

## Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update: March 11, 2011

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

### Roseburg Pilot Project

**Secretarial Pilot Project Open House:** The BLM hosted a meeting with members of the public on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Roughly 25 members of the public were in attendance along with Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin and BLM resource specialists. The meeting opened with an overview of the Roseburg Pilot project by Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin addressing the scope of the pilot and the stand ages being considered. Roseburg District Wildlife Biologist, Chris Foster and Forester, Abe Wheeler walked participants through a GIS demonstration showing incorporation of criteria from public input received in previous meetings in February and March. Theresa Jensen, the Oregon Consensus facilitator, helped to facilitate discussion on the nature of the stand pool Roseburg District staff identified and Drs. Johnson and Franklin selected as potential areas for the Pilot. The next public meeting will be a field trip to see how the stands would be marked in sample areas. The date for this field trip is still being determined but will be either April 30th or May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. A final date has not been set at this time. Drs. Johnson and Franklin will identify specific units from the unit pool by mid-April, 2011. Maps that show these units will be posted on the pilot project website for access by members of the public. Contact: Cheyne Rossbach, (541) 464-3245.

### Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project Update:

Next week, Jerry Franklin and Norm Johnson will meet with Medford District staff to transfer knowledge about marking guidelines and the restoration prescription. Jerry and Norm will also be meeting with our collaborative partners to provide them with additional foundational information about their restoration approach. On March 19, there is a public field trip (about 40 persons have thus far confirmed attendance) to a number of stands that have been selected for restoration through a collaborative process to view a sample mark of trees to be removed. The details about which stands to place sample marks will be worked out in consultation with Norm and Jerry at the beginning of their week here in Medford. Contact: John Gerritsma, Field Manager, Ashland Resource Area, (541) 618-2438.

Upcoming meetings for the Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project include:

**March 19, 2011**

**Time:** 9 AM-5 PM

A public field trip to demonstration sites in the Keeler and Chapman Creek area.

**Location:** Information forthcoming on logistics.

**May 5, 2011**

**Time:** 9 AM-5 PM

A field trip to demonstration sites where the public can review stands and trees marked for harvest.

**Location:** Information forthcoming on logistics.

**May 20, 2011**

**Time:** 9-12 Noon, 1-3 PM (if needed)

A public workshop to draft the multi-party monitoring plan.

**Location:** Medford Interagency Office

3040 Biddle Road

Medford, OR 97504

For these upcoming Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project-related events please RSVP to Stephanie Kelleher at (541) 618-2205, or [Stephanie.Kelleher@blm.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Kelleher@blm.gov)

### Coos Bay Wa Forest Management Pilot:

On March 9, 2011 the BLM and Coquille Indian Tribe held a field day with Professors Johnson, Franklin, Gordon, and Reeves to identify potential units for the demonstration marking areas. The Department of the Interior and BLM are continuing to review the Coquille Indian Tribe's Coos Bay Wagon Road Forest Management Pilot proposal, while the Tribe and the BLM continue to work closely on management activities affecting tribal forest lands. Contact: Mark Johnson, (541) 751-4353.

