

Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update October 21, 2011

In December 2010, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar set in motion a plan to apply the principles of 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.

Roseburg Pilot Project

The Roseburg District is continuing development of the Environmental Assessment for the Roseburg Secretarial Demonstration Pilot Project.

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<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/forestrypilot/index.php>

Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project

The Medford District in conjunction with the Applegate Partnership, and the Southern Oregon Small Diameter Collaborative will host a public meeting on the next phase of the Middle Applegate Pilot. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 6-8 pm at the Applegate School in Applegate. The meeting will provide information about the Pilot, the collaborative planning process, ongoing multi-party monitoring that includes the first Pilot projects, the collaborative transportation planning group, and opportunities for the Thompson Creek residents to become involved. The next phase of the pilot aims to analyze approximately 13,000 acres of BLM lands for restoration opportunities, focusing on the restoration principles of Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin. One of the expected outcomes is a timber sale or sales in September 2012.

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Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project

The Wagon Road Pilot Environmental Assessment and preliminary FONSI are tentatively scheduled for a 30-day public review starting on October 31, 2011. The proposed action alternative describes the effects of conducting a variable retention harvest on approximately 135 acres with a volume of 6,000 MBF. This project is a joint effort between the Coquille Indian Tribe and BLM to demonstrate the principles of Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin.

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