

Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update August 19, 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 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.

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

Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project

The biological opinions for the Pilot project are complete and the decision to implement restoration treatments on 899 acres was signed August 11, 2011. This includes a timber sale of approximately 300 acres that we anticipate will yield 1.5 million board feet of timber. The notice of the decision was published on August 18, 2011, with the timber sale scheduled for September 15.

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

Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project

Work continues on the Biological Assessment for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including a conference call on August 10, 2011, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Level 1 team to discuss the proposed action and preliminary effects determinations.

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

