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Roseburg Pilot Project Available for Public Review

Roseburg, Ore. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) South River Field Office has completed the Roseburg Secretarial Demonstration Pilot Project Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact.

In December 2010, U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar committed to immediately develop an action plan for the Roseburg Pilot Project. The Roseburg Pilot Project was intended to fulfill the Secretary of the Interior's direction to apply the principles of ecological restoration, as developed by Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin, on BLM lands within the Roseburg District. The project included the elements of active management proposed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the recovery of the northern spotted owl. The objective of the pilot project has been to demonstrate the ecological and economic merits of the restoration strategy outlined by Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin.

Throughout 2011, the BLM, along with Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin, held a series of public meetings, workshops, and field trips to discuss the pilot projects and learn more about the principles of ecological forestry. In February 2012, the BLM released a report regarding the Drs. Johnson and Franklin's observations about the Forestry Pilot Projects.

The Environmental Assessment is available for a 30-day period for public review and comment:

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

Comments on the EA must be received by the South River Field Office by close of business (4:30 p.m. PDT) on **May 3, 2012** to be considered timely.

The BLM Roseburg District will hold a public meeting on **April 12, 2012, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.** to provide information about the developed EA and to answer questions from members of the public. Members of the public are reminded that before including address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in their comment they should be advised that their entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While the public can ask the BLM in their comment to withhold from public review personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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Written comments should be directed to Mr. Steven Lydick, South River Field Manager, at the BLM Roseburg District Office, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg Oregon, 97471. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail at:

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