

Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



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Dear Citizen:

The Planning Update is published to provide current information about specific projects and future events planned on the Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management.

The Roseburg District is currently involved in a Secretarial Pilot in coordination with Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Pilot is being developed by Drs. Johnson and Franklin to demonstrate their principles of ecological forestry as applied in an interior moist forest setting. The Roseburg effort was initiated on February 16, 2011 with an open house, followed on February 17 by a day-long workshop in which Drs. Johnson and Franklin reviewed the principles of ecological forestry.

This undertaking has been directed by the Secretary of the Interior and is of interest to the Oregon Congressional Delegation. It is intended to be a demonstration of active federal land management to restore ecological values and contribute to sustainable communities. The demonstration project will take place in the Myrtle Creek watershed. Work on the demonstration project will be ongoing over the course of this year with numerous opportunities for involvement of interested members of the public. For associated activities, scheduling of events and basic information about the Secretarial Pilot, we invite you to visit the Roseburg Pilot Project web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/forestrypilot/> or email us at forestrypilotproject@blm.gov.

We will keep you updated on further developments through the Quarterly Planning Update and the district website at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/plans/index.php>. As with previous planning updates, this edition contains information on the wide array of work that is underway or proposed for the Roseburg District. Please send written comments on BLM projects, including the specific project and field office name, to 777 N.W. Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97471, during the public comment period.

Thank you for your interest in Roseburg District BLM lands!

Sincerely,

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Jay K. Carlson
District Manager

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Non-Discretionary Actions Under Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreements

A reciprocal right-of-way agreement is a document exchanging access rights between BLM and a permittee pursuant to 43 CFR 2812 regulations. BLM has 140 individual agreements and easements that were executed prior to the implementation of the Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP p. 71). These 140 agreements are subject to regulations in effect at the time the agreements were executed or assigned. The BLM's discretion on activities pursuant to these agreements (such as road construction) is limited to that described in the agreement itself.

South River Field Office

- No new reciprocal requests were received this quarter.

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Lone Rock Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement -767** – Construction of 1,160 feet of road in the SW¹/₄, Section 17, T. 25 S., R. 3 W., W.M.; construction of 68 feet of road in the SW¹/₄, Section 7, T. 25 S., R. 3 W., W.M.; and renovation of 110 feet of BLM Road No. 25-4-2.0 Segment C in the NW¹/₄, Section 19, T. 25 S., R. 3 W., W.M. The first segment of road construction passes through early and mid-seral stands in the General Forest Management Area land use allocation. The second segment passes through an early-seral stand in the Connectivity/Diversity Block land use allocation.
- **Lone Rock Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement -767** – Construction of two segments of road, 275 feet in combined length in the NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, Section 13, T. 25 S., R. 4 W., W.M. through a mature forest stand in the General Forest Management Area land use allocation.

Categorical Exclusions

The Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) issues regulations for implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Regulations at 40 CFR § 1508.4 define categorical exclusions as “. . . a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a Federal agency in implementation of these regulations (Sec. 1507.3) and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required. Categorical exclusions cover management actions for many resource programs, including things such as fish and wildlife, forestry, realty, transportation, recreation management and emergency stabilization following a natural disaster.

There is a prescribed rule-making process for establishing actions that are categorically excluded from NEPA analysis. This includes publication of a Federal Register notice of actions proposed for categorical exclusion from NEPA, public involvement, evaluation of public comments, CEQ review, publication in the Federal register of formal decisions, and inclusion in the Department NEPA regulations or manual.

Use of categorical exclusions on the Roseburg District includes an internal exemption review of extraordinary circumstances as prescribed through CEQ and Departmental/Bureau policy. We include categorical exclusions in the Roseburg District Quarterly Planning Update to keep the public informed, but because the actions are categorically excluded from NEPA review, there is not a comment/response process as with NEPA documents such as environmental assessments (EAs) and environmental impact statements (EISs).

Roseburg District

- There are no new categorical exclusions at the District level this quarter.

South River Field Office

- **Access** – Issuance of a permit to PAB Limited Partnership to improve Segment A of BLM Road No. 29-3-27.4 and haul timber from private lands in the E½, Section 22, T. 29 S., R. 3 W., Willamette Meridian, over BLM Road No. 29-3-33.0. Road improvement work will be limited to the dry season from May 15 to October 15, 2011. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2011-0001-CX)
- **Silviculture** – Pruning of 333 acres in the General Forest Management Area (33), Connectivity/Diversity Block (156) and Late-Successional Reserve (144) land use allocation. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2011-0002-CX)
- **Coq and Dagger Commercial Thinning** – Commercial thinning of two young, overstocked forest stands approximately 54 years old, in the Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations. The project area is located in Sections 31 and 31, T. 29 S., R. 8 W., Willamette Meridian. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2010-0001-CX)

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Realty** – Renewal of Occupancy Lease No. ORE 010734 for a cabin and ancillary facilities for a period of 30 years. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2009-0002-CX)
- **Habitat Improvement** – Application of pruning and pre-commercial thinning to assist in restoration of meadow habitat for Umpqua Mariposa lily (*Calochortus umpquaensis*) in Section 27, T. 26 S., R. 3 W., W.M. Cut material will be piled and covered during the fall or winter of 2011-2012. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2010-0021-CX)
- **Facilities Maintenance** – Replacement of an undersized and deteriorating culvert on BLM Road No. 25-3-36.0 in Section 23, T. 25 S., R. 3 W., W.M. and rehabilitation of a pump chance located at the culvert outlet. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2011-0001-CX)

New Projects

Roseburg District

Timber Management Activities

Roseburg Secretarial Pilot Project

Description: The project would involve the application of principles of ecological forestry proposed by Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin, and endorsed by Secretary of the Interior Kenneth Salazar. The project would involve the treatment of approximately 250 acres of moist-site forest for the purposes of ecological and economic restoration.

Location: Myrtle Creek 5th-field watershed. Specific forest stands to be treated are yet to be determined.

Issue Identification: Begun at a public workshop on February 17th, 2011.

Analysis: Environmental assessment.

Public Comment Period: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Anticipated in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2012, or first quarter of fiscal year 2013.

Restoration Activities

There are no new planning starts underway this quarter for restoration activities at the District level.

Other Activities

There are no new planning starts underway this quarter for other, miscellaneous activities at the District level.

South River Field Office Timber Management Activities

Camas Valley 2011 Harvest Plan

Description: The proposal consists of: commercial thinning of approximately 678 acres in the General Forest Management Area and Connectivity/Diversity Block allocations and associated Riparian Reserves; density management of approximately 1,135 acres in Late-Successional Reserves; and regeneration of approximately 266 acres of 60 to 70 year old stands in the General Forest Management Area, with density management in associated Riparian Reserves. Design of the project, and analysis of the effects of the proposed action will conform to the management objectives of the 1995 Roseburg District *Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* and will tier to the analytical assumptions and conclusions of the 1994 Roseburg District *Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement*. Analysis of effects and information from 2008 *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Revision of the Resource Management Plans of the Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management* will also be incorporated by reference.

Location: Commercial Thinning in General Forest Management Area and Connectivity/Diversity Block and Density Management in associated Riparian Reserves: Sections 19, 29, & 31, T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 27, 31, and 32, T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; Section 13, T. 29 S., R. 9 W.; and Sections 2, 3, 23, and 27, T. 30 S., R. 9 W., W.M.

Regeneration Harvest in General Forest Management Area and Density Management in associated Riparian Reserves: Section 35, T. 29 S., R. 9 W., W.M.

Density Management in Late-Successional Reserves: Sections 5 and 17, T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 5 and 9, T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 3, 15, 23, and 27, T. 29 S., R. 9 W.; Sections 9, 17, 19, 27, and 33, T. 30 S., R. 8 W., and Section 25, T. 30 S., R. 9 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Underway.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated in late-August or early-September of 2011.

Decision Date: Fiscal years 2013 and 2014, possibly into 2015.

Restoration Activities

Tributary to Boulder Creek Culvert Replacement

Description: Replacement of a culvert on BLM Road No. 31-7-19.0 that failed in the winter of 2009 and has resulted in the loss of approximately one-half of the road's running surface. The existing pipe, located on an unnamed tributary to Boulder Creek, is to be replaced with a squashed pipe approximately five-feet and seven inches by eleven feet and five inches in cross-section that will allow for upstream and downstream passage of aquatic wildlife. Work is planned for the summer of 2011. The road will be closed during construction.

Location: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 20, T. 30 S., R. 8 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Determination of NEPA Adequacy tiered to the Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment (EA #OR-103-08-09), to assess effects and inform a decision.

Public Comment Period: Public comment opportunity on programmatic restoration projects was provided from August 4, 2009 through September 3, 2009 following release of the Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration EA.

Decision Date: March 15, 2011.

Olalla Instream Restoration

Description: Placement of large wood and boulders in Thompson Creek and Muns Creek to create and maintain spawning and rearing habitat for coho salmon, steelhead trout and resident cutthroat trout. Funding was secured through Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act. Work planned for July 1st to September 15th, 2011.

Location: Thompson Creek in Section 5, T. 30 S., R. 7 W., W.M. and Muns Creek in Section 3, T. 29 S., R. 8 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing

Analysis: Determination of NEPA Adequacy tiered to the Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration EA, to assess effects and inform a decision.

Public Comment Period: Public comment opportunity on programmatic restoration projects was provided from August 4, 2009 through September 3, 2009 following release of the Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration EA.

Decision Date: Expected sometime in early-May.

Bilger Ridge Habitat Restoration

Description: The action to be implemented is pre-commercial thinning of trees up to seven inches diameter breast height, pruning larger trees to a height of approximately eight feet, and cutting other brush on approximately five (5) acres. The intent is to remove competing vegetation and increase available sunlight so that the *Calochortus coxii* population inhabiting the area will flourish. Thinning and brushing will be accomplished between October, 2011 and February, 2012. Cut material will be hand piled and covered for burning the following fall/winter.

Location: Sections 34 and 35, T. 28 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Determination of NEPA Adequacy tiered to the *Calochortus coxii* Habitat Restoration Environmental Assessment (EA # OR-105-99-09) to assess effects and inform a decision.

Public Comment Period: Public comment opportunity was provided between April 20th, 1999 and May 20th, 1999. There were no comments received expressing a concern over the proposed habitat management actions described in the EA.

Decision Date: Expected in early-April.

Other Activities

There are no new planning starts this quarter for other, miscellaneous activities in the South River Field Office.

Swiftwater Field Office

Timber Management Activities

There are no new planning starts this quarter for timber management activities in the Swiftwater Field Office.

Restoration Activities

2011 Instream Restoration

Description: Stream restoration projects including the acquisition of instream wood, the placement of large wood or boulders, the eradication of noxious weeds, and the planting of native shrubs and trees within the boundaries of the Swiftwater Field Office, consistent with restoration projects proposed and analyzed in the *Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment* (EA#OR-103-08-09). Projects currently planned for 2011 include: Rock Creek Side Channels 2011, Upper Smith River 2011, and Fitch Creek.

Location: Sections 11, 15, and 21 of T. 25 S., R. 02 W.; Sections 9 and 16 of T. 21 S., R. 06 W.; Section 1 of T. 21 S., R. 07 W.; and Section 33 of T. 21 S., R. 05 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: *Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment* (EA#OR-103-08-09).

Public Comment Period: Concluded September 4, 2009.

Decision Date: Anticipated May 2011.

Other Activities

There are no new planning starts this quarter for other, miscellaneous activities in the Swiftwater Field Office.

Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items

Note- the Roseburg District FY2010 Timber Sale Plan is available at:
<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/timbersales/files/2010SalePlan.pdf>

Roseburg District

Timber Management Activities

There are no previous planning actions to update this quarter for timber management activities at the District level.

Restoration Activities

There are no previous planning actions to update this quarter for restoration activities at the District level.

Other Activities

There are no previous planning actions to update this quarter for other, miscellaneous activities at the District level.

South River Field Office

Timber Management Activities

South River FY2009 Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning of approximately 866 acres of mid-seral forest stands in the Matrix allocations and associated Reserves, and 306 acres in the Late-Successional Reserves. Design of the project, and analysis of the effects of the proposed action will conform to the management objectives of the 1995 Roseburg District *Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* and will tier to the analytical assumptions and conclusions of the 1994 Roseburg District *Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement*. Analysis of effects and information from 2008 *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Revision of the Resource Management Plans of the Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management* will also be incorporated by reference.

Location: Matrix and Riparian Reserves - Sections 21, T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 19, 29, 31 and 33, T. 29 S., R. 6 W.; Sections 11, 13, 15, 25, and 31, T. 29 S., R. 7 W.; Section 33, T. 29 S. R. 8 W.; and Sections 5 and 7, T. 30 S., R. 6 W., W.M.

Late-Successional Reserves - Section 8, 21 and 33, T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; and Section 9, T. 30 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: July 13 to August 12, 2010.

Decision Date: The Kryptonite Commercial Thinning, Plug Nickel Commercial Thinning, and 38 Special Commercial Thinning timber sales were offered at auction on August 17, 2010, November 16, 2010, and December 14, 2010, respectively. Two additional decisions are anticipated in May and June, 2011.

Restoration Activities

There are no previous planning actions to update for restoration activities in the South River Field Office.

Other Activities

Christian Futures Unilateral Right-of-Way and Road Construction Permit

Description: Christian Futures, Inc. has purchased two parcels of forest land from the State of Oregon, in the general vicinity of Canyon Pass. They are seeking permission to construct new roads across BLM lands, construct a landing just off of a property line, and use existing BLM roads to transport timber harvested from the purchased lands.

Location: Sections 26 and 35, T. 31 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Douglas County Unilateral Right-of-Way and Road Construction Authorization

Description: The Douglas County Lands Department had sought permission to use an existing BLM-administered road, make improvements to a jeep road on BLM-administered lands BLM-administered lands in Section 35, T. 29 S., R. 5 W., W.M. for the purpose of accessing County-owned timber land in Section 35, T. 29 S., R. 5 W., W.M. On March 22, 2011, the County withdrew the application and is pursuing other access options. No further work will be done on the environmental assessment that was begun for this project.

White Rock Travel Management Plan

Description: A comprehensive travel management plan that will include inventory and possible development of roads and trails for both motorized and non-motorized uses. As a part of this planning effort, the BLM will be looking at a proposal that was brought forward by members of the public to develop an Off-Highway Vehicle area near White Rock.

Location: T. 28 S., R. 4 W., W.M.; T. 29 S., R. 4 W., W.M.; T. 28 S., R. 3 W., W.M.; and T. 29 S., R. 3 W., W.M. The exact boundary of the planning area is yet to be determined.

Scoping Period: Unknown at this time.

Issue Identification: Unknown at this time.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Swiftwater Field Office

Timber Management Activities

Elk Wings Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning in the GFMA, Connectivity/Diversity Block, Late-Successional Reserve, and Riparian Reserve land use allocations in the Elk Creek and Upper Umpqua watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning or density management of 41-69 year old forest stands. Three sales are planned: Lost Cub (345 acres), Uncle Albert (228 acres), and Admiral Halsey (157 acres).

Location: Sections 23 and 27 of T. 22 S., R. 06 W. and Sections 11, 14, 15, 21 and 23 of T. 23 S., R. 06 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated February 2012.

Decision Date: Anticipated: Lost Cub (December, 2012); Uncle Albert (January, 2013); Admiral Halsey (March, 2013).

Box of Rocks Commercial Thinning and Density Management

This analysis is being conducted by the South River Field Office, which will be responsible for the analysis, preparation, authorization and administration of the project, if implemented.

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 1,255 acres allocated to the Matrix land use allocations and associated Riparian Reserves, and density management of approximately 395 acres allocated to Late-Successional Reserves. The project is anticipated to yield between 12 and 15 million board feet of timber.

Location: Section 31 of T. 24 S., R. 1 W., Willamette Meridian (W.M.); Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 23, 25 and 26 of T. 25 S., R. 1 W., W.M.; and Sections 1, 7, 11, 15, 17, 23 and 25 of T. 25 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Comment Period: February 22 through March 24, 2011.

Decision Date: Multiple decisions anticipated in fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

Johnson Cleghorn Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning of approximately 428 acres of 40-50 years old forest stands within the General Forest Management Area, Late-Successional Reserve, and Riparian Reserves land use allocations in Upper Smith River. The analysis of this thinning project will evaluate alternatives based on the Roseburg District Collaborative Forestry Pilot.

Location: Potential units are located in Sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 17, and 18, T. 21, S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated May/June 2011.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Thunder Bolt Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning in the Adaptive Management Area (AMA), GFMA, Connectivity/Diversity Block, and Riparian Reserve land use allocations in the Little River and Middle North Umpqua River watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning or density management of 49-73 year old forest stands. Three sales are planned: Big Thunder (450 acres), Thundering Herd (540 acres), and Rolling Thunder (395 acres).

Location: Sections 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, and 33, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated September 2011.

Decision Date: Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Big Thunder (October 2012), Thundering Herd (November 2012), and Rolling Thunder (February 2013).

Sir Galahad Commercial Thinning and Density Management

This analysis is being conducted by the South River Field Office, which will be responsible for the analysis, preparation, authorization and administration of the project, if implemented.

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of mid-seral stands within the Matrix, Riparian Reserves and Late-Successional Reserves in the Yellow Creek 6th-field subwatershed of the Upper Umpqua River 5th-field watershed, and the Cabin Creek-Calapooya 6th-field subwatershed of the Calapooya Creek 5th-field watershed. The current proposal involves an estimated 523 acres of forest stands up to 65-years of age, although additional acres are still being evaluated for suitability for thinning. Tentative unit locations are as follows:

Location: *Matrix* - 170 acres in Section 25, T. 23 S., R. 6 W.; and Section 19, T. 23 S., R. 5 W.; *Late-Successional Reserve*; 353 acres in Section 35, T. 23 S., R. 6 W.; and Section 3, T. 24 S., R. 6 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Comment Period: November 2 through December 2, 2010.

Decision Date: Anticipated in September of 2011.

Little River MMX Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning in the Adaptive Management Area (AMA), GFMA, and Riparian Reserve land use allocations in the Little River and Lower and Middle North Umpqua River watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning of 35-62 year old forest stands. Four sales are planned: Root Canal (500 acres), Baker Street (150 acres), Horseshoe (500 acres), and Emile Islands (150 acres).

Location: Sections 23, 25, 26, 27, and 35 of T. 26 S., R. 3 W.; Sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 17, 18, 21, 28, 29, 30, and 32, T. 27 S., R. 2 W., Section 1, 3, 11, 21, 23, and 25, T. 27 S., R. 3 W., W. M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated July/August 2011.

Decision Date: Anticipated: Root Canal (November 2011), Baker Street (March 2012), Horseshoe (March 2012), and Emile Islands (September 2012).

Clever Beaver Density Management

Description: Density Management in the Late-Successional Reserve land use allocation. It involves a single density management sale of approximately 301 acres of mid-seral forest stands (49-60 years old) in the Upper Smith River Watershed.

Location: Sections 25, 27, 33, and 35, T. 20 S., R. 06 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Anticipated May 2011.

Third Elk Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning and density management in the GFMA, Connectivity/Diversity Block, and Riparian Reserve land use allocations in the Elk Creek/Umpqua River Watershed. It involves the commercial thinning or density management of 34-57 years old forest stands. Three sales are planned: Milk Shake (48 acres), Off Your Walker (289 acres), and Elk Camino (139 acres).

Location: Sections 11, 13, 17, and 33, T. 23 S., R. 04 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Milk Shake (Decision issued July 26, 2010), Elk Camino (Decision issued November 16, 2010), and Off Your Walker (Decision issued February 22, 2011). There are no further decisions anticipated from the Third Elk Commercial Thinning EA.

Mud Den Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning and density management in the GFMA, Connectivity/Diversity Block, Late-Successional Reserve, and Riparian Reserve land use allocations in the Upper Umpqua River, Lower South Umpqua River-Deer Creek, and South Fork Coos River watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning or density management of approximately 835 acres of 34-54 year old forest stands. Three sales are planned: Calahan Mudaxle (205 acres), Devil's Den (240 acres), and Mud Slinger (390 acres).

Location: Sections 17, 21, 29, 31, 32, and 33, T. 26 S., R. 07 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Calahan Mudaxle (Decision issued July 27, 2010), Devil's Den (Decision issued January 18, 2011), and Mud Slinger (June 2011).

Restoration Activities

There are no previous planning actions to update this quarter for restoration activities in the Swiftwater Field Office.

Other Activities

Sutherlin Creek Crossing

Description: Construction of a 135 foot road through a 140 year old forest stand. The project will occur on BLM-administered land in the Fraser Canyon area in the General Forest Management Area land use allocation.

Location: NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 19, T. 25 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: March 1, 2011 – March 30, 2011.

Decision Date: Anticipated April/May 2011.

Little Wolf Quarry Expansion Project

Description: The proposed action would expand the existing Little Wolf Quarry by approximately three acres, in the Late-Successional Reserve land use allocation. The project would include the development of a quarry restoration plan.

Location: Section 1, T. 25 S., R. 8 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Anticipated June/July 2011.

North Bank Habitat Management Area (NBHMA) Activities

Description: Since most of our implementation takes place during the dry months, December through February usually entails monitoring and project planning for the next field season. Ongoing projects include invasive species removal, hydrologic monitoring, vegetation monitoring, fish habitat and spawning surveys, and the Columbian white-tailed deer (CWTD) GPS collar study in partnership with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). Several native shrub planting projects will take place in partnership with Oregon Hunters Association. And, a shared Oregon State University, ODFW, BLM, US Fish and Wildlife Service research project will commence regarding possible human impacts to the CWTD.

Location: Sections 31, 32, and 33, T. 25 S., R. 4 W., W.M.; Sections 35 and 36, T. 25 S., R. 5 W., W.M.; Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, and 14, T. 26 S., R. 5 W., W.M. and Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, T. 26 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Completed – these activities are covered by the North Bank Habitat Management Area / ACEC Final EIS (September 2000)

Public Comment Period: Completed in September 2000.

Decision Date: September 2000.

Volunteer Opportunities

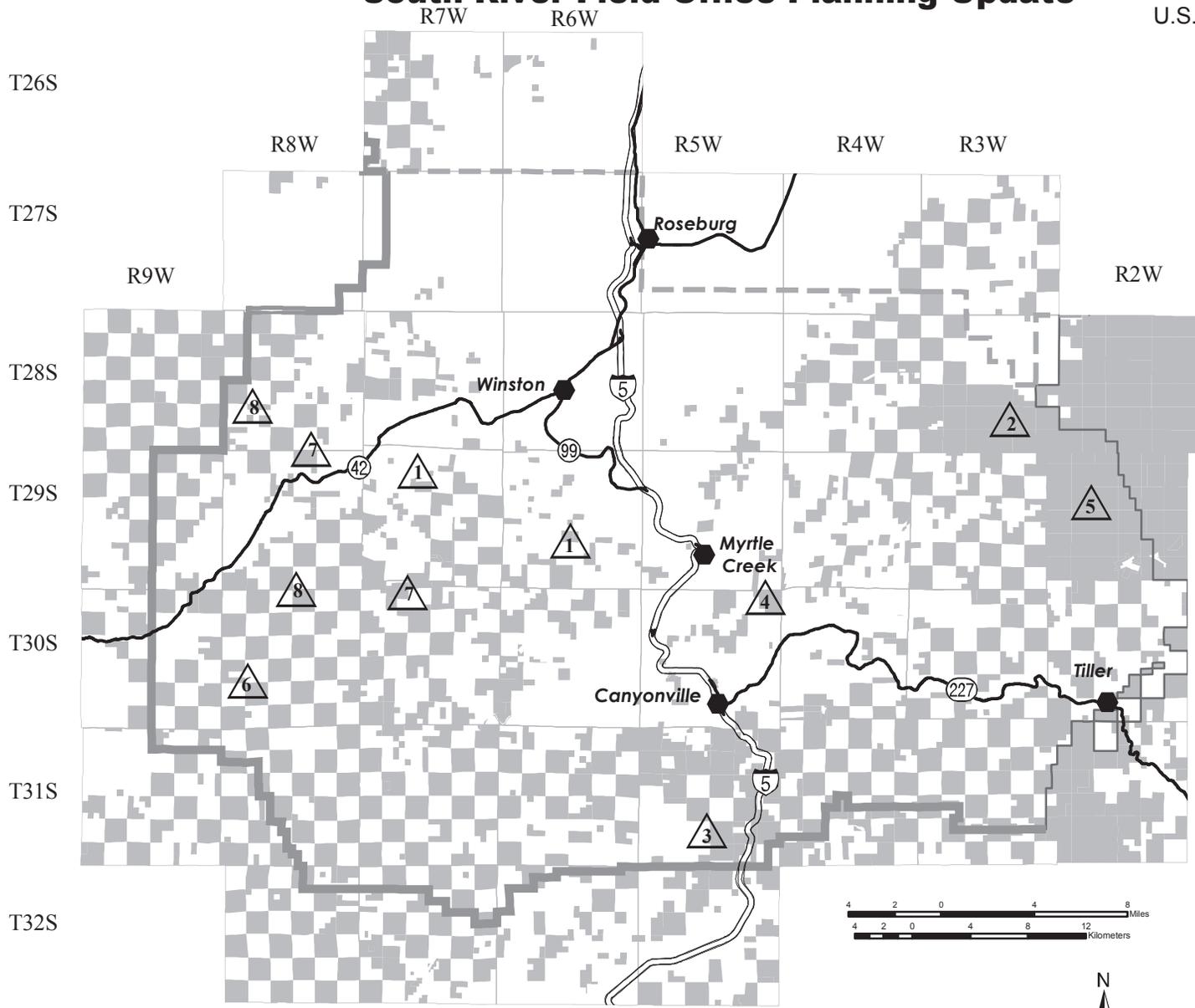
The Roseburg District has volunteer opportunities listed on-line at volunteer.gov/gov. The BLM is actively recruiting campground hosts for the Roseburg District. It's an exciting opportunity to live in a beautiful natural setting and work with the public and an outstanding recreation staff. RV site space and full hookups are provided (host provides their own RV). Please call or email the District Volunteer Coordinator, Ariel_Hiller@blm.gov, 541-464-3356 if interested



South River Field Office Planning Update

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**South River Field Office
Roseburg District
Spring 2011**



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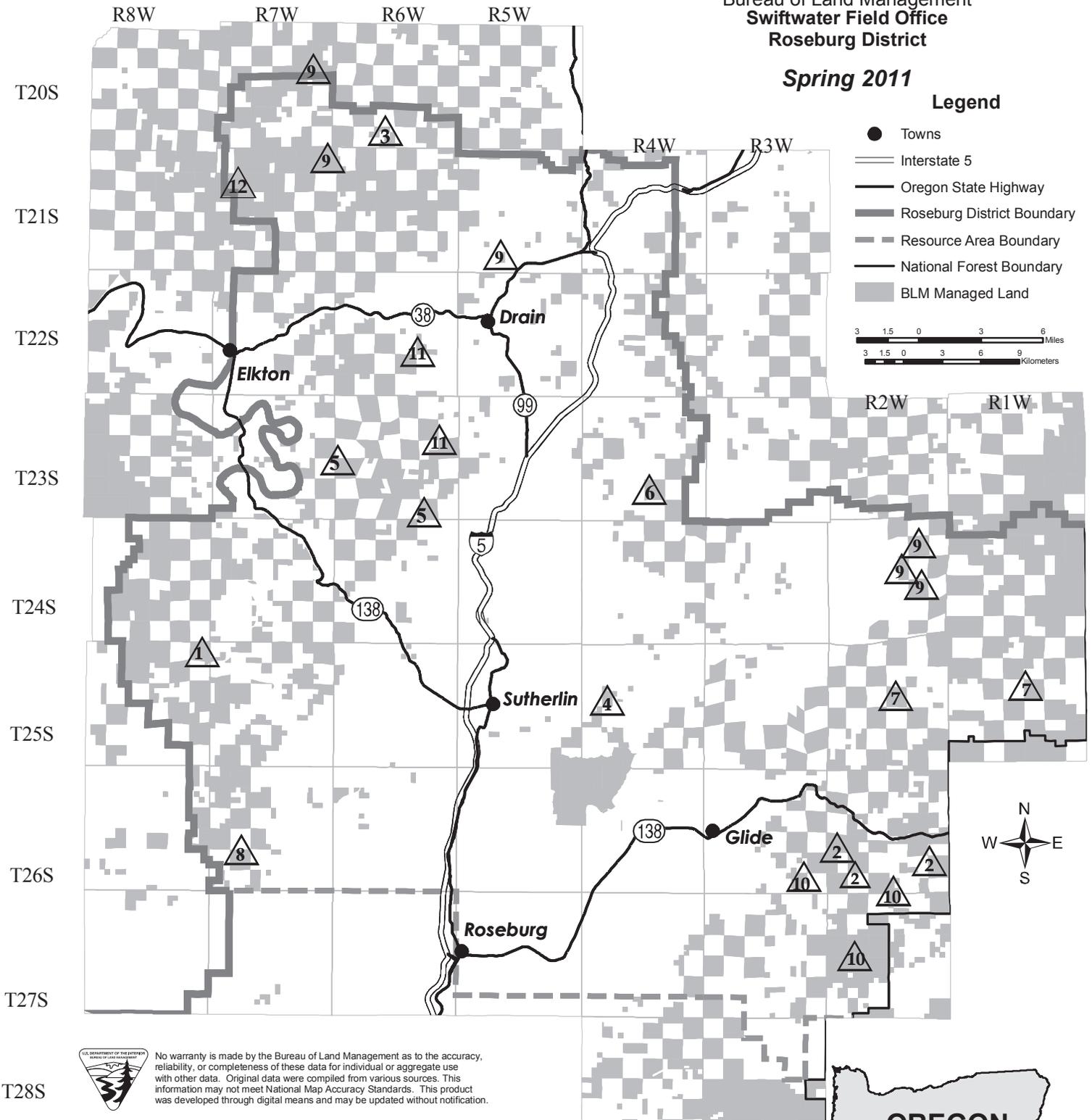
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Legend

- Towns
 - Interstate 5
 - Oregon State Highway
 - Roseburg District Boundary
 - Resource Area Boundary
 - National Forest Boundary
 - BLM Managed Land
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Abbreviations and Definitions

ACEC/RNA – Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Research Natural Area

BO - Biological Opinion.

CX or Categorical Exclusion - Actions which do not have significant effects on the environment and for which an Environmental Analysis (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

EA - Environmental Assessment – This is a concise public document that briefly provides evidence and analysis of a proposed Federal action. It is used to determine whether further analysis needs to be done for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

ERFO – Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads

FONSI - Finding of No Significant Impact - This is a document that briefly presents the reasons why the implementation of an action will not result in “significant” environmental impacts (effects) beyond those already addressed in the Roseburg District’s *Proposed Resource Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement* (PRMP/EIS, October 1994).

IDT - Interdisciplinary Team - A team is a group of resource specialists, whose participation is determined by the issues relating to the project proposal, and who conduct environmental analysis.

Matrix Lands – Comprised of Connectivity/Diversity Blocks and General Forest Management Area land use allocations. Most timber harvest contributing to the Allowable Sale Quantity takes place in this area. Approximately 19% of the Roseburg District BLM is matrix. (Land use allocation under the NWFP & 1995 RMP).

MBF - Thousand board feet.

MMBF - Million board feet.

NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act - A federal law which sets the systematic interdisciplinary analysis to achieve integrated consideration of physical, biological, economic, and other sciences to provide for an informed decision. The process provides for public participation in the development, review and revision of certain activities on Federal Lands.

NWFP - Northwest Forest Plan - A common name for the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (April 1994). It is also used to refer to the Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species with the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl which accompanies the Record of Decision.

O&C Lands - Revested Oregon and California Railroad Lands.

Resource Management Plan (RMP) - A land use plan prepared by the BLM in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

Scoping - An early and open part of environmental analysis that allows interested public and other Federal, state and local agencies the opportunity to provide issues, concerns and opportunities relative to proposed project actions. Scoping is required by regulation for Environmental Impact Statements.

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