

Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update July 15, 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, Coos Bay, 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 comment period on the proposed Roseburg Secretarial Demonstration Pilot Project Environmental Assessment ends Friday, July 15, 2011. The next public meeting will be scheduled for August at the Roseburg District Office and will focus on review of the draft Environmental Assessment.

The current e-mail address (OR100MB@BLM.GOV) will be available only through July 2011. The new e-mail address is: BLM_OR_RB_MAIL@BLM.GOV Contact: Cheyne Rossbach, (541) 464-3245.

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

Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project

The Environmental Assessment for the Pilot Joe Demonstration project is available for public review and comment through July 27, 2011. A Decision document will be issued after the comments have been received and reviewed. Contact: John Gerritsma, (541) 618-2438.

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

Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project

Wildlife surveys and other planning work continue on the pilot project. Northern spotted owl surveys are continuing in the project area, including a second survey made with dogs that search for owl scat. People visiting the project area may notice some new activity. Under an existing reciprocal Right-of-Way and Road Use Agreement, Lone Rock Timber Company has opened up and improved one of the roads going through the project area to access their property. Contact: Mark Johnson, (541) 756-0100.

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

