

Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update September 16, 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

On Tuesday, September 13th, the Roseburg District led a field tour of the Roseburg pilot project. The tour looked at the pilot project treatments designed by BLM staff, with input from Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin. About 25 people attended the field trip including 16 students from Dr. Franklin's class at the University of Washington.

The Roseburg District will be holding an open house to discuss potential criteria for measuring success of the Roseburg Pilot project on October 11, 2011, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Roseburg District Office.

For questions relating to the Roseburg pilot project, please contact: Cheyne Rossbach, Roseburg District Public Affairs - (541) 464-3245 or by e-mail at crossbac@blm.gov

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

Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project

The Pilot Joe Timber Sale – the first timber sale (1.5 million board feet) in the Medford Secretarial Pilot was not administratively protested. It sold on September 15. Contact: John Gerritsma, (541) 618-2438.

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

Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project

Participants on the September 14 public field trip had a chance to see and discuss the marking prescription for the pilot project, including aggregate retention, red tree vole habitat retention, and density management. The field trip was hosted by the BLM, the Coquille Tribe, and Drs. Johnson and Franklin. The handout and maps from the field trip are posted on CBWR pilot website at www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/forestrypilot/pilot-maps.php, along with the amended cooperative agreement between the Coquille Indian Tribe and BLM.

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