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Subject: Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Thompson Project Scoping

RE: BLM-Medford scoping letter, subject as above, dated September 30, 2011

The purpose of this letter is to submit the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation's comments on the above subject project.

Comments:

1. From the beginning of the project, include close and continuing collaboration and cooperation with fish and wildlife biologists of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
2. In development of the project consider deer, elk and other non-ESA species and include in the project treatments which will improve habitat for them. In particular, consider restoration of historical levels of early seral stage habitat and vegetation that provides forage for elk, deer, and other wildlife.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation wishes to be a party in the public process and thus requests to be notified of each opportunity to participate. Please place us on the E-mail notification list.

Sincerely,

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