

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.

On March 31, 2011, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, in Douglas Timber Operators et al. v. Salazar, vacated and remanded the administrative withdrawal of the Roseburg District's 2008 Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP).

The Roseburg District will design new projects to conform to the management objectives, land use allocations, and management direction set out in the 2008 ROD/RMP. Due to continuing uncertainty regarding planning in western Oregon we will, however, design projects so that they are not inconsistent with the Roseburg District's 1995 ROD/RMP. As a result, new projects may include design features not specifically mentioned in the 2008 ROD/RMP. Nonetheless, these projects will be consistent with the goals and objectives in the 2008 ROD/RMP.

The Roseburg District continues working with Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in development of the Secretarial Demonstration Pilot, intended to demonstrate the application of ecological forestry in an interior moist forest setting. This effort was initiated in a February 16, 2011 open house, and followed up on February 17 by a day-long workshop in which Drs. Johnson and Franklin reviewed the principles of ecosystem restoration. Marking demonstrations were conducted for interested parties in the field on May 1 and 2, 2011.

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. Additional opportunities for involvement of interested members of the public are tentatively scheduled for June and August. For 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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For more information about projects in the Quarterly Planning Update, contact Cheyne Rossbach, Public Affairs Officer at (541) 464-3245.

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

- **Silver Butte Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-824** – Construction of 457 feet of road and a truck turnaround in the NW¼NW¼, Secyion31, T. 29 S., R. 3 W., Willamette Meridian. The road passes through the Deferred Timber Management Area. The road will have a 16-foot subgrade surfaced with ten (10) inches of crushed rock. Approximately 0.34 acres of timber will be removed.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-656** – Improvements to 4,130 feet of BLM Road No. 28-4-21.0 in Sections 18 and 19, T. 28 S., R. 4 W., Willamette Meridian across lands that are administratively withdrawn, for timber haul from company lands in Section 20, T. 28 S., R. 4 W., Willamette Meridian. Approximately one acre would be cleared for improvements that include three short realignments.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-656** – Construction of approximately 3,000 feet of road across BLM-administered lands in Section 19, T. 28 S., R. 4 W., Willamette Meridian across lands that are administratively withdrawn or allocated as Deferred Timber Management Area. Approximately four acres would be cleared for the right-of-way.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-656** – Renovation of approximately 1,100 feet of BLM Road No. 29-3-15.1, Segment C in Sections 11 and 14, T. 29 S., R. 3 W., Willamette Meridian.

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement –R-912** – Construction of 603 feet of road through a 46-year-old stand in the Timber Management Area in the NE¼NW¼, Section 15, T. 24 S., R. 4 W., W.M.; for the purposes of accessing company timber lands in Section 10, T. 24 S., R. 4 W., Willamette Meridian. Approximately 0.2 acres of timber will be removed.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement – R-913** – Construction of two spurs approximately 799 feet in combined length across the Timber Management Area on BLM lands in Section 1, T. 27 S., R.. 2 W., Willamette Meridian to access company lands in Section 2, T. 27 S., R. 2 W., W.M. Approximately 0.37 acres of timber will be removed.

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 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

- **Salvage** – Salvage of timber blown down across roads in Late-Successional Management Areas for the purpose of maintaining safe road use conditions, and salvage of timber within 400 feet of roads in two previous commercial thinning sales in the Timber Management Area where salvage requires no more than maintenance to existing roads. Multiple sites within the Olalla Creek-Lookingglass Creek and Upper Middle Fork Coquille watersheds. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2011-0007-CX)
- **Access** – Issuance of a temporary haul permit to Seneca Jones Timber Company for a period of four (4) years authorizing the use of BLM Road Nos. 28-3-32.0, Segment A and 29-3-32.0 Segment C1 for log hauling from private land in Section 4, T. 29 S., R. 3 W., Willamette Meridian. Hauling will be restricted to the dry season, between May 15th and October 15th. Road maintenance will be done by the BLM. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2011-0008-CX)
- **Facility Maintenance** – Replacement of a ditch relief culvert that also serves as the emergency overflow on Red Top Helipond, located in Section 4, T. 29 S., R. 2 W., W.M. An additional overflow pipe will be installed approximately mid-point in the segment of road forming the impoundment retaining wall. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2011-0009-CX)
- **Facility Maintenance** – Replacement of an emergency overflow culvert approximately mid-point in the segment of road forming the impoundment retaining wall on Tin Hat Pond located in Section 9, T.309 S., R. 2 W., W.M. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2011-0010-CX)
- **Hazardous Fuels Reduction** – Gazley Road Firewise Project. The project, located in the NE¼NE¼, Section 19, T.30 S., R. 5 W., W.M. in the Timber Management Area, consisted of clearing brush and saplings to create thirty (30) foot wide by 500-foot long fuel break on BLM lands adjacent to a residential property. Cut material, other than Himalayan blackberry and Scotch broom was chipped. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2011-0011-CX)
- **Access** - Reissuance of a temporary haul permit to Christian Futures, Inc. for a period of four (4) years, authorizing the use of BLM Road Nos. 31-5-15.0 segment A, 31-5-34.0 segment A, and 32-5-3.0 Segment A for the purpose of hauling logs from private lands located in Section 35, T. 31 S., R. 5 W., W. M. Hauling will be restricted to the dry season, between May 15th and October 15th. Road maintenance will be done by the permittee. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2011-0012-CX)
- **Access** - Issuance of a temporary haul permit for a period of three (3) years, authorizing Mr. Larry Wageman to use BLM Road Nos. 28-8-23.4, Segment A and 28-8-23.2, Segment A for the purpose of hauling logs from private lands in Section 23, T. 28 S., R. 8 W., W.M. t A, 31-5-34.0 segment A, and 32-5-3.0 Segment A for the purpose of hauling logs from private lands located in Section 35, T. 31 S., R. 5 W., W. M. Hauling will be restricted to the dry season, between May 15th and October 15th. Road maintenance will be done by the permittee. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2011-0013-CX)

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Salvage** – Twenty four trees ranging in diameter from 16-48 inches diameter breast height (dbh) blew over along the 26-2-17.1 road and in the adjoining rock pit in the NE¼NW¼, Section 17 Township 26S Range 02W, Willamette Meridian. The Oregon Department of Transportation opened the road for immediate access; however, these trees need to be removed from the road right-of-way and rock pit for access, safety reasons, and road maintenance. Additionally, two standing Douglas fir trees (22 and 28 inches dbh) were identified as hazard trees and have been marked for cutting. The project will occur in National Landscape Conservation System Lands and Administratively Withdrawn Areas. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2011-008-CX)

New Projects

Roseburg District

Timber Management Activities

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

Restoration Activities

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

Other Activities

Vegetation Management Activities Using Herbicides

Description: The BLM Roseburg District is beginning work on an Environmental Assessment (EA) for *Vegetation Management Activities Using Herbicides*. Noxious weeds and invasive plants infest BLM-administered lands across the Roseburg District, threatening native ecosystems and habitat, adjacent lands and infrastructure. The BLM is proposing to use herbicides as part of an integrated vegetation management strategy to control noxious and invasive species and achieve landscape health objectives. The EA proposal, scoping notice and related materials can be accessed on the web at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/plans/index.php>.

Location: Throughout Roseburg District administered lands.

Issue Identification: Concurrent with this planning update, scoping notices will be sent out in early-June soliciting public input. A public open house is planned to be held on June 27, 2011 from 4:00-6:00 P.M. at the Roseburg District BLM Office. Scoping input is welcomed until July 15, 2011.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated in early 2012.

Decision Date: Anticipated in late 2012.

South River Field Office

Timber Management Activities

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

Restoration Activities

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

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

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

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

Roseburg Secretarial Pilot Project

Description: The project would involve the application of principles of ecosystem restoration proposed by Drs. Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin, and endorsed by Secretary of the Interior Kenneth Salazar. 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 and economic restoration.

Location: Sections 31, 32 and 33, T. 28 S., R. 2 W.; Sections 17, 23 and 25, T. 28 S., R. 3 W., and Section 4, T. 29 S., R. 2 W., Willamette Meridian.

Issue Identification: Initiated at a public open house on February 16, 2011 and a public workshop on February 17, 2011. An interdisciplinary team was convened on May 24, 2011 to begin an environmental effects analysis.

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 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

Camas Valley 2011 Harvest Plan

Description: The proposal consists of: commercial thinning of approximately 1,310 acres in the Timber Management Area and associated Riparian Management Areas; density management of approximately 374 acres in Late-Successional Management Areas; and regeneration of approximately 239 acres of 60 to 70 year old stands in the Timber Management Area, with density management in associated Riparian Management Areas.

Design of the project 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: Commercial Thinning in the Timber Management Area and Density Management in associated Riparian Management Areas: Sections 5, 17, 19, 29, & 31, T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 5, 9 and 15, T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 3, 13, 1, 235 and 27, T. 29 S., R. 9 W.; Sections 27 and 33, T. 30 S., R. 8 W.; and Sections 2, 3, 25 and 27, T. 30 S., R. 9 W., W.M.

Regeneration Harvest in the Timber Management Area and Density Management in associated Riparian Management Areas: Section 35, T. 29 S., R. 9 W., W.M.

Density Management in Late-Successional Management Areas: Sections 27, 31 and 32, T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 3, 15, and 27, T. 29 S., R. 9 W.; and Sections 9, 17, and 19, T. 30 S., R. 8 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.

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 June and July, 2011.

Restoration Activities

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 in early-June.

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 request permission to construct a road across BLM lands 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: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: May 18 through June 16, 2011.

Decision Date: Anticipated around July 1, 2011.

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 effort, the BLM will look at a proposal 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 June 2011.

Decision Date: Anticipated May 2012.

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: Decision and FONSI issued May 24, 2011.

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 (Decision anticipated June 2011).

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 June 2011.

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 June 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 July/August 2011.

North Bank Habitat Management Area (NBHMA) Activities

Description: Projects planned for the upcoming months: spring burning to control medusahead rye (*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*) infestations; planning for fall burning; burning of forage plots; planning and preparation for forage plot work in the fall; mowing of roads, trails, and forage areas; fertilizer study; fencing for native shrub plantings; road maintenance work (blading, pulling ditches, etc.); and an in-stream restoration project. 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), and a shared Oregon State University, ODFW, BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service research project 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, Marilyn_Vicari@blm.gov, 541-464-3220 if interested



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 ROD/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.

Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/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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