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## Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project: *Community Meetings--March 1 and 2*

**Medford--**The Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council, the Southern Oregon Small Diameter Collaborative, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) invite the public to community meetings on March 1 or 2 to share information and solicit ideas for the design and implementation of the Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project. Please join us on **March 1 at the Applegate School from 6 PM to 8 PM** or on **March 2 at the Upper Applegate Grange from 7 PM to 9 PM**.

The first phase of the Pilot Project is expected to be on about 400-800 of the approximately 80,000 acres within the Middle Applegate watershed. The Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, designated the Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project to apply the guiding principles developed by forest scientists Drs. Jerry Franklin and Norm Johnson. Those principles avoid the harvest of old growth trees greater than 150 years old and entry into roadless areas. The Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project will be fully consistent with the Northwest Forest Plan and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Local citizens, residents of the Applegate, foresters, and representatives of timber and environmental interests on behalf of the *Southern Oregon Small Diameter Collaborative* and the *Applegate Partnership & Watershed Council* are working together with the BLM to involve the Middle Applegate community in the cooperative design, implementation, and monitoring of the Pilot Project.

More information about the Pilot, the Applegate Partnership and the Southern Oregon Small Diameter Collaborative may be found at:

<http://www.applegatepartnership.org/>  
<http://pacrimrcd.org/page.asp?navid=313>

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/forestrypilot/>  
<http://www.applegater.org/pdf/2011/v04n01/v04n01p09.pdf>

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