

Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update: April 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 next public meeting for the Roseburg Secretarial Pilot Project will be a field trip to see how stands would be marked in sample areas. The date of the field trip will be announced when weather and road conditions improve sufficiently to allow access to the sample areas. 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:

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

Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project Update:

Scoping Notice for the first project of the Middle Applegate Pilot will likely be going to approximately 600 interested persons sometime the week of April 8. Middle Applegate Pilot team members walked portions of the Middle Applegate Pilot area with Fire and Fuels staff to discuss fire resiliency and strategic placement of hazardous fuels treatments. The BLM Medford District Silviculturist has been working on implementing "Skips and gaps" while integrating wildlife and logging system concerns. Middle Applegate Pilot staff and the Biomass Coordinator toured the project with cable loggers to discuss size of material and commercial/non-commercial potential. Upcoming meetings for the Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project include:

May 5, 2011

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 to 12 Noon, 1 to 3 p.m. (if needed)

Public workshop to draft the monitoring plan.

Location: BLM Medford Interagency Office
3040 Biddle Road
Medford, OR 9750

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

Coos Bay Wa Pilot Project

The Coquille Indian Tribe (CIT) proposed the Coos Bay Wagon Road Landscape Management Proposal to the Secretary of Interior on December 8, 2010. The Department of the Interior and BLM continue to review the long term management proposal.

On March 29, the BLM Coos Bay District Manager and District Archeologist met with the chairman and tribal council of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians to update them on the progress of the forestry pilot. The tribe is expected to provide suggestions on potential project locations in the near future.

The Coquille Indian Tribe and BLM are discussing and defining roles and responsibilities for the planning and implementation of the Coos Bay Wagon Road (CBWR) pilot. Additional information on the near-term CBWR pilot and the Tribe's long term management proposal is now posted to the Coos Bay pilot page:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/forestrypilot/>



Moist Forest Workshop Video

On February 17, 2001 Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin held a workshop that focused on a review of the fundamentals of Moist Forest ecosystems. A core objective of this presentation was to improve understanding among participants of the basis and objectives of retention harvesting. The program will present information on:

- Natural stand development and the structure and function of Pacific Northwest coniferous forests;
- Disturbances and the nature and role of biological legacies of disturbance;
- Nature and importance of early successional (pre-forest) ecosystems; and
- Silvicultural applications of this science in ecological forestry, including variable retention regeneration harvesting.

A complete video of the Moist Forest Workshop is now available online in five parts. The videos can be viewed on the BLM's website at:

www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/forestrypilot/pilot-videos.php

The videos are also being uploaded to the BLM's YouTube page, and will be available for viewing at:

www.youtube.com/blmoregon

