

## Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update July 8, 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 BLM Roseburg District will continue accepting scoping comments on the proposed Roseburg Secretarial Demonstration Pilot Project Environmental Assessment through next Friday, July 15, 2011. The scoping notice is listed on the Roseburg Pilot page at the following link:

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

Staff members from the South River field office of the Roseburg District continue conduct field surveys and design the potential treatments. In addition, staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service continue to provide technical advice regarding design of the treatments.

**ATTENTION:** The BLM is currently undergoing upgrades to its e-mail system. Through the close of the scoping period on July 15, 2011, the current e-mail address (OR100MB@BLM.GOV) will work, however, at the end of July 2011, this address will be deactivated. The new e-mail address for questions or comments about the Roseburg pilot will be [BLM\\_OR\\_RB\\_MAIL@BLM.GOV](mailto:BLM_OR_RB_MAIL@BLM.GOV)

### Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project Update:

The Environmental Assessment for the Pilot Joe Demonstration project is now available for public review. The review provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the BLM's proposed action and the analysis of the effects of the action. A Decision document will be issued after the comments have been received and reviewed. The public review period ends on July 27, 2011.

Professor Jerry Franklin will be in Medford the week of July 11, to review the Medford Pilot marking and the Oregon State University fire regime stand history study work.

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

### Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project

The BLM Coos Bay District and Coquille Indian Tribe plan to host a public field tour of the marked stand during the last two weeks of August. Additional information will be posted on the Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project soon.

The scoping period for the Wagon Road Environmental Assessment closed on July 5. The BLM Coos Bay District and Tribe received five letters from various organizations on the pilot project. The BLM's interdisciplinary team will be reviewing the comments received from the individuals and organizations.

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

