

## Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update November 18, 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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### Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project

The Southern Oregon Small Diameter Collaborative (SOSDC) received the Public Lands Foundation 2011 Landscape Stewardship Award. SOSDC includes representation from citizens, community groups, the timber industry, forest workers and practitioners, local/national environmental groups, regional fire planning efforts, academia, and land managers (including the BLM, Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Oregon Department of Forestry). Jackson County Commissioners and the Jackson County Natural Resource Advisory Committee have been supportive of the Collaborative, which has been instrumental in the creation and ongoing implementation of the Medford District BLM Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot project.

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### Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project

The Wagon Road Pilot Environmental Assessment and unsigned FONSI are available for public review through December 12, 2011. The proposed project includes 151 acres of variable retention harvest and is estimated to yield 5.5 million board of timber. The project also includes five acres of thinning within the Riparian Reserve, and nine acres of thinning and hardwood conversion within a marbled murrelet buffer area. 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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