

Secretarial Forestry Pilot Projects Update September 2, 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.

U.S. Senator Wyden's staff toured the Roseburg Pilot Project on Monday, August 22.

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

Middle Applegate Watershed Pilot Project

On August 29, Jeremiah Baumann and Adrian Deveny from U.S. Senator Merkley's D.C. office, and Amy Amhrein from his Medford office were joined by others for a field visit to the Pilot Joe timber sale, the first project from the pilot collaborative effort. The sale is to be offered September 15, 2011. Feedback afterwards was positive and demonstrated a continued interest in finding collaborative solutions.

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

Coos Bay Wagon Road Pilot Project

The Coos Bay District staff continues to prepare the environmental analysis for the project. The south coast U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is reviewing the Draft Biological Assessment in preparation for a September 12 meeting where the document will be presented.

A new document – the amended cooperative agreement between the Coquille Indian Tribe and BLM is available on the pilot webpage:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/coosbay/forestrypilot/pilot-maps.php>

The BLM and Tribe will host a public field tour to the pilot project on September 14. Drs. Johnson and Franklin, as well as BLM and Tribal staff, will be on hand to lead the group through the marked stand. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Megan Harper at 541-751-4353 or m1harper@blm.gov by September 9.



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