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BLM Seeks Comments on Roseburg Secretarial Demonstration Pilot Project

Roseburg, Ore. – The Roseburg District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has begun an environmental assessment (EA) for the Roseburg District Secretarial Demonstration Pilot Project. The South River Field Office will be seeking public scoping comments on the project from June 15, 2011 to July 15, 2011.

The Secretary of the Interior directed the BLM Districts of southwest Oregon to develop Demonstration Pilot Projects intended to demonstrate the application of principles of restoration forestry developed by Drs. Jerry F. Franklin and K. Norman Johnson. Part of the intent of these projects is to help inform long-term planning on BLM O&C lands.

The potential demonstration units are located in the upper elevations of the Myrtle Creek watershed and also include areas within the Little River and Middle South Umpqua River/Dumont Creek watersheds.

The project would involve the variable retention regeneration harvest of approximately 250 to 350 acres in an interior moist forest, with potential density management in a portion of 109 acres of associated Riparian Reserves and Riparian Management Areas, for the purposes of ecosystem restoration and economic recovery.

The official Scoping Notice and associated maps and background information are available on the Roseburg Pilot Project Website at:

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

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