

## Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update: March 4, 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

The BLM hosted an open house meeting with members of the public, on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 from 4 to 7 p.m. Roughly 25 members of the public were in attendance. The meeting opened with an initial question and answer session with members of the public. Dr. Norm Johnson fielded initial questions about the scope of the Roseburg Pilot.

Roseburg District resource specialists and Scott Center, a biologist with the Fish and Wildlife Service, provided a presentation on owl activity and habitat quality in the Myrtle Creek watershed. Following the presentation, Dr. Norm Johnson asked for input on what criteria should be used to select stands for the project. Theresa Jensen, the Oregon Consensus facilitator, helped to record participants' input.

The next public meeting is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. on March 8th. In preparation for the next meeting Roseburg District staff members are working closely with Dr. Norm Johnson to develop a stand pool based on the criteria developed by the public. At the next meeting, Dr. Johnson will propose units for treatment from this overall pool.

#### March 8, 2011

**Time:** 4-7PM Noon

Public meeting to develop a stand pool based on the criteria

**Location:** Roseburg District Office

777 NW Garden Valley Blvd.

Roseburg OR, 97471

#### March 26, 2011

**Time:** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Public Field Trip: Opportunity for members of the public to look at stand marking and to provide feedback.

**Location:** TBA

### Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project Update:

The introduction to the Pilot Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project public meetings (March 1 and 2) was attended by about 50 residents and interested persons, and an additional number of our partners, BLM and U.S. Fish and Wildlife staff. The meetings focused on a restoration-based forest management approach. Next week's collaborative workshop (March 8) will help to determine the selection and prioritization criteria for picking stands for restoration for the initial project in 2011. The Medford District is continuing its field analysis and inventory of northern spotted owl habitat, and coordination with collaborative partners and other stakeholders. Upcoming meetings for the Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project include:

#### March 8, 2011

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

A public workshop designed to identify and develop the criteria by which stands are selected for restoration treatments and the criteria to determine their priority for treatment.

**Location:** Upper Applegate Grange

3901 Upper Applegate Road

Jacksonville, OR 97530

#### 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 Wagon Road Forest Management Pilot:

The Coquille Indian Tribe proposed the Coos Bay Wagon Road Forest Management Pilot to the Secretary of the Interior on December 8, 2010. The Department of the Interior and BLM are reviewing the proposal, while the Tribe and the BLM continue to work closely on management activities affecting tribal forest lands. Additional details on the pilot will be shared with the public as soon as they become available.

