

Greetings,

The Grants Pass Resource Area of the Bureau of Land Management would like to note the below corrected email address for the proposed Douglas Fire Complex Recovery Project.

blm_or_md_douglas_fire_complex_recovery@blm.gov

The November 22, 2013 scoping letter sent to you was missing the domain name of the email address. We apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused you and appreciate your participation on this proposed project.

Sincerely,
Grants Pass Resource Area
Medford District
Bureau of Land Management



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IN REPLY REFER TO:
1792 (ORM 070)
DOI-BLM-OR-070-2014-001-EA

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Dear Interested Party:

The Grants Pass Resource Area is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA will document potential effects of the Douglas Fire Complex Recovery project within policies set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The project area is located within sections of Township 32 South, Range 7 & 8 West; and Township 33 South, Range 6, 7 & 8 West, Willamette Meridian (see attached map). You have been contacted because you live within approximately one half mile of the project area or you have requested to receive updates from the Grants Pass Resource Area or Roseburg BLM.

The Douglas Complex fires burned primarily within the Late Successional Reserve (LSR) Land Use Allocation (LUA) on the South River Resource Area, Roseburg District and within the Matrix LUA on the Grants Pass Resource Area, Medford District. The Grants Pass Resource Area is proposing activities within the fire perimeter designated as Matrix and Riparian Reserve. The Douglas Fire Complex Recovery project will be analyzing actions to address road hazards, public and forest worker safety, fuels mitigation and salvage as set forth by the Medford District RMP, Record of Decision 1994. Treatments proposed on Roseburg BLM managed lands within the Douglas Complex will be analyzed by a separate environmental analysis.

Background

On July 26, 2013, a lightning storm ignited the Dad's Creek, Farmer Gulch and Rabbit Mountain Fires, forming the Douglas Fire Complex. The fires were fought and the perimeter was contained at 48,679 acres on September 3, 2012. There are 5236 acres in the Matrix land allocation on the Grants Pass Resource Area. The fires burned in steep, rugged terrain near the communities of Leland, Wolf Creek and Glendale. Affected landscapes include commercial mixed conifer stands, young conifer plantations, oak woodlands, hardwood stands and other non-commercial forest land across a range of ownership. Burn intensity ranged from low to high with mixed degrees of mortality. Conditions have compromised the safe use of roads used by the BLM, other agencies, private land owners, forest workers and the general public.

Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of this project is to achieve multiple resource goals within the Matrix and Riparian Reserves set forth by the Medford District RMP, Record of Decision, 1994. The management direction for salvage of burned timber in the Matrix states that mortality of stands that result from disturbance would be harvested in salvage operations (RMP p. 186). In the Matrix, salvage only in areas that are in excess of need for snags, other habitat goals, and coarse woody debris (RMP p. 186). Timely salvage is critical in order to capture merchantable timber values before further deterioration occurs. There is a need to provide a sustained yield of timber in addition to conserving and restoring

habitat elements. The RMP directs BLM to allow for salvage to attain Aquatic Conservation Strategy and Riparian Reserve objectives where fire has degraded riparian conditions (RMP p. 26). There is a need to address long term infrastructure and fuels management objectives. Existing conditions pose hazards to forest users and drive the need for the Bureau of Land Management to act expeditiously and responsibly to eliminate hazards and mitigate potential dangers.

Public Involvement

As the Field Manager for the Grants Pass Resource Area, I am seeking your input to help identify any issues or concerns specific to this project. Please submit your written comments to Grants Pass Interagency Office, 2164 NE Spalding Avenue, 97526 or email to: blm_or_md_douglas_fire_complex_recovery by December 23, 2013. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., closed on holidays. Project information can be found at <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/medford/plans/index.php>. Those who provide comments or display an interest during this scoping period will be notified when the Environmental Assessment for this project is ready for public review.

Comments submitted will become part of the public record for this project. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your personal information from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored by the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection on their entirety.

We appreciate your involvement in Forest Management projects. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Leah Schofield, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at (541) 471-6504.

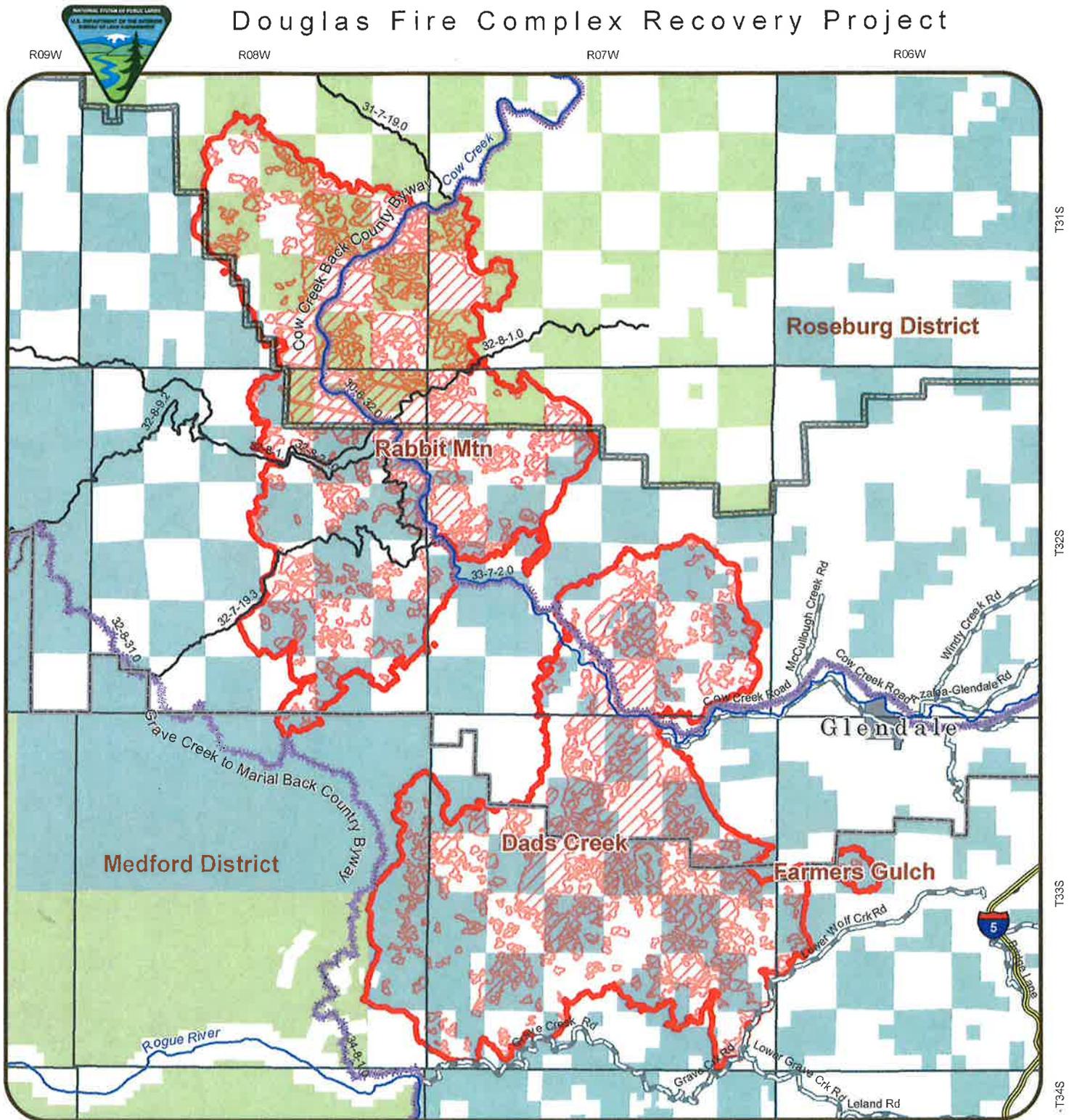
Sincerely,



Allen Bollschweiler
Field Manager
Grants Pass Resource Area

Enclosure

Douglas Fire Complex Recovery Project



Legend

- Fire Affected Landscape
- Fire Perimeters
- BLM Land Use Allocation**
- Matrix
- Late Successional Reserve
- County
- District
- Interstate
- National Back Country Byways
- County Road
- Paved Road



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