

**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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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Administratively Withdrawn Areas - One of the six land use designations in the 2008 Resource Management Plan. These lands are withdrawn from the harvest land base for specific reasons including the following: recreation sites, areas not suitable for sustainable timber production, Areas of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
Upper Willamette Resource Area Projects			
<p>2011 Thinning Project – This project proposes to commercially thin approximately 1800 acres in the Calapooya, Mohawk River and Lower McKenzie 5th field watersheds. Land Use Allocations are Matrix and Riparian Reserve. The project may also include riparian reserve thinning and road management activities.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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 2011.</p>	<p>Christie Hardenbrook (683-6935)</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>T. 14S., R2W., Secs. 29, 30, and 33.</p>	<p>Work on an environmental assessment currently underway. The EA is expected to be made available for public review in the Summer of 2011.</p>	<p>Cheshire Mayrsohn (683-6407)</p>
<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.</p>	<p>Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)</p>
<p>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 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>T14S., R01W., secs. 25, 33 T15S., R01W., secs. 1, 11 T14S., R02W., secs. 25, 35 T15S., R02W., sec. 3 T16S., R01W., sec. 21</p>	<p>Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway. The EA is expected to be available for public comment in the Summer of 2011.</p>	<p>Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)</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 is expected to be available for public review Winter 2012.</p>	<p>Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)</p>
<p>Mosby Creek Project – This project proposes to place boulders and logs into Mosby Creek. This action is covered in the Environmental Assessment for Eugene District Aquatic and Riparian Restoration Activities Environmental Assessment # DOI-BLM-OR-090-2009-0009-EA as Large Wood, Boulder, and Gravel Placement.</p>	<p>T22S., R02W., Sec. 5</p>	<p>A DNA is being prepared. Work is scheduled to begin September 2011.</p>	<p>Steve Liebhardt (683-6453)</p>
<p>South Dorena Project - This project proposes to implement commercial thinning and density management projects on approximately 1600 acres. Other</p>	<p>T21S., R02W., Secs. 9, 15 T22S., R03W., Secs. 21,</p>	<p>Work on an environmental assessment is scheduled to</p>	

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 oreganus</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>