

## SECRETARIAL FORESTRY PILOT PROJECTS UPDATE January 6, 2012

In December 2010, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar set in motion a plan to apply the principles ecosystem restoration, as suggested by Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin, on BLM lands within the Roseburg, Coos Bay, and Medford Districts. As the BLM moves forward with these pilot projects we'll be regularly posting updates about their status.

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The Roseburg District is continuing development of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Roseburg Secretarial Demonstration Pilot Project. The draft EA will be available for review and comment by the public tentatively in early March 2012. The current timeline for the Roseburg Pilot can be found on the following page: [www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/forestrypilot/pilot-maps.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/forestrypilot/pilot-maps.php)

For questions relating to the Roseburg pilot project, please contact Cheyne Rossbach, Roseburg District Public Affairs: (541) 464-3245 or by e-mail at [crossbac@blm.gov](mailto:crossbac@blm.gov)

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The collaborative transportation planning group for the next project under the Middle Applegate Pilot will be meeting the week of January 15<sup>th</sup> to evaluate road management needs and opportunities. With the dry winter weather, the implementation of the first Pilot project is well underway. Public field trips to the harvest operations are being scheduled for February and/or March. Contact: John Gerritsma (541) 618-2438. Additional information about the pilot is available online at:

[www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/forestrypilot/](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/forestrypilot/)

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The Coos Bay District plans to tentatively post the Wagon Road Pilot EA and signed Finding of No Significant Impact in January 2012. The EA and preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact were available for public review from November 10 – December 12, 2011.

The BLM received five comments from six organizations, and after reviewing the external and internal comments, the ID team incorporated additional supporting information and clarified project design. Contact: Kathy Hoffine (541) 751-4421. Additional information about the pilot is available online at:

[www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/forestrypilot/](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/forestrypilot/)

