

Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update: April 8, 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 meetings scheduled for the Roseburg Secretarial Pilot Project will be two field trips to see how stands would be marked in sample areas and to further refine the stand selections. The dates of the field trips will be Sunday, May 1, 2011, and Monday, May 2, 2011.

Please note, exact times for the field trips will be announced in a future update. Drs. Johnson and Franklin will identify specific units from the unit pool by mid-April 2011. Maps that show the potential stands in the Myrtle Creek watershed are available on the Pilot Project website at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/forestrypilot/pilot-maps.php>

Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project Update:

Scoping Notice for the first project of the Middle Applegate Pilot went out to approximately 600 interested persons on April 8. This will be available on the Middle Applegate Pilot website at:

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

Middle Applegate Pilot marking crew continues to mark stands in the Pilot Area. Medford BLM staff provided a tour of the Pilot Project to the BLM's Washington, D.C. Forestry Lead and discussed stand treatments. A full Interdisciplinary Team meeting took place this week to discuss current status and issues. The BLM Medford District also set up the first monitoring meeting with collaborative partners. This meeting will take place in two weeks. Other 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 a.m. 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 proposed the Coos Bay Wagon Road Landscape Management Proposal to the Secretary of the Interior on December 8, 2010. The Department of the Interior and BLM continue to review the long term management proposal.

The Coquille Indian Tribe and BLM are continuing to discuss and define roles and responsibilities for the planning and implementation of the Coos Bay Wagon Road pilot.



Additional information on the near-term Coos Bay Wagon Road 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

