

## Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update July 29, 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 will hold a field tour for interested members of the public on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The tour will provide an opportunity to look at the pilot project treatments as they have been designed by BLM staff, with input from Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin. Transportation from the Roseburg District office to the pilot demonstration stands will be provided by the Roseburg District. Members of the public wishing to attend should RSVP by Tuesday, September 6, 2011. Please contact Cheyne Rossbach: (541) 464-3245, or by e-mail at [crossbac@blm.gov](mailto:crossbac@blm.gov).

The Roseburg District has completed collection of scoping comments as of July 15, 2011. District staff are reviewing the comments submitted. Comments submitted are available on the pilot project website at:

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

### Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project

The BLM Medford District received 17 comment letters associated with the Pilot Joe Environmental Assessment. These comments will be posted to the Medford Pilot website over the next several days. The comment analysis and response to comments is now being prepared. A decision on the project will be available in approximately two to three weeks. Additional information about the project is available online at:

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

### Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project

The interdisciplinary team met again this week to discuss the locations of the retention aggregates and other design features associated with the project. The Coos Bay District continues its surveys for red tree voles with the help of Roseburg District employees. They will climb identified trees to survey for active red tree vole nests in accordance with survey and manage protocols.

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

