

Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



Spring 2009

Dear Citizen:

On December 30, 2008, the Oregon/Washington BLM State Director signed the Record of Decision (ROD) on a revised Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Roseburg District. This Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP) is the culmination of four years of work on the Western Oregon Plan Revision process, which revised the RMPs for BLM-administered lands in Western Oregon. The ROD/RMP establishes new land use allocations and management direction for the Roseburg District BLM lands, in accordance with all applicable Federal laws, including the O&C Lands Act, the Endangered Species Act, and Clean Water Act.

The transition from one plan to another is neither simple nor instantaneous, however. Because of the planning and work that go into each of our projects, the Roseburg District has a number of projects initiated, but not completed, before the change from our former 1995 RMP (Northwest Forest Plan) to our new, 2008 RMP. As a result, for the next two years, you may see some projects that still have features of the Northwest Forest Plan; the 2008 ROD specifically allows for these projects, and these projects were considered in the analysis supporting the new RMP. Additionally, you may see reference to land use allocations from the 1995 RMP, and/or the 2008 RMP as projects move forward during this transition time. All new projects will use the new land use allocations; older projects for which NEPA analysis is complete may still refer to the 1995 land use allocations.

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. Please send written comments, 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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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

- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of a landing, partially on BLM land in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, T. 29 S., R. 3 W., W.M. BLM lands involved are an early-seral stand in the Timber Management Area land use allocation.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 618 feet of road in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15 and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, T. 30 S., R. 5 W., W.M. BLM lands involved are an early-seral stand in the Timber Management Area.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Constructions of 2712 feet of road in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7 and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, T. 30 S., R. 6 W., W.M. BLM lands involved are early to mid-seral stands in the Timber Management Area and Administratively Withdrawn land use allocations.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 1710 feet of road in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, T. 30 S., R. 6 W., W.M. BLM lands involved are early-seral stands in the Timber Management Area and Administratively Withdrawn land use allocations.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Improvement of 280 feet of road in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, T. 29 S., R. 6 W., W.M. The BLM lands involved are on the boundary of a mid to late-seral stand in the Timber Management Area and an early-seral stand in a Riparian Management Area.

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-617** – Construction of 65 feet of road on BLM land in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W.M. BLM lands involved are early-seral stands located in the Timber Management Area land use allocation.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-617** – Construction of two crossings totaling 250 feet in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section 17, T. 25 S., R. 2 W., W.M. BLM lands involved are late-seral stands located in the Timber Management Area land use allocation.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735** – Construction of 1,146 feet of road on BLM land in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, of Section 20, T. 23 S., R. 6 W., W.M. BLM lands involved are early-seral stands located in the Late-Successional Management Area land use allocation.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735** – Construction of 2,788 feet of road on BLM land in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, T. 25 S., R. 7 W., W.M. BLM lands involved are late-seral stands located in the Timber Management Area land use allocation.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-617** – Improvement of two roads (26-2-22.2 & 26-2-14.0) totaling 1,139 feet on BLM land in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W.M. BLM lands involved are early-seral stands located in the Timber Management Area land use allocation.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-769** – Construction of 865 feet of road on BLM land in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, T. 27 S., R. 4 W., W.M. BLM lands involved are late-seral stands located in the Deferred Timber Management Area land use allocation.

Categorical Exclusions

Certain activities within the BLM have been categorically excluded from preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of a categorical exclusion is to eliminate the need for unnecessary paperwork under NEPA. Specifically, Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR §1508.4 state that:

"Categorical exclusion' means 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...Any procedures under this section shall provide for extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant environmental effect."

In implementation of the NEPA regulations, the BLM has developed categorical exclusions for certain silvicultural activities, such as reforestation, pre-commercial treatments, brush control, sample tree falling, and salvage, commercial thinning, and hazardous fuels reduction of limited acres. In developing categorical exclusions, the BLM demonstrated through rulemaking procedures how these actions do not typically result in significant environmental effects and set forth the methodology and criteria used to define the categories of actions. These rulemaking procedures included extensive public involvement and input, and CEQ review, regarding appropriate limits on the use of the categorical exclusion to assure that any categorically excluded action would remain within the effects of actions covered in the analysis for the rulemaking.

As such, in deciding whether to proceed with such actions, the BLM will review their particular conditions to ensure that no extraordinary circumstances exist, as listed in the Department of the Interior's NEPA Manual at 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 that would preclude the use of a categorical exclusion. The Roseburg District maintains an on-site NEPA register that lists ongoing actions, and seeks information from the public as to whether extraordinary circumstances exist for any of these ongoing actions that are categorically excluded. An "extraordinary" circumstance is one that could have significant environmental effects beyond the "ordinary" circumstances already described and considered as applicable to the excluded actions in the rulemaking procedure. These categorically excluded actions, by regulation, do not require the documentation necessary for an EA or EIS. The public was also provided a formal opportunity to participate in the agency's review and approval of these categorically excluded activities. Given this context, the BLM may choose to proceed with these actions as part of the ordinary course of business in managing forest land with the posting of a notice of decision on the District internet site. This notice would advise the public of the formal administrative review process for these individual actions available under 43 CFR §4.450. Depending on circumstances, however, the BLM may invoke, by publishing a notice in a local newspaper of record, the administrative review process under 43 CFR §5003 for certain individual forest management actions.

Roseburg District

- **Roseburg District Sample Tree Felling** – Fall, buck and scale of sample trees within thinning harvest units during the 2009 calendar year. (DOI-BLM-OR-R000-2009-0001-CX).

South River Field Office

- **Removal of Blowdown** – Removal of two trees from the right-of-way of existing rocked roads in Section 27, T. 29 S., R. 9 W., W.M. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2009-0002-CX).
- **Safety Barrier for Abandoned Mineshaft** – Placement of a barrier over an abandoned vertical mineshaft in the NE¼NE¼, Section 21, T. 31 S., R. 4 W., W.M. in order to provide for public safety. (OR-105-08-38).

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Rock Creek Road Deferred Maintenance Repair.** – Repair of the ten sites along the existing Rock Creek Road No. 26-3-1.0, in Sections 2, T. 25 S., R. 2 W., Sections 13 and 24, T. 24 S., R. 2 W., and Section 19, T. 24 S., R. 1 W., W.M., in the Administratively Withdrawn land use allocation. The repair is entirely contained within the existing road prism. (OR-104-09-01).

New Projects

South River Field Office

South River FY2009 Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning of approximately 432 acres of mid-seral forest stands in the Timber Management Area (TMA) and associated Riparian Management Area (RMA), and 803 acres in the Late-Successional Management Area (LSMA). Design of the proposed thinning projects, and analysis of the effects of the proposed action will conform to the management objectives of the 2008 Roseburg District *Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan* and will tier to the analytical assumptions and conclusions of the 2008 *Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Revision of the Resource Management Plans of the Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management*.

Location: TMA and RMA - Sections 8, 21, and 33 in T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 19, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 33 in T. 29 S., R. 6 W.; Sections 5, 7, and 9 in T. 30 S., R. 6 W., W.M. LSMA - Section 21 in T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 11, 13, 15, 25, and 31 in T. 29 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 27 and 33 in T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; Section 9 in T. 30 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 3 and 15 in T. 30 S., R. 8 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated in late-May or early-June, 2009.

Decision Date: Multiple decisions anticipated beginning in the second quarter of fiscal year 2010.

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: Boundary of planning area to be determined.

Scoping Period: The scoping period, which will include public meetings, is anticipated to begin in late April, 2009.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Swiftwater Field Office

Tioga Bridge Recreation Enhancement

Description: Recreation enhancement project to include: 1) expansion of the Susan Creek Day-Use Area parking lot, 2) construction of a pedestrian bridge that will utilize existing abutments and connect to the Tioga segment of the N. Umpqua trail, and 3) construction of a foot trail to connect the pedestrian bridge to the expanded parking lot. The project is located in the National Landscape Conservation System land use allocation.

Location: Sections 14, 22 and 23, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated July, 2009.

Decision Date: Anticipated August, 2009.

Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items

Roseburg District

Roseburg District Aquatic & Riparian Restoration

Description: Programmatic analysis of a variety of aquatic and riparian restoration work, including but not limited to, instream placement of logs and boulders, fish passage improvements, and road and culvert improvements, replacement, or rehabilitation.

Location: District-wide

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated April, 2009.

Decision Date: Anticipated May, 2009.

South River Field Office

Timber Management Activities

Note- the Roseburg District FY09 Timber Sale Plan is available at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/timbersales/files/2009SalePlan.pdf>

Middle South Umpqua/Dumont Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 290 acres of mid-seral forest stands allocated as General Forest Management Area, Connectivity/Diversity Block or Riparian Reserves.

Location: Proposed units are located in Sections 21, and 32, T. 29 S., R. 2 W.; and Sections 3, 9, 11 and 15, T. 30 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: A decision is anticipated in fiscal year 2009.

South Umpqua River Watershed Harvest Plan

Description: Proposed regeneration harvest of an estimated 236 acres, commercial thinning of an estimated 897 acres of forest lands in the Matrix land use allocations, including density management in associated Riparian Reserves; and density management of an estimated 574 acres in Late-Successional Reserve (LSR).

Location: The stands proposed for treatment are located in the Days Creek, Coffee Creek, St. Johns Creek, Shively O'Shea Creek, and Stouts Creek 6th-field subwatersheds of the South Umpqua 5th-field watershed. Individual units are located as follows:

Regeneration Harvest - Section 25, T. 29 S., R. 3 W.; Sections 3 and 4, T. 30 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Commercial Thinning and Density Management in Matrix - Sections 8, 17, 18 and 19, T. 29 S., R. 2 W.; Sections 13, 25, 27, 33 and 35, T. 29 S., R. 3 W.; Section 9, T. 30 S., R. 2 W.; and Sections 3, 7, 15, 21 and 23, T. 30 S., R. 3 W., W.M.

LSR Density Management - Sections 29, 30 and 31, T. 30 S., R. 4 W.; Section 25, T. 31 S., R. 3 W., Sections 9, 13, 21, 23, and 30, T. 31 S., R. 4 W.; and Section 25, T. 31 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Discretionary Scoping: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: A proposed density management unit in Section 29, T. 30 S., R. 4 W. will not be treated because of low timber volume and operational difficulties. Scheduling density management of units in Section 25, T. 31 S., R. 3 W.; Section 33, T. 30 S., R. 4 W.; and Sections 4 and 9, T. 31 S., R. 4 W. is presently not planned. Multiple decisions on the remaining units analyzed in the EA are anticipated in fiscal year 2009, potentially extending into fiscal year 2010.

Lower Cow Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning and density management on approximately 722 acres. Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations in conjunction with density management in associated Riparian Reserves totals approximately 402 acres. Density management in Late-Successional Reserves totals approximately 320 acres.

Location: Section 13, T. 30 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 25, 27 and 35, T. 30 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 7, 13, 15, 17 and 19, T. 31 S., R. 6 W.; and Section 13, T. 31 S., R.7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Decisions were issued for Minnesota Flats Commercial Thinning in August, 2008 and Dragnet Commercial Thinning and Density Management in October, 2008. A decision for the Doe-Eyed Commercial Thinning project is anticipated in the spring of 2009. Units proposed for density management located in Sections 25, 27 and 35 were principally proposed for helicopter yarding because road access was not practical. Given high cost of helicopter yarding, small log size and depressed timber values, the project is not economically viable and will not be implemented.

South Myrtle Creek Regeneration Harvest Plan

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 575 acres of mature and late-successional forest comprised of the previously sold but unawarded Buck Fever, Class of 98, Dream Weaver and Sweet Pea timber sales.

Location: Sections 29, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 36, T. 28 S., R. 3 W.; Sections 1, 3, 9 and 11, T. 29 S., R. 3 W.; Sections 15, 17 and 19, T. 29 S. R. 4 W.; and Section 25, T. 29 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated in early spring of 2009.

Decision Date: Uncertain at this time.

Can-Can Regeneration Harvest

Description: Regeneration harvest on approximately 489 acres within the Matrix. Three sales, Screen Pass, Hi-Yo Silver and Myrtle Morgan would yield an estimated 14-16 MMBF of timber.

Location: O'Shea Creek and Canyon Creek 6th-field subwatersheds in the South Umpqua River 5th field watershed, and the Judd Creek 6th field subwatershed in the Middle South Umpqua River 5th field watershed. Proposed units are located in T. 30 S., R. 4 W., Section 5; T. 30 S., R. 5 W., Sections 9, 10, 11 and 15; T. 31 S., R. 5 W., Sections 23 and 26; and T. 30 S., R. 6 W., Sections 13 and 25.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: A decision for the Myrtle Morgan timber sale was issued on June 27, 2006, and for the Screen Pass timber sale on July 20, 2006. The offering date of the Hi-Yo Silver timber sale is anticipated in Spring/Summer 2009.

Restoration Activities

Kincaid's Lupine Restoration

Description: Restoration of habitat occupied by federally-threatened Kincaid's Lupine. Treatments will manage competing understory vegetation, reduce canopy cover where excessive shade affects viability of populations, and manage fuels to reduce the likelihood of high intensity fires, thereby implementing the management objectives in the Management Plan for Kincaid's Lupine in Douglas County, signed by the BLM Roseburg District and the Umpqua National Forest, Tiller Ranger District in April, 2008.

Location: Multiple locations throughout the Resource Area.

Project Design: Ongoing.

Analysis: Categorical Exclusions.

Decision Date: Multiple decisions anticipated in fiscal year 2009.

South River Restoration Programmatic Environmental Assessment

Description: The analysis considered a range of restoration projects that would be reasonably implemented over the next five years or longer. These projects fall into three basic categories: (1) non-commercial riparian vegetation treatments that could include tree girdling to create snags and down wood and conversion/release of alder-dominated stands in favor of a diverse mixture of longer-lived hardwood and conifer species, (2) road improvements and stream crossing replacements, and (3) stream restoration projects to provide grade control and create additional instream habitat structure.

Location: Various locations throughout the eight fifth-field watersheds encompassed by the South River Resource Area.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Decisions for two in-stream habitat restoration projects may be issued in the spring of 2009. Future aquatic restoration projects will be designed and authorized consistent with the analysis and findings of the forthcoming Roseburg District Aquatic & Riparian Restoration EA previously described.

Myrtle Creek Watershed Restoration

Description: The analysis identified a range of watershed restoration projects that include the replacement of stream-crossing culverts that are at risk of failure and/or blocking passage to fish, road decommissioning, road upgrading, slide stabilization, and installation of in-stream structures to promote habitat complexity.

Location: Throughout the Myrtle Creek 5th Field Watershed.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: No issuance of further decisions is planned from this analysis. Future aquatic restoration projects will be designed and authorized consistent with the analysis and findings of the forthcoming Roseburg District Aquatic & Riparian Restoration EA.

Swiftwater Field Office

Roads and Facilities Management Activities

Susan Creek Stew WUI (Wildland Urban Interface)

Description: The proposed action involves the reduction of fuels along the Susan Creek road system (26-2-23.0 and 26-2-14.0) and the removal of hazard trees in the Wildland Urban Interface.

Location: Sections 13 and 14, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated March 2009.

Decision Date: To be determined.

Little Wolf Quarry Expansion

Description: The proposed action would expand the existing Little Wolf Quarry by approximately three acres. 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: To be determined.

Timber Management Activities

Note- the Roseburg District FY09 Timber Sale Plan is available at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/timbersales/files/2009SalePlan.pdf>

Slim Sherlock Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning in the Timber Management Area and Riparian Management Area land use allocations in the Little River and Deer Creek-South Umpqua River watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 700 acres of mid-seral forest stands (47 years old). Two sales are planned: Slim Big Jim (240 acres) and Sherlock Home (460 acres).

Location: Sections 9, 19, and 31, T. 27 S., R. 03 W. and Section 25, T. 27 S., R. 04 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated April/May 2009.

Decision Date: Separate decisions for each sale (2 total): Slim Big Jim (June 2009) and Sherlock Home (October 2009).

Clever Beaver Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning in the Timber Management Area, Riparian Management Area, and Late Successional Management Area land use allocations. It involves a single commercial thinning sale of approximately 315 acres of mid-seral forest stands (47-58 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: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated December 2009.

Decision Date: Anticipated September 2010.

Blackbird Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning in the Timber Management Area and Riparian Management Area land use allocations in the Rock Creek, Lower North Umpqua, and Calapooya Creek watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 1,150 acres of mid-seral forest stands (31-49 years old). Three sales are planned: Corvid (350 acres), Craven Raven (380 acres), and Old Crow (420 acres).

Location: Sections 13, 23, 25, 27, 33, 34, and 35, T. 25 S., R. 03 W. and Section 3, T. 26 S., R. 03 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated August 2009.

Decision Date: Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Corvid (December 2009), Craven Raven (January 2010), and Old Crow (April 2010).

Third Elk Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning in the Timber Management Area and Riparian Management Area land use allocations in the Elk Creek/Umpqua River and Calapooya Creek watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 540 acres of mid-seral forest stands (40-69 years old). Three sales are planned: Milk Shake (100 acres), Off Your Walker (360 acres), and Elk Camino (80 acres).

Location: Sections 11, 13, 17, and 33, T. 23 S., R. 04 W. and Section 5, T. 24 S., R. 04 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated February 2010.

Decision Date: Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Milk Shake (May 2010), Off Your Walker (July 2010), and Elk Camino (April 2011).

Mud Den Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning in the Timber Management Area and Riparian Management Area land use allocations in the Upper Umpqua, Lower South Umpqua, and South Fork Coos River watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 830 acres of mid-seral forest stands. Three sales are planned: Calahan Mudaxle (200 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: Begin March 2009.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated March 2010.

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

Little Wolf Thrice Density Management

Description: An experimental thinning in the Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocation. It involves the density management of approximately 20 acres of mid-seral forest (70-80 years old).

Location: Section 3 & 10, T. 25 S., R. 8 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated March 2009.

Decision Date: To be determined.

Northeast Elk Creek Density Management

Description: Density management of approximately 1,645 acres of mid-seral forest stands (40-77 years old). The proposed action would occur in the Elk Creek/Umpqua River Fifth-field Watershed within the Connectivity/Diversity Block and the Riparian Reserve land use allocations.

Location: Sections 27 and 35, T. 21 S., R. 4 W., Sections 9, 15, 20, 21, 23, and 27, T. 22 S., R. 4 W., and Section 3, T. 23 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Five separate decisions, one for each sale: Bear Bones, Cox Pit General Lee, Mr. Bennet, and Bucko (all dates to be determined).

Restoration Activities

No restoration analyses are planned for this quarter.

North Bank Habitat Management Area (NBHMA) Activities

Description: The five year project implementation plan will be completed; it is based solely on projects analyzed in the 2001 Habitat Management Plan. Approximately 50 acres of Oak Restoration Thinning will be completed by April 15 and then evaluated by the North Bank inter-disciplinary team and our cooperating management partners. Phase II of the In-stream restoration project planning will be completed; areas addressed will include, Chasm Creek, Whitetail Creek, and the upper reaches of Jackson Creek. Planning will be completed for a special status plant site restoration project to enhance the hairy popcorn flower (*Plagiobothrys hirtus*). Ongoing projects include: removal of invasive vegetation focused on Hawthorne and Blackberry, Columbian white-tailed deer (CWTD) GPS collar studies in partnership with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and forage plot planning to benefit CWTD.

Location: Sections 31, 32, 33, T. 25 S., R. 4 W., W.M.; Sections 35, 36, T. 25 S., R. 5 W., W.M.; Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, T. 26 S., R. 5 W., W.M. and Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 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 specific 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 hookups are provided (host provides their own RV). Please visit volunteer.gov/gov and search by state (OR) for more information or call/email the District Volunteer Coordinator, Ariel_Hiller@blm.gov, 541-464-3356.

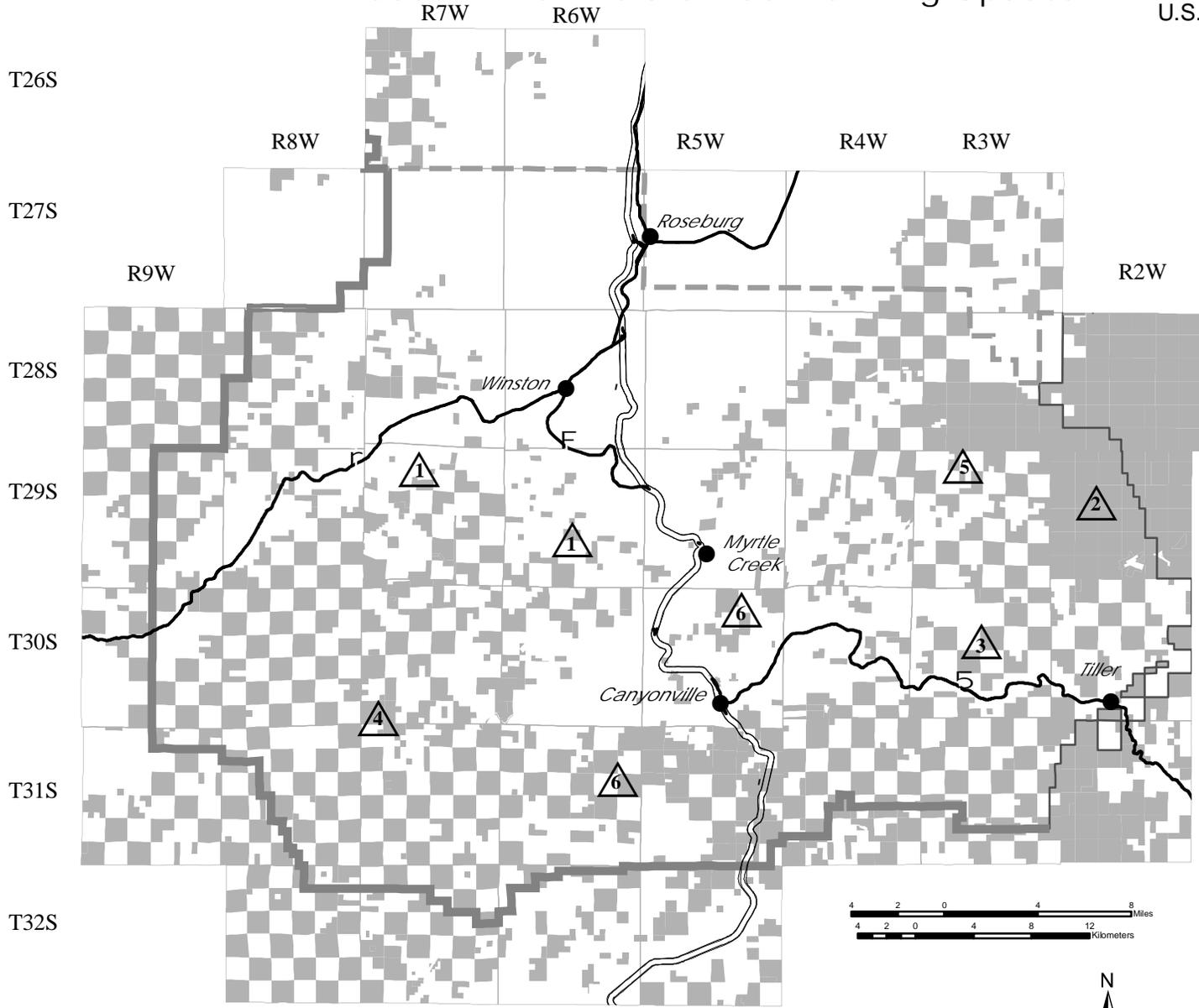


South River Field Office Planning Update

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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**South River Field Office
Roseburg District**

Spring 2009



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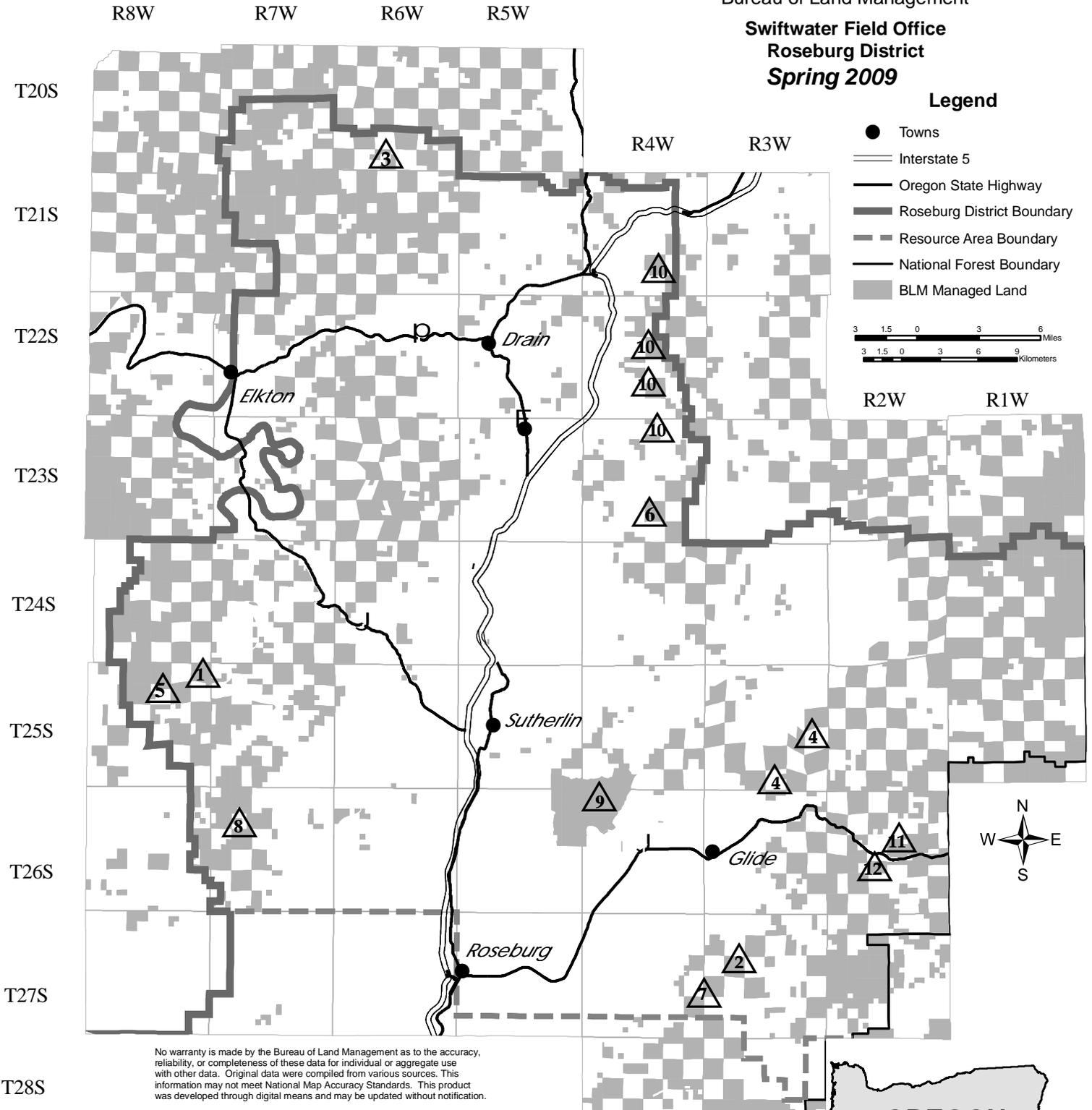
Swiftwater Field Office Planning Update

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Legend

- Towns
 - Interstate 5
 - Oregon State Highway
 - Roseburg District Boundary
 - Resource Area Boundary
 - National Forest Boundary
 - BLM Managed Land
- 3 1.5 0 3 6 Miles
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- △1 Little Wolf Quarry Expansion
- △2 Slim Sherlock Commercial Thinning and Density Management
- △3 Clever Beaver Thinning and Density Management
- △4 Blackbird Commercial Thinning & Density Management
- △5 Little Wolf Thrice

- △6 Third Elk Commercial Thinning & Density Management
- △7 Elementary Watson Commercial Thinning
- △8 Mud Den Commercial Thinning and Density Management
- △9 North Bank Habitat Management Area
- △10 Northeast Elk Commercial Thinning and Density Management

- △11 Susan Creek Stewardship WUI
- △12 Tioga Bridge Recreation Enhancement



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Area of map

Roseburg District

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.

DTMA – Deferred Timber Management Area (land use allocation under the 2008 ROD/RMP)

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).

GFMA – General Forest Management Area (land use allocation under the NWFP & 1995 RMP)

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.

LSMA – Late-Successional Management Area (land use allocation under the 2008 RMP)

LSR – Late-Successional Reserve (land use allocation under the NWFP & 1995 RMP)

Matrix Lands – Comprised of Connectivity/Diversity Blocks and GFMA 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).

RMA – Riparian Management Area (land use allocation under the 2008 ROD/RMP)

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.

TMA – Timber Management Area (land use allocation under the 2008 ROD/RMP)

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