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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Administratively Withdrawn Areas - One of the six land use designations in the 2008 Resource Management Plan. These lands are withdrawn from the harvest land base for specific reasons including the following: recreation sites, areas not suitable for sustainable timber production, Areas of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			
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.	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 was made available for public comment in March 2011. Decisions are expected in 2012.	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 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.	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 has been completed. The EA was made available for public comment in the Fall of 2011. Decisions are expected in 2013.	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 currently underway. The EA is expected to be available for public review Spring 2012. Decisions are expected in 2013.	Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)
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 Management Areas.	T21S., R02W., Secs. 9, 15 T22S., R03W., Secs. 21, 27 T21S., R03W., Sec. 25	Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway. The EA is expected to be made available for public review in the Fall of 2012.	Mike Blow (683-6495)
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 environmental assessment is scheduled to begin in April of 2012.	Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)
Seeley Creek Culvert Replacement Project – This project proposes to replace up to five culverts on Road 15-1-19.1. Currently, these culverts are undersized and restricting fish passage.	T15s., R1W., Secs. 7, 18	A DNA is being prepared. Implementation is scheduled to begin July 2012.	Steve Liebhardt (683-6453)

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 has been prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in March 2012, pending findings in the DNA	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 has been prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in March 2012, pending findings in the DNA	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 will be prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in June 2012, pending findings in the DNA	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 will be prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in June 2012, pending findings in the DNA	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 will be prepared. The timber sale auction will occur in June 2012, pending findings in the DNA	Sharmila Premdas (683-6794)
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.	Long Tom 5th Field Watershed.	The Decision Record was signed in July 2011. One protest was received, a denial was prepared, the decision has not been appealed.	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)
Alcohol Ban EA - The purpose of the action is to ban alcohol use in the Lower Lake Creek Falls area with the objective of returning the area to a more safe, secure and healthy recreation destination. A ban would give BLM management another tool to utilize in promoting a safe and healthy environment for visitors to	T16S, R7W, Sec 19	An environmental assessment has been completed and a federal register notice is being prepared.	Wade Judy (683-6457)

the site. The need for the action is demonstrated by increased problems with trash, sanitation, and noise, in addition to increased incidence of traffic accidents for travelers driving to and from the popular area.			
Carpenter Bypass EA - The underlying purpose and need for this project is to formalize, improve, and add to the existing trail system network, and to provide a safer and more secure parking area for visitors to utilize, including 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 will be prepared	Wade Judy (683-6457)
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 (*Erigeron decumbens* var. *decumbens*), Bradshaw's lomatium (*Lomatium bradshawii*), and Kincaid's lupine (*Lupinus oreganus* var. *kincaidii*) -- 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	A decision was issued on February 9, 2012.	Richard Hardt (683-6690)