

Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update: May 6, 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 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, Bureau of Land Management, and Drs. Franklin and Johnson hosted members of the public on two field trips within the Myrtle Creek Watershed on Sunday, May 1, 2011 and Monday, May 2, 2011. Participants had the opportunity to visit candidate stands for the demonstration of Moist Forest restoration. The field trips provided an opportunity to review the stands suggested by Drs. Franklin and Johnson for the demonstration, review the marking prescriptions that they applied, and provide suggestions for improving the learning potential of the demonstration.

The stand marking guide and associated maps from the field trips can be accessed on the pilot project website at the following address: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/forestrypilot/pilot-maps.php>

The stand marking guide and maps are also available at the Roseburg District Office, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg OR, 97471. The next public meetings for the Roseburg Pilot Project are tentatively scheduled to take place in June and August, 2011.

For questions relating to the Roseburg Pilot Project, please contact: Cheyne Rossbach, BLM Roseburg District Public Affairs at: Cheyne_Rossbach@blm.gov, or by telephone at (541) 464-3245.

Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project Update:

Drs. Franklin and Johnson worked with the Medford District Interdisciplinary Team, collaborators, and other interested public Tuesday, May 3 through Thursday May 5. On Thursday, 5 May, thirty to forty people attended a public field trip to review the timber sale marking and the proposed roads associated with the sale. The proposed roads continue to be an issue of keen interest in the greater community and generated productive discussions among the group. Feedback from this week of interaction will be used to form the proposed action and alternatives for the sale.

The BLM has had some preliminary discussion with our collaborative partners about how to move forward with developing a Multi-party Monitoring Plan. A [Public Workshop has been set for May 20, 2011](#) from 9am to noon and 1 to 3pm at the Medford Interagency Office. 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 Wagon Road 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 Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot is a near term project in cooperation with the Coquille Indian Tribe that applies the principles of Drs. Franklin and Johnson similar to the Medford and Roseburg pilots.

The BLM and Coquille Indian Tribe will be hosting a public meeting on the CBWR pilot on the evening of May 31 with a subsequent field trip scheduled for June 1. Details on the time and location of the meetings will be announced shortly. Additional information on the Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project and the Tribe's long term management proposal can be accessed at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/forestrypilot/>



Moist Forest Workshop Video

On February 17, 2011, 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 presented 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

