the District Manager

This document 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Administratively Withdrawn Areas - One of the six land use designations in the 2008 Resource Management Plan. These lands are withdrawn from the harvest land base for specific reasons including the following: recreation sites, areas not suitable for sustainable timber production, Areas of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-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.

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
District Wide Projects			
District Sample Tree Felling – In order to ensure accuracy of timber cruises for harvest, sample trees would be felled bucked and scaled.	Multiple locations across the Eugene District	A categorical exclusion was prepared in November 2010	Mike Hallinan (683-6966)
Upper Willamette Resource Area Projects			
2011 Thinning Project – This project proposes to commercially thin approximately 1800 acres in the Calapooya, Mohawk River and Lower McKenzie 5 th field watersheds. Land Use Allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve. The project may also include riparian reserve thinning and road management activities.	T.14S.,R1W., Sec. 31; T15S.,R1W., Secs. 9, 17, 21,22,27,29; T15S.,R2W., Secs. 1,11,15; T.16S.,R1W., Sec. 31; T.16S., R2W., Sec 21,29; T.16S.,R.3W., Sec. 13	Work on the environmental assessment has been completed. The EA was made available for public review March 24 – April 23, 2010. Decisions are expected in the Winter of 2011.	Christie Hardenbook (683-6935)
Oak Basin Restoration Plan - The proposed project area is a total of 224 acres, with 40 acres on BLM managed lands and 184 adjacent acres on property owned by Edgar and James Merzenich. The project area is a mix of oak woodlands and upland prairie. The proposed project is enhancement and restoration of upland oak woodland and prairie.	T. 14S., R2W., Secs. 29, 30, and 33.	Work on a restoration plan is currently underway. Work on an environmental assessment is scheduled to begin in the Winter of 2011. The EA is expected to be made available for public review in the Summer of 2011.	Cheshire Mayrsohn (683-6407)
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 5 th field watersheds. Other project activities may include riparian reserve thinning, aquatic restoration and road management actions. The land use allocations Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	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	Work on an environmental assessment has been completed. The EA is expected to be available for public comment in January 2011.	Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)
North Mohawk Project - This project proposes to implement commercial thinning and density management projects on approximately 1200 acres in the Lower McKenzie and Little Fall Creek 5 th field watersheds. Other project activities may include riparian reserve thinning, aquatic restoration and road management actions. The land use allocations Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T14S., R01W., secs. 25, 33 T15S., R01W., secs. 1, 11 T14S., R02W., secs. 25, 35 T15S., R02W., sec. 3 T16S., R01W., sec. 21	Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway. The EA is expected to be available for public comment in March of 2011.	Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)
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.	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	Work on an environmental assessment is scheduled to begin in February of 2011.	Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)
Siuslaw Resource Area Proposed Projects			

Farman Flats – Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 320 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are LSR and Riparian Reserve.	T19S-R7W-Sec 27	A DNA has been being prepared. The timber sale is scheduled for re-auction in February 2011, pending findings in the DNA.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Nutmeg resale – Pursuant to the North Lake Creek environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 180 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T15S-R7W-Sec 8,15,16 and17	A DNA is being prepared. The timber sale is scheduled for auction in March 2011, pending findings in the DNA.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Kelly Creek – Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 252 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T20S- R4W- Sec 29	A DNA is being prepared. The timber sale is scheduled for auction in March 2011, pending findings in the DNA.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
No Bounds – Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 115 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are LSR and Riparian Reserve.	T18S- R8W- Sec 29	A DNA is being prepared. The timber sale is scheduled for auction in March 2011, pending findings in the DNA.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Young stand thinning – Approximately 50 acres of young stands 22 to 38 years were thinned under a categorical exclusion. The project was implemented in July 2010 in riparian reserve land use allocation.	T16S- R8W- Sec 35 T15S- R7W- Sec 25 T16S- R7W- Sec 19	A categorical exclusion was completed in July 2010	Mark Stephen (683-6439)
Late Pre-commercial thinning – Approximately 108 acres were thinned to reduce densities on matrix and riparian reserve land use allocations	T17S- R8W- Sec 5 T19S- R7W- Sec 3,7,33 T20S- R5W- Sec 33	A categorical exclusion was completed in August 2010	Mark Stephen (683-6439)
Pre-commercial thinning - Approximately 209 acres were thinned to reduce densities on matrix and riparian reserve land use allocations	T17S- R6W- Sec 19 T18S- R7W- Sec 11,13	A categorical exclusion was completed in August 2010	Mark Stephen (683-6439)
Long Tom Landscape Plan – BLM is preparing an environmental document to address a commercial thinning and density management program in the Long Tom 5 th Field Watershed. The land use allocations are Matrix, LSR and Riparian Reserves.	Long Tom 5 th Field Watershed.	An environmental assessment is being prepared and will be available for public comment in Winter 2011.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Matlock Road ROW – Amendment of an existing Right of Way grant with Lane Electric Cooperative to renew the expiration date to January 27, 2031.	T18S- R6W- Sec 35	A categorical exclusion was completed in September 2010	Tracy Maahs (683-6376)
Lane County Transfer Site – Extension of the existing lease for a year. The lease authorizes the County's Waste Management Division to operate a solid waste transfer station.	T16S- R6W- Sec 7	A categorical exclusion was completed in September 2010	Tracy Maahs (683-6376)
Amy Road Land Sale - Sale of 1.51 acres of BLM land to remedy a long standing occupancy trespass under the Hancock Exchange amendment to the	T16S- R7W- Sec 11	A DNA has been completed in 2010	Cheryl Adcock (683-6145)

RMP			
WEW – Annual vegetation treatments pursuant to the WEW Schedule EA	West Eugene Wetlands	A DNA was completed in July 2010	Sally Villegas (683-6790)
West Eugene Wetlands Threatened and Endangered Plant Augmentation – The purpose of the action is to establish new plants of threatened and endangered plant species -- Willamette daisy (<i>Erigeron decumbens</i> var. <i>decumbens</i>), Bradshaw's lomatium (<i>Lomatium bradshawii</i>), and Kincaid's lupine (<i>Lupinus oregonus</i> var. <i>kincaidii</i>) -- on suitable sites on BLM-administered lands in the West Eugene Wetlands. The need for the action is established in the Recovery Plan for the Prairie Species of Western Oregon and Southwestern Washington, which advises BLM to increase populations by planting seeds or propagules to assist in recovery of these three species.	West Eugene Wetlands	An environmental assessment is being prepared and will be available in Spring or Summer 2011.	Richard Hardt (683-6690)