

Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update October 28, 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 continues to develop 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 held a public meeting, (October 25) on the next phase of the Middle Applegate Pilot. Other upcoming public events including a project area field trip on November 8 or 9 will be publicized shortly. The Pilot Joe (Phase 1) purchaser could begin logging within the next two weeks.

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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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