

Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update July 22, 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 Roseburg District has completed collection of scoping comments as of July 15, 2011. Ten sets of comments were received from organizations and members of the public, providing feedback on the Roseburg Secretarial Demonstration Pilot Project proposed Environmental Assessment. The scoping comments will be available on the pilot project website.

The Roseburg District is currently carrying out surveys for active red tree vole nest sites within some demonstration stands in accordance with survey and manage protocols.

The next public meeting will take place in August or September at the Roseburg District Office. The date for the public meeting will be included in a future update.

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. Contact: John Gerritsma, (541) 618-2438.

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

Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project

No new information on implementation of the forest task force report. Contact: Mark Johnson, (541) 756-0100.

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

