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Dear Public Land User:

The primary purpose of *Medford's Messenger* is to keep you informed of ongoing and proposed activities on the Medford District. It contains listings of projects, by resource area, that have been completed recently and identifies newly proposed projects. It is our desire to keep you informed about issues, activities, and opportunities we think are important to our publics. More importantly, we are seeking ideas and comments from those who may be affected by our multiple-use management programs.

This planning update has been organized to give you a brief description of activities occurring in several programs, as well as description of new projects being considered by the district. Additional information can be obtained from the people listed in the descriptions. These contact people are familiar with their projects and are able to answer questions and provide more details on the projects. They are interested in information you wish to share concerning any of the projects or project areas.

## **Western Oregon Plan Revision**

As we develop the initial stages of the land use plan revisions, we will keep you informed of our progress and we will strive to find timely and meaningful opportunities for sharing perspectives, as well as planning concepts. We have had numerous scoping meetings this Fall that have been successful in gathering your thoughts on important issues, suggestions for alternatives, and desired outcomes that the public would like to see. Formal scoping ended October 21, 2005. During the year of 2006 we will be developing alternatives and analyzing them to enable us to produce a draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Analysis of the Management Situation has been published and has been sent out to the public.. The Planning Criteria are being published and should be released the first week of February 2006. The Planning Criteria is a document that we would like to get public comment on by March 17th.

We appreciate your interest in our land use planning process and encourage you to monitor your BLM internet site for status reports and notices of any scheduled public meetings, tours, and advisory council meetings. The website that is open to the public that will have the latest information on the Western Oregon Plan revision process is, [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov). Look for the Planning section in the state of Oregon.

**Medford District Website**

Just a reminder to readers what is available on the Medford District website. Under the planning page you can find: *Annual Program Summaries*, the current *Medford's Messenger*, environmental assessments, selected watershed analyses, and the *Northwest Forest Plan*.

In order to keep printing costs down, if you no longer want to receive the *Messenger* please contact us and we will remove your name from the mailing list. For your convenience the *Messenger* is available on the Internet at [www.or.blm.gov/Medford/](http://www.or.blm.gov/Medford/)

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Unless you specifically request us to withhold your name and address, it will be made available to the public on request.

We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding this planning update including how it could be improved to make it more useful to you.

Thank you for your interest in BLM's management of your Public Lands. If you have any questions on information in this planning update, stop by the office or call us at 541-618-2200.

Sincerely,

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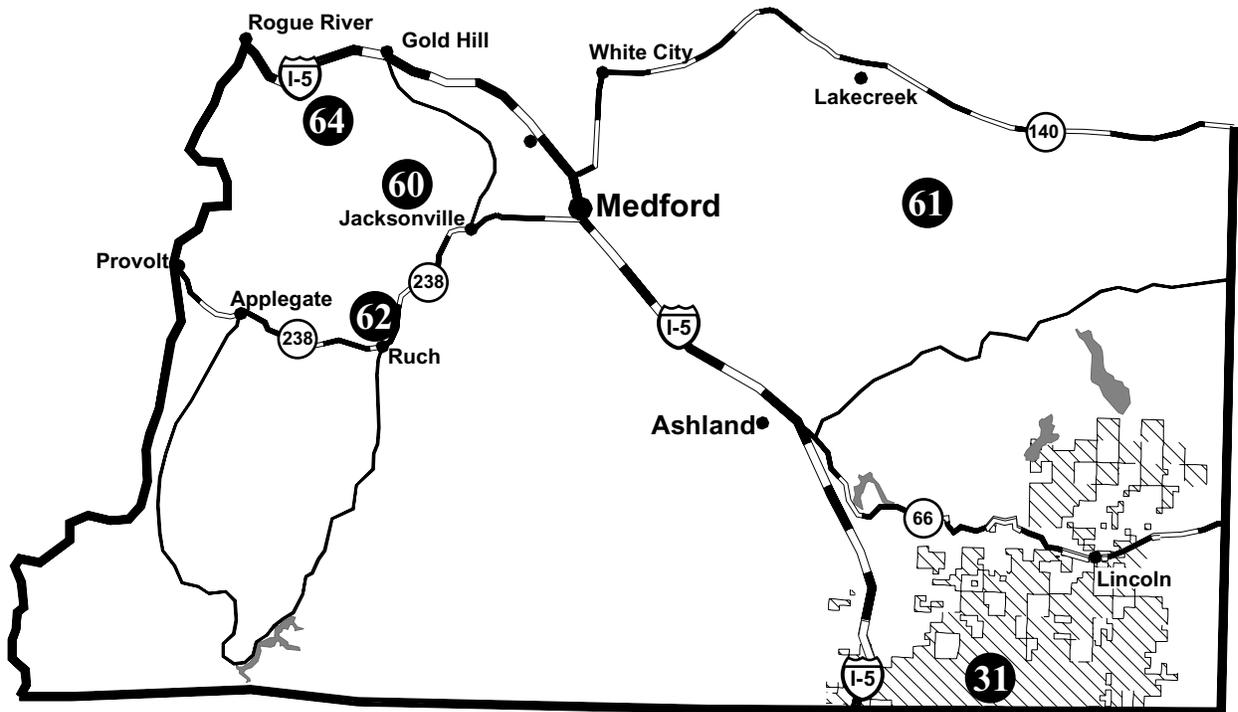
Timothy B. Reuwsaat  
District Manager

**ASHLAND RESOURCE AREA  
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS  
MEDFORD DISTRICT • 3040 BIDDLE ROAD • MEDFORD, OREGON 97504**

**NEW AND ONGOING PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED**

TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED				CONTACT
		SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	
31. CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN/EIS	East of Ashland (southern Ore.)	Completed	Completed	Completed	Spring 2006	Howard Hunter
31. CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT STUDY OF LIVESTOCK IMPACTS	East of Ashland (southern Ore.)	N/A	On-going	N/A	Not a Decision Document	Howard Hunter
60. TIMBER MTN/JOHN'S PEAK OHV PLAN/EIS (Draft). An activity level plan managing OHV.	West of Jacksonville	On-going	On-going	Winter 2007	Fall 2007	Kristi Mastrofini
61. SOUTH FORK LITTLE BUTTE EA. A forest health treatment for the maintenance sustainable forest production. Involves multiple contracts.	Little Butte Ck. Watershed	Winter 2006	Winter 2006	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Kristi Mastrofini
62. FOREST CREEK BRIDGE PROJECT EA. A watershed restoration project funded under Title II of the <i>Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000</i> . Installation of a bridge across Forest Creek on private land to provide for a cattle crossing and stream protection/restoration.	Forest Creek near Ruch, Oregon	Winter 2006	Winter 2006	Winter 2006	Spring 2006	Kristi Mastrofini
64. GALLS/KANE & TIMBER FOOT PROJECT EA. A forest health treatment for the maintenance sustainable forest production. Will involve multiple contracts. Previously considered as two separate projects, now combined into one project EA.	South of Gold Hill and Rogue River	On-going	On-going	Summer 2006	Summer 2006	Ed Reilly

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**Ashland Resource Area  
Projects**

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|-----------|---|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>31</b> | Cascade Siskiyou National<br>Monument Management Plan/EIS | <b>61</b> | South Fork Little Butte EA  |
| <b>60</b> | Timber Mtn/John's Peak OHV Plan/EIS                       | <b>62</b> | Forest Creek Bridge EA      |
|           |   | <b>64</b> | Galls/Kane & Timber Foot EA |

**BUTTE FALLS RESOURCE AREA  
 SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS  
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**RECENT DECISIONS SIGNED OR PROJECTS DROPPED**

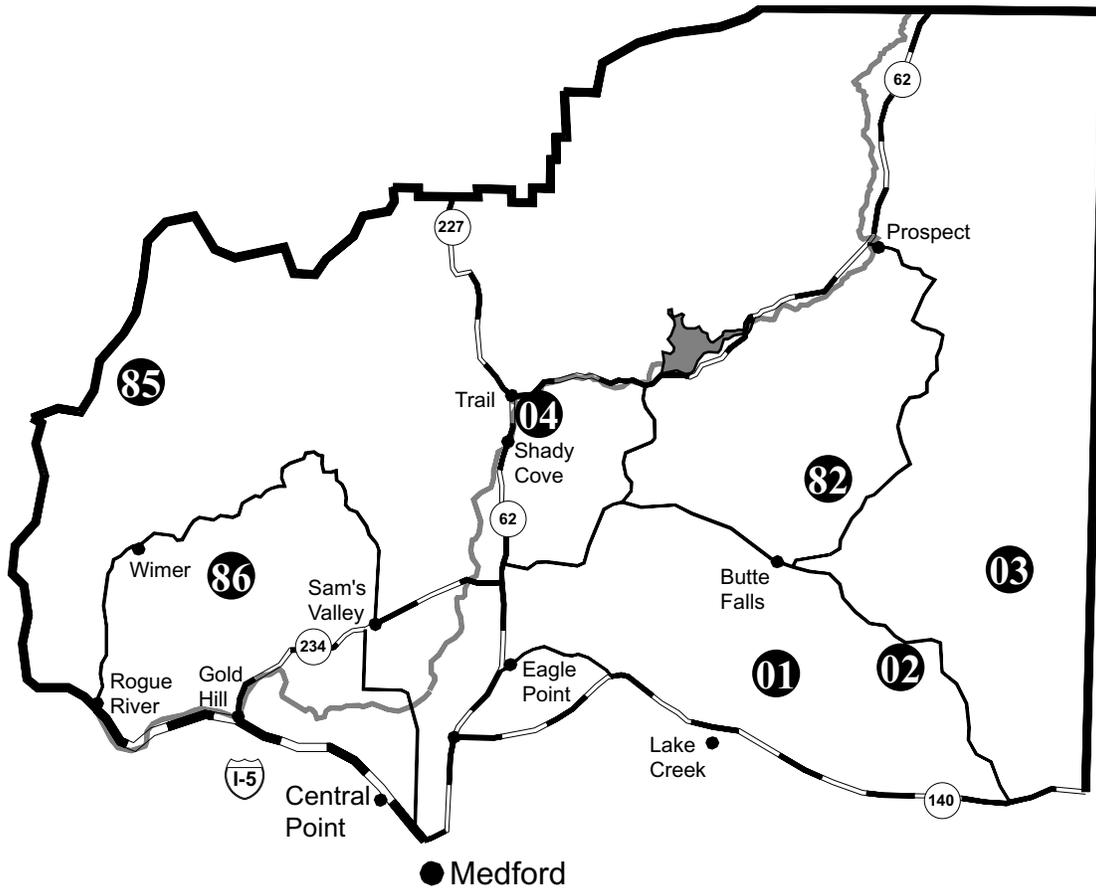
<b>TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>SCOPING</b>	<b>ANALYSIS</b>	<b>PUBLIC REVIEW</b>	<b>DECISION DATE</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
01. WASSON FIRE SALVAGE EA (Harvest of fire-killed trees)	Butte Falls Resource Area	Fall 2005	Fall 2005	Fall 2005	Winter 2006	Doug Stewart
<b>85. PLEASANT FRY EA – (TIMBER SALE AND RESTORATION PROJECTS) **</b>	Butte Falls Resource Area	Winter 2005	Spring 2005	Winter 2008	Spring 2008 2006	Jean Williams
<b>86. MUSTY SARDINES EA – (TIMBER SALE AND RESTORATION PROJECTS) Analysis Combined Sardine Evans and Musty Evans. **</b>	Butte Falls Resource Area	Spring 2005	Fall 2008	Winter 2008	Spring 2008	Jean Williams
<b>** These projects have been moved to FY 2008</b>						

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**NEW PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED**

TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED				CONTACT
		SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	
82. SUMMIT PRAIRIE/FLAT CREEK GRAZING AUTHORIZATION RENEWAL EA	Butte Falls Resource Area	Spring 2004	Summer 2004	Winter 2004	Summer 2005	Bob Budesá
02. GINGER TOKYO EA (Timber Sale and Restoration Projects)	Butte Falls Resource Area	Winter 2006	Spring 2006	Summer 2007	Summer 2007	Jean Williams
03. TWIN RANCH EA ( Timber Sale and Restoration Projects)	Butte Falls Resource Area	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Summer 2007	Summer 2007	Jean Williams
04. SHADY ELK EA (Timber Sale and Restoration Projects)	Butte Falls Resource Area	Summer 2006	Fall 2007	Winter 2008	Summer 2008	Jean Williams
05. PROGENY TEST SITES THINNING EA (Stewardship contract treating 16 Progeny test sites)	Butte Falls Resource Area	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Fall 2006	Fall 2006	Alan Buchta

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**Butte Falls Resource Area  
Projects**

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| <b>82</b> Summit Prairie/Flat Creek | <b>02</b> Ginger Tokyo EA  |
| <b>85</b> Pleasant Creek EA         | <b>03</b> Twin Ranch EA  |
| <b>86</b> Musty Sardines EA         | <b>04</b> Shady Elk EA   |
| <b>01</b> Wasson Fire Salvage       | <b>05</b> Progeny Test Sites Thinning<br>EA (Resource Area Wide) |

**GLENDALE RESOURCE AREA  
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS  
MEDFORD DISTRICT • 2164 NE SPALDING AVENUE • GRANTS PASS • OREGON 97526**

**RECENT DECISIONS SIGNED**

TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED				CONTACT
		SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	
76. SLIM JIM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA#OR118-04-014). Habitat development in the Galesville Late Successional Reserve through commercial density management treatments. Other harvest treatments occur in adjacent Matrix lands. There are multiple decision documents for various forest management projects such as timber sales, non-commercial density management, hazardous fuels reduction, road decommissioning, and small wood removal. Two timber sales under this EA are Slim Jim and Big Jim.	Upper Cow Creek watershed. South Umpqua Galesville Late Successional Reserve.	Completed	Completed	Completed	September 2005	Michelle Calvert
84. WILLY SLIDE TIMBER SALE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA#OR118-05-006). Planned timber sale in the Wilson and Slide Creek drainages. This document replaces the environmental assessment for the Willy Slide Project Environmental Assessment (EA# OR118-04-015) issued to the public in July 2004.	T31S, R9W, Sec. 7-11, 14-23, 26-35; T32S,R9W, Sec. 3-10,16; T31S, R10W, Sec. 13,24,25; T32S, R10W, Sec. 1	Completed	Completed	Completed	July 2005	Martin Lew

<p>87. BLOSSOM FIRE – BLM REHABILITATION CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION. Proposed activities are to rehabilitate areas affected by the Blossom Fire Complex and related suppression efforts and consist of planting (with fertilizer) conifers and other woody species. Approximately 290 acres have been identified for planting and subsequent follow-up treatments. In some areas, cutting of dead and live vegetation and the subsequent piling and burning of this material might be necessary to prepare the site for planting and to control existing competing vegetation</p>	<p>T32S, R10W, Sec. 1, 2, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 36; T32S, R9W, Sec. 18, 19</p>		<p>Completed</p>		<p>October 2005</p>	<p>Martin Lew</p>
<p>86. ANATUVUK MEADOW VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Proposes to restore meadow and near-meadow/savannah conditions.</p>	<p>T32S, R9W, Section 16</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>November 2005</p>	<p>Michelle Calvert</p>

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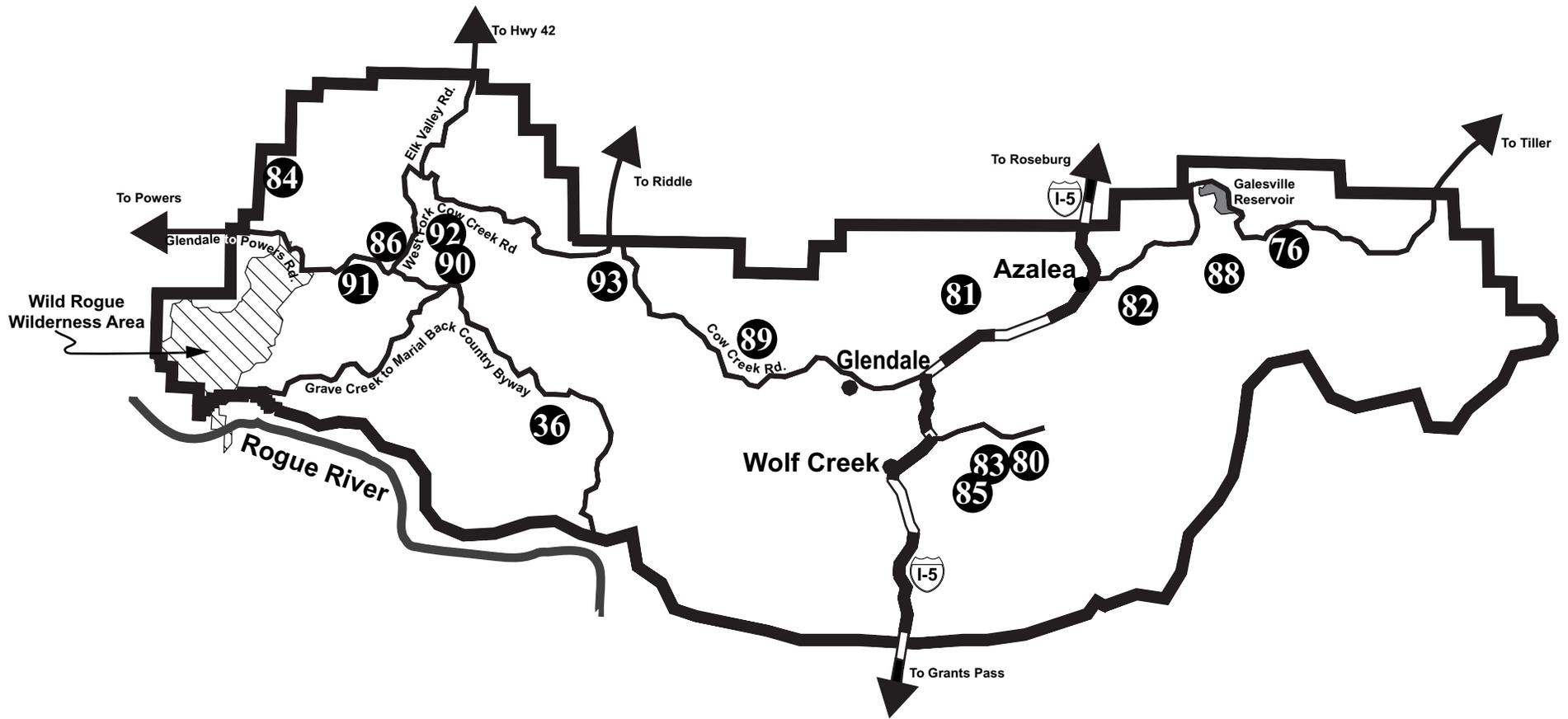
## NEW PROJECTS WITHOUT SIGNED DECISIONS

TITLE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED				CONTACT
		SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION DATE	
36. KELSEY/WHISKY CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. A comprehensive EIS for proposed management actions in the Wild Rogue North Watershed. Actions include fuel treatments, timber sales, wildlife habitat projects, road renovation, decommissioning, and other associated activities. There are multiple decision documents for various forest management projects.	T33S, R8W	Completed	Completed	Completed	Mari Kelsey Timber Sale Spring 2006	Martin Lew
68. ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENTS AND HAULING PERMITS. Processing of individual requests from other public agencies and private parties for access through BLM managed lands.	Glendale Resource Area	2005	2005	2005	2005	Michelle Calvert
80. KING PETE TIMBER SALE. Analyzed under the Wolf Tree Environmental Assessment. Proposed timber sale within 4-6 miles east of the town of Wolf Creek. Treatments include timber harvest and fuels reduction.	T 33S, R 5W, sections 3, 10, 27, 28, and 30	Completed	Completed	On hold	On hold	Martin Lew
81. WESTSIDE PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Proposed activities include timber harvesting, pre-commercial thinning, fuels reduction, road work, and riparian restoration.	Middle Cow Creek Watershed.	Summer 2005	2004-2005	February 2006	Spring 2006	Martin Lew
82. MIDDLE COW LSR PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Proposed activities include timber harvest, thinning treatments, fuels reduction, wildlife enhancement, riparian restoration, and recreation development opportunities.	Middle Cow Creek Watershed. South Umpqua/Galesville Late Successional Reserve.	Summer 2005	2004-2005	February 2006	Spring 2006	Michelle Calvert
83. PERPETUA RIGHT OF WAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Proposed right-of-way road construction.	T 33S, R 5W, sections 17 & 20	Winter 2006	Winter 2006	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Michelle Calvert

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88. SENECA RIGHT OF WAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Proposed right-of-way road construction.	T32S-R3W-Section 6 and T32S-R4W-Section 9	Winter 2006	Winter 2006	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Michelle Calvert
89. COTTONSNAKE SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. Additional analysis provided for the Cottonsnake Environmental Assessment. Proposed timber sale is within 6 miles north and west of the town of Glendale.	T 32S., R 6W, sections 5, 19; T32S., R 7W, sections 13, 23, 25; T 33S., R 6W, section 6; and T 33S., R 7W, sections 1, 9, 10, 11, 13		January 2006	February 2006	March 2006	Martin Lew
90. COLD SPRINGS CCC CAMPGROUND ENHANCEMENT. Proposed activities include camp site and horse stall construction; signage, kiosk, and hand water pump installation; widening a portion of the entrance/exit road for safety; and designation of an existing trail.	T32S-R9W-Section 15,16, 21, 22	Winter 2006	Winter 2006	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Michelle Calvert
91. AUGUST KNOB TIMBER SALE. Proposed activities are within the Blossom Fire include tree removal.	T.32S., R.10W., Sections 13, 23, 24, 26 and T.32S., R9W., Sections 18 and 19	Winter 2006	Winter 2006	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Martin Lew
92. ANATUVUK SADDLE STEWARDSHIP COMMERCIAL THIN. Proposal to thin stands to enhance stand growth and vigor.	T.32S., R.9W., Sections 8, 9, 16-18, 21	Winter 2006	Winter 2006	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Michelle Calvert

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93. BONEY SKULL TIMBER SALE. Proposed activities include timber harvesting, thinning treatments, fuels reduction, and road work.	T.32S., R.8W. Sections 12-14, 23, 25, 27, 29, 33, 35 & T.32S., R.7W. Sections; T.33S., R.8W. Sections 1-5, 11-12; T.32S., R.7W. Sections 19, 31	Winter 2006	Winter 2006	Summer 2006	2006	Michelle Calvert

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**Glendale Resource Area  
Projects**

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|----|---|----|---|
| 36 | Kelsey Whisky EIS                         | 86 | Anatuvuk Meadow Vegetation Mgt.             |
| 76 | Slim Jim EA                               | 88 | Seneca ROW Road Construction                |
| 80 | King Pete Timber Sale                     | 89 | Cottonsnake Supplemental EA                 |
| 81 | Westside Landscape Planning Project       | 90 | Cold Springs Campground Enhancement         |
| 82 | Middle Cow LSR Landscape Planning Project | 91 | August Knob Salvage                         |
| 83 | Perpetua ROW Road Construction            | 92 | Anatuvuk Saddle Stewardship Commercial Thin |
| 84 | Willy Slide Timber Sale                   | 93 | Boney Skull Timber Sale                     |
| 85 | Five Rogues Timber Sale                   |    |   |

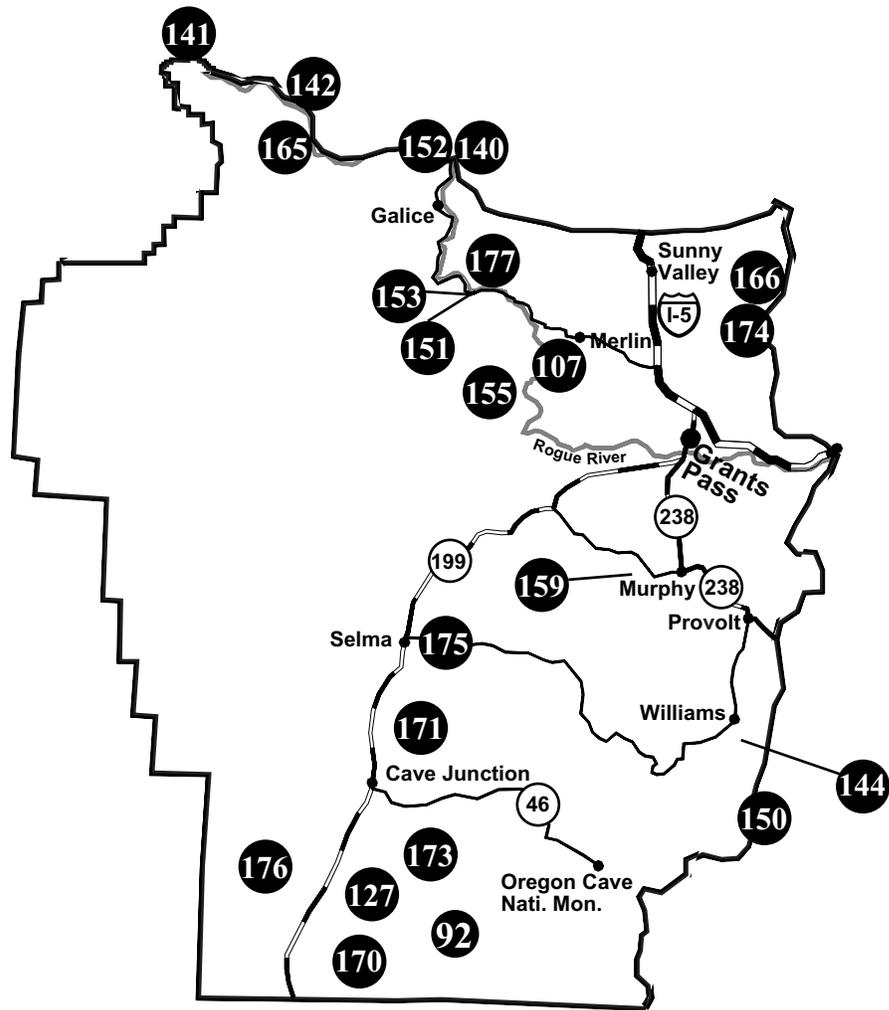
**GRANTS PASS RESOURCE AREA  
SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS  
GRANTS PASS INTERAGENCY OFFICE – 2164 NE SPAULDING, GRANTS PASS, OREGON 97526**

**NEW OR ON-GOING PROJECTS**

PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED DATES				CONTACT
		SCOPING	ANALYSIS	PUBLIC REVIEW	DECISION	
92. ALTHOUSE SUCKER LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROJECT	Althouse and Sucker Creek watersheds	Completed	On-going	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Dave Maurer
107. WILDLIFE IMAGES R&PP LEASE	T35S,R7W, Sec 25,36	On Hold				Cori Cooper
127. FRENCH FLAT ACEC MANAGEMENT PLAN	T40S,R8W, Sec 10,15	Completed	On Hold			Robin Taylor
140. RAND ADMINISTRATIVE SITE MAINTENANCE	Galice area	On Hold				Cori Cooper
141. ROGUE RIVER RANCH MAINTENANCE	Wild section of the Rogue	On Hold				Cori Cooper
142. ROGUE RIVER TRAIL MAINTENANCE (TITLE II)	Wild section of the Rogue	On Hold				Cori Cooper
144. E. FORK WILLIAMS CREEK FISH PASSAGE (TITLE II)	T39S,R5W, Sec 23	On Hold				Stephanie Messerle
150. KERBY PEAK TRAIL REROUTE	T38S,R6W, Sec 31 T39S,R6W, Sec. 5,6	On Hold				Jim Roper
151. HELLGATE OVERLOOK RENOVATION	Rogue River rec. section	Completed	On Hold			Cori Cooper
152. ROCKY BAR RECREATION SITE	T34S,R8W, Sec 36	Completed	On Hold			Cori Cooper
153. RIVER CORRIDOR VEHICLE ACCESS CONTROL PLAN	Rogue River - Hellgate Recreation Section	On Hold				Chris Dent
159. IRON CREEK RIGHT OF WAY	T37S, R6W, Sec 23	Completed	On-going	Spring 2006	Spring 2006	Sandra McGinnis
165. RUM CREEK LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROJECT	Wild Rogue South and Big Hog watersheds	Completed	On-going	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Robin Snider
166. GRANITE JOE LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROJECT	North of Grants Pass	Summer 2006	Fall 2006	Spring 2007	Summer 2007	John Schneider / Stephanie Messerle
170. EAST FORK ILLINOIS LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT PROJECT	East Fork Illinois River	Completed	On-going	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Jon Raybourn
171. TENNESSEE LIME FOREST MANAGEMENT PROJECT	Kerby area	Completed	On-going	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Robin Taylor
173. WOLF MINING PLAN OF OPERATIONS	Waldo area	Completed	On-going	Summer 2006	Summer 2006	Diane Parry/ Jim Roper
174. JOE LOUSE SEDIMENT REDUCTION (TITLE II)	Upper Jumpoff Joe and Louse Creek watersheds	Completed	On-going	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Dave Maurer/ Paul Podesta
175. DEER CREEK SALVAGE	Selma Area-Deer Creek Fire	Completed	On-going	Spring 2006	Spring 2006	Frank Hoepfer

PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PROPOSED DATES				CONTACT
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176. WEST FORK BRIDGE (TITLE II)	West Fork Illinois river	Winter 2005/6	Winter 2005/6	Spring 2006	Summer 2006	Jim Roper
177. CARSON HELICOPTER TRAINING	Wild&Scenic Rogue River, Recreation Section	Completed	Winter 2005/6	Spring 2006	Spring 2006	Cori Cooper

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### Grants Pass Resource Area Projects

- 92 Althouse Sucker Forest Management Project EA
- 107 Wildlife Images R&PP Lease EA
- 127 French Flat ACEC Management Plan EA
- 140 Rand Administrative Site Maintenance EA
- 141 Rogue River Ranch Maintenance EA
- 142 Rogue River Trail Maintenance EA
- 144 East Fork Williams Creek Fish Passage EA
- 150 Kerby Peak Trail Re-Route EA
- 151 Hellgate Overlook Renovation EA
- 152 Rocky Bar Recreation Site Development EA
- 153 River Corridor Vehicle Access Control Plan EA (Hellgate Recreation Section)
- 155 Hussey Lane Day Use Site EA
- 159 Iron Creek ROW EA
- 165 Rum Creek Landscape Mgt Project EA
- 166 Granite Joe Landscape Mgt Project EA
- 170 East Fork Illinois Landscape Management Project EA
- 171 Tennessee Lime
- 173 Wolf Mining Plan of Operations
- 174 Joe Louse Sediment Reduction
- 175 Deer Creek Salvage
- 176 West Fork Bridges
- 177 Carson Helicopter Training



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