

**Eugene District
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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.

For projects identified in this planning update, the Eugene District has begun preparation of National Environmental Policy Act documentation to evaluate the consequences of undertaking these proposed actions. On March 31, 2011, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia vacated and remanded the administrative withdrawal of the Eugene District's 2008 Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (*Douglas Timber Operators et al. v. Salazar*). The Eugene District will design these projects to conform to both the 2008 Eugene District ROD and RMP and the 1995 RMP. Consequently, these projects will be consistent with the goals and objectives in both the 1995 RMP and 2008 ROD and RMP.

Thank you for your continued interest in public land management.

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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 Management Areas.	27 T21S., R03W., Sec. 25	begin Winter 2012.	
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-Sec27	A DNA has been prepared. The timber sale was re-auctioned in February 2011, but went no bid.	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-Sec29	A DNA has been prepared. This timber sale was not awarded and will be prepared for re-auction, pending findings in the DNA.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
North Creek - Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 77 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are LSR and Riparian Reserve.	T19S-R8W-Sec13	A DNA was prepared. The timber sale auction occurred in June 2011.	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Hawley Creek - Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 225 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve.	T19S-R4W-Sec33 T20W-R4W-Sec5	A DNA has been prepared. This timber sale was not awarded and will be prepared for re-auction, pending findings in the DNA	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
MJ - Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately 45 acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are LSR and Riparian Reserve.	T19S-R8W-Sec33 T20S-R8W-Sec3	A DNA will be prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in August 2011, pending findings in the DNA	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Turnpike - Pursuant to the Upper Siuslaw Landscape Plan environmental assessment this project would thin approximately acres in the planning area. The land use allocations are LSR and Riparian Reserve.	T19S-R7W-Sec33	A DNA will be prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in August 2011, pending findings in the DNA	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
Pre-commercial thinning - Pre-commercial thinning will occur on approximately 219 acres in the Siuslaw Resource Area, accomplished primarily by manual cutting of competing trees in young Douglas fir stands using small mechanical devices (chainsaws).	Various locations within the Siuslaw Resource Area.	A CX was prepared	Mark Stephen (683-6439)

<p>Swanson Bros. Lumber Co. - A request for an acquisition of easement for an existing road was filed.</p>	<p>T16S-R6W-Sec8 T16S-R7W-Sec26 T19S-R6W-Sec11 T19S-R6W-Sec14 T20S-R5W-Sec29 T16S-R6W-Sec8&17</p>	<p>A CX was prepared</p>	<p>Jodi Murphy (683-6450)</p>
<p>Special Recreation Permit - The Triangle Lake Charter School will be conducting a running race in the North Lake Creek Special Recreation Management Area near Hult Reservoir.</p>	<p>T15S-R7W-Sec23</p>	<p>A CX was prepared</p>	<p>Wade Judy 683-6457</p>
<p>Long Tom Landscape Plan – BLM is preparing an environmental document to address a commercial thinning and density management program in the Long Tom 5th Field Watershed. The land use allocations are Matrix, LSR and Riparian Reserves.</p>	<p>Long Tom 5th Field Watershed.</p>	<p>An environmental assessment has been prepared and was made available for public comment in April 2011. The Decision Record will be prepared in July 2011.</p>	<p>Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)</p>
<p>Re-Thin EA - Scoping will be initiated for this EA soon. 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 and timber management areas and riparian management areas under the 2008 RMP.</p>	<p>T17S-R7W-Sec33; T18S-R7W-Sec3; T18S-R7W-Sec15; T18S-R6W-Sec21; T18S-R6W-Sec31; T19S-R6W-Sec13; T20S-R6W-Sec3; T20S-R4W-Sec31</p>	<p>An environmental assessment will be prepared after scoping has been completed in fall and winter of 2011/2012.</p>	<p>Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)</p>
<p>WEW – Annual vegetation treatments pursuant to the WEW Schedule EA</p>	<p>West Eugene Wetlands</p>	<p>A DNA will be completed in the summer of 2011</p>	<p>Sally Villegas (683-6790)</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>West Eugene Wetlands</p>	<p>An environmental assessment is being prepared and will be available in Summer 2011.</p>	<p>Richard Hardt (683-6690)</p>