

Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



Fall 2007

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. Please send written comments, including the specific project and field office name, to 777 N.W. Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97470, during the public comment period.

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Please remember to ask us to remove your name from our mailing list if you no longer wish to receive the Planning Update. For your convenience, you can also find a copy of the Planning Update at the Douglas County Library. Your written comments and concerns are welcome.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

Jay K. Carlson
District Manager

Dear Citizen:

The Bureau of Land Management would like you to be a part of the development of the resource management plans (RMP) that will guide BLM management activities in Western Oregon, including the Roseburg District, for the next 10-20 years. The BLM is revising the RMPs to find a better way to meet the O&C Act's requirement of managing O&C lands for permanent forest production while complying with other laws, such as the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act. The plan revision process began in September 2005, and the BLM recently released its draft RMP in August 2007.

We are seeking your suggestions on our new Roseburg District RMP by November 9, 2007 and need your help in determining the best solution for recovery of both sustainable timber production and endangered species. The BLM will consider public comment for the final plans, due out in 2008.

In addition to events across Western Oregon, BLM is hosting two local events to encourage discussion and understanding of these important resource management issues:

WOPR Open House – Roseburg BLM District Office, 1-4, 6-8pm

The open house is a great opportunity to learn more about the RMP and the revision process. Participants are encouraged to ask questions of BLM specialists, and learn how to use our web-based tools to provide your comment.

Community Learning Workshop -

Douglas County Library, 6-9 pm

The community learning workshop is a great opportunity to learn about the RMP revision and discuss your ideas and concerns with fellow citizens. The workshop will be facilitated by Daylight Decisions, <http://daylightdecisions.com/ddweb/>.

In addition, if you are a member of a local organization, you may be interested in hosting a discussion of the RMP revision at an upcoming meeting or event. We would be happy to join you at your event to discuss how BLM's planning efforts might affect you, and how you might influence BLM's planning. If you are interested in having a presentation for your organization, please give us a call and we can schedule a meeting. You may also contact our office directly for more information related to the planning effort or upcoming events at (541) 440-4930.

To find out more about the Western Oregon Plan Revision, please visit our website: <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr/index.php>

Thank you for your interest in the management of public lands in Douglas County.

Jay K. Carlson,
District Manager, Roseburg

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Key Contact

For more information about projects in the Quarterly Planning Update, contact Bob Hall, 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

- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 184 feet of new road and the cutting of a yarding wedge approximately one acre in size in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23, T. 31 S., R. 8 W., W.M. The action will occur in a late-successional stand on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-656** – Improvements to 784 feet of BLM Road No. 31-5-35.0 in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 29, T. 31 S., R. 4 W. and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 30, T. 31 S., R. 4 W., W.M. The road improvements do not require the cutting of any merchantable timber.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 1,523 feet of new road in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32, T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 5, T. 30 S., R. 8 W., W.M. The action will occur in a late-seral stand located in the General Forest Management Area

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735** – Construction of approximately 3,563 feet of new road across BLM land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 19, T. 24 S. R. 6 W., W.M. This action will occur in early-seral to late-seral stands allocated as General Forest Management Area.

Categorical Exclusions

Categorical Exclusions are categories of actions determined to have no significant effect to the human environment, individually or cumulatively. As such, neither an EA nor an EIS is required (40 CRR 1508.4).

South River Field Office

- **Right-of-Way Reassignment** – Reassignment of an existing right-of-way for an existing waterline that provides water for domestic use to a rural home site. The water line right-of-way crosses BLM-administered lands in the NE¼NW¼, Section 23, T. 30 S., R. 2 W., W.M. (OR-105-07-19)
- **Temporary Haul Permit** – Issuance of a temporary haul permit to Phylis McDonald authorizing the hauling of logs from private land across BLM Road Nos. 29-8-30.0, Segment “B” and 29-8-29.2, Segment “A” (portion) to be limited to the dry season. (OR-105-07-21)
- **Fencing** – Replacement of fencing surrounding five abandoned mine shafts of the Continental Mine in the NW¼, Section 20, T. 29 S., R. 3 W., W.M. The purpose of replacing the fencing is to protect the public from accidental injury and reduce the incidence of large animals inadvertently falling into the shafts. (OR-105-07-25)
- **Salvage Associated with Road Maintenance** – Salvage of a portion of a large sugar pine blown down across BLM Road No. 30-2-3.1 in Section 35, T. 29 S., R. 2 W., W. (OR-105-07-28)

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Pre-commercial Thinning & Manual Release.** Pre-commercially thins timber stands 10-20 years old to increase growing space for over-dense stands and removes competing vegetation from young conifer stands. Units are found throughout the Swiftwater Resource Area. 1,089 acres are within Late-Successional Reserve, 1,010 acres are within General Forest Management Areas, and 301 acres are within Connectivity/Diversity Management Areas. 268 acres will have hardwood and brush treatments. (OR-104-07-20).
- **Right-of-Way OROR 064271.** Re-authorization of right-of-way for 12.5 kV electrical distribution line across land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. No additional ground disturbance will occur due to this project. Secs. 7, 14, 17, 22, and 23, T.26 S., R.02 W. (OR-104-07-23).
- **Right-of-Way OROR 064272.** Re-authorization of right-of-way for 12.5 kV electrical distribution line across land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. No additional ground disturbance will occur due to this project. Sec. 14 T.26 S., R.02 W. (OR-104-07-24).
- **Roeder haul Permit.** Issuance of a temporary haul permit authorizing the hauling of logs from private land across BLM Road Nos. 25-7-29.1 and 25-7-29.0. (OR-104-07-26).
- **Comstock Archaeological Excavations 2007.** Authorizes limited archaeological testing at site OR-10-239 in the vicinity of the Comstock Day-Use Area between July 16 and 28, 2007. (OR-104-07-27).
- **Little Wolf Creek Stream Gage.** Joint United States Geological Survey/Bureau of Land Management construction and installation of equipment to monitor stream data for monitoring and analysis of stream flow and temperature on Little Wolf Creek. (OR-104-07-29).
- **Cycle Oregon Bicycle Ride.** Authorization for a seven day bicycle ride for 2200 people to traverse Bureau of Land Management administered lands on BLM road number 25-1-31 (Canton Creek Road). This includes closing the road to public traffic, from 08:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m. on September 12, 2007, except for usage of and access to Scaredman Campground. (OR-104-07-30).
- **Amendment No. 1 to Roseburg Resources Reciprocal Right-of-Way Permit and Agreement R-491.** Adds existing roads on BLM-administered public lands, BLM controlled roads on private lands, and BLM road improvements to the R-491 lists.

- **Amend Temporary Use Permit Serial No. OR 45116 To Authorize Existing Facilities Located On Public Lands, And To Resolve Trespass File No. OR 47185.** Permits existing uses of BLM-administered public lands and designates requirements associated with the permitting of existing uses while resolution of trespass is accomplished.

New Projects

South River Field Office

North Berry Creek Unilateral Right-of-Way and Road Construction Permit

Description: The proposed action is issuance of a temporary road use permit for use of BLM-controlled roads and authorization for temporary road construction to Swanson Group, Inc. The road is necessary for access to a parcel of private timber for which no other suitable alternative access is available. The temporary road would be between an estimated 700 and 800 feet in length and would be located approximately half on BLM-managed lands and half on private lands. The road would be ripped and blocked after use.

Location: Hauling would be authorized on BLM Roads 29-8-1.0, 29-7-18.2 and 29-7-7.0 and construction would be located in Section 7, T. 29 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Anticipated in March or April, 2008.

Swiftwater Field Office

Little Wolf Quarry Expansion

Description: The proposed action would expand the existing Little Wolf Quarry by approximately four acres.

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

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated December 2007.

Decision Date: Anticipated January 2008.

O.M. Hubbard II Density Management Study (DMS)

Description: The proposed action is the continuation of the DMS project on O.M. Hubbard II site which includes approximately 246 acres in Section 19 of T. 25 S., R. 7 W. and Section 24 of T. 26 S., R. 8 W., Willamette Meridian. O.M. Hubbard II is located within the General Forest Management Area and Riparian Reserve land-use allocations. Approximately 135 acres of O.M. Hubbard II would have harvest activities in accordance with the study design. O.M. Hubbard II is expected to yield 1,000 MBF of timber available for auction.

Location: Section 24, T. 26 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 19, T. 26 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated October 2007.

Decision Date: Anticipated March 2008.

Rone Access

Description: Issuance of a three year road use agreement for the hauling of approximately 500 MBF of timber on existing roads (24-3-30.0, 24-3-31.0, and 24-4-25.2) and construction of approximately 40 feet of road in NW ¼ of Section 31, T. 24 S., R. 3 W.

Location: Sections 31, T. 24 S., R. 3 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated December, 2007.

Decision Date: Anticipated in January, 2008.

Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items

South River Field Office

Roads and Facilities Management Activities

Fruit Growers Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement

Description: Establishment of a new O&C reciprocal right-of-way agreement between the BLM and Fruit Growers Supply Company. The agreement would provide for use of existing roads under the control of the BLM, and the 300 foot extension of a single by Fruit Growers Supply Company over BLM-managed lands for the purpose of accessing three parcels of the company's holdings.

Location: Section 31 of T. 29 S., R. 4 W.; Section 36, T. 29 S., R. 5 W., Sections 21 and 22 of T. 29 S., R. 6 W.; and Sections 5 and 6 of T. 31 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: December, 2006.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Comment Period: June 19, 2007 to July 19, 2007.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

South Fork Deer Creek O&C Permit

Description: Issuance of a temporary haul permit over BLM Road No. 28-4-5.1 and authorization to extend the road by approximately 1,550 feet to access adjoining private timber lands. This proposal was initially analyzed as the South Fork Middle Fork Deer Creek O&C Permit. The analysis was not carried forward when the original proponent (Glide Lumber) was bought by Swanson Group, who declined to pursue the application further. A new party applied to build the road as previously proposed, but has since obtained alternative access and completed logging.

Location: NW¼NW¼, Section 5, T. 28 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

The proponent sought and obtained alternative access. Consequently, the analysis has been closed and no decision will be issued.

Timber Management Activities

Lower Cow Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning and density management is proposed on approximately 722 acres.

Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations in conjunction with density management in associated Riparian Reserves would total 402 acres. Density management in Late-Successional Reserves would total 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: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated in November, 2007.

Decision Date: Anticipated in fiscal year 2009.

Middle Fork Coquille 2007 Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units, and density management in stands allocated as Late-Successional Reserves. Approximately 835 acres will be analyzed for treatment.

Location: Sections 5, 15, 29, 31, 32 and 33 in T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 1, 11, and 35 in T. 29 S., R. 9 W.; Sections 5, 9, 15, 27, and 33 in T. 30 S., R. 8 W.; and Section 3 in T. 30 S., R. 9 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: June 26, 2007 to July 26, 2007.

Decision Date: Multiple decisions are anticipated in fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

Olalla-Lookingglass LSR Density Management (note title correction)

Description: Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units, and density management in stands allocated as Late-Successional Reserves. Approximately 825 acres will be analyzed for treatment.

Location: Sections 21 and 27 of T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; Section 31 of T. 29 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 9 and 19 of T. 30 S., R. 7 W.; and Sections 1, 11, 13, 15, and 23 of T. 30 S., R. 8 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Comment Period: May 7 to June 7, 2007.

Decision Date: Three decisions are anticipated in fiscal year 2008.

South Myrtle Creek Regeneration Harvest Plan

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 585 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.; Section 7, T. 29 S., R. 2 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: Uncertain at this time.

Decision Date: Uncertain at this time.

Myrtle Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning in mid-seral stands allocated to the General Forest Management Area, and density management in stands allocated to Connectivity/Diversity Blocks or as Riparian Reserves. Approximately 960 acres would be considered for treatment in the Myrtle Creek 5th-field watershed.

Location: Sections 17, 21, 33 and 35, T. 28 S., R. 3 W.; Section 21, T. 28 S., R. 4 W.; Sections 9, 11 and 21, T. 29 S., R. 3 W.; and Sections 1 and 3, T. 29 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: A decision for the Lucky Louis Commercial Thinning project was issued in July, 2007, followed by decisions for the Rise and Fall and Bobbin Weave Commercial Thinning projects in August, 2007.

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. A date for authorization of the Hi-Yo Silver timber sale is unknown at this time.

Restoration Activities

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 were issued for the replacement of stream-crossing culverts on a tributary to Holmes Creek, North Myrtle Creek and Beals Creek in the summer of 2005. Decisions were also issued for replacement of a culvert on West Fork Canyon Creek, and in-stream habitat restoration in Stouts Creek that was completed in the summer of 2006. A decision for the replacement of a stream-crossing culvert on Rice Creek was issued in April, 2007. Additional decisions will be forthcoming in fiscal year 2008 and beyond.

Martin Creek Instream Restoration

Description: Placement of instream structures along a two mile stretch of Martin Creek, where it passes through lands owned by Roseburg Resources Company, and lands managed by the BLM. Structures consist of multiple logs and/or boulders, designed to aggrade the stream channel and provide pool habitat for resident and anadromous fish, and other aquatic organisms. The project will also, if funding can be secured, replace a stream-crossing culvert on BLM Road No. 32-7-1.2 that blocks access by fish to approximately one mile of habitat in a side tributary of Martin Creek.

Location: T. 31 S., R. 7 W., Section 35, and T. 32 S., R. 7 W., Sections 1 and 2.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: All in-stream work is completed. No decision has been made on replacement of a stream-crossing culvert on Road No. 32-7-1.2.

Myrtle Creek Watershed Restoration

Description: The analysis identified a range 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 decisions for projects analyzed in this EA were issued in 2005 or 2006, and none are planned for 2007. Additional decisions for road improvements, road decommissioning and slide stabilization may be forthcoming in fiscal year 2008 and beyond.

Swiftwater Field Office

Roads and Facilities Management Activities

Millpond Recreation Maintenance Shop

Description: Construction of a new maintenance facility in the Millpond/Lone Pine recreation complex. The existing Rock Creek maintenance facility will be closed due to continuing problems with vandalism because of its isolated location. The new facility will replace the existing Rock Creek shop facility.

Location: Section 21 T. 25 S., R. 02 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: completed August, 2007.

Decision Date: Anticipated in December 2007/January 2008.

Road Improvement and Repair of Hubbard Creek Road (26-7-19.1 Road) and Long Ranch Road (26-7-20.3 Road))

Description: This is an environmental assessment including both a Title II project and an Emergency Repair Federally Owned roads (ERFO) project. The Title II project would improve the 26-7-19.1 road to reduce sediment risk to aquatic habitat. The improvement would include realignment and resurfacing with rock 0.51 miles of road, rock surfacing an additional 0.72 miles of road, and replacing and/or installing additional culverts. The ERFO project (Long Ranch Road) would repair two fill slope failures, on the 26-7-20.3 road, caused by saturated fills during the January 2006 flood event. The existing road is used by both the BLM and private landowners.

Location: Section 19 T. 26 S., R. 07 W.; Section 21, T. 26 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Ended June 6, 2007.

Decision Date: June 19, 2007.

Timber Management Activities

Darth Raider Density Management

Description: Density management is proposed on approximately 104 acres of young managed stands (45-55 years old) in the Late-Successional Reserve.

Location: Sections 18 and 19, T. 24 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Covered under the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan (EA # OR-104-02-09).

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed under Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan.

Decision Date: Anticipated October 2007.

Powells Bottle Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units and density management in Late-Successional Reserve. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 152 acres of young managed stands (35-45 years old) in the General Forest Management Area, approximately 27 acres of density management in Riparian Reserve, and approximately 92 acres in the Late-Successional Land Use Allocations.

Location: Section 33, T. 24 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 3, 5 and 9, T. 25 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Covered under the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan (EA # OR-104-02-09).

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed under Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan.

Decision Date: Anticipated December 2007.

Callahan Mudaxle Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units and density management in Late-Successional Reserve. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 175 acres of young managed stands (45-55 years old) in the Connectivity/Diversity Blocks and 19 acres of density management in Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations.

Location: Sections 29, T. 26 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Covered under the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan (EA # OR-104-02-09).

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed under Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan.

Decision Date: Anticipated February 2008.

Elkhead Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations and density management in the Riparian Reserves associated with the Matrix harvest units. Approximately 1,360 acres will be analyzed for treatment. Four sales (i.e. Adams Apple, Cedar Shingle, Slow Lane, and Lurch) are expected to yield approximately 13.6 MMBF of timber. Cedar Mill and Shingle Bells have been combined into a single sale called Cedar Shingle since the publication of the Spring 2007 Planning Update.

Location: Sections 7, 15, 17, 19, 23, and 35, T. 23 S., R. 4 W., W.M.; Section 3, T. 24 S., R. 4 W., W.M.; and Section 13, T. 23 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Scoping Period ends September 25, 2007.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment anticipated October, 2007.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated December, 2007.

Decision Date: Four separate decisions, one for each sale, are anticipated: Adams Apple (April, 2008), Cedar Shingle (May, 2008), Slow Lane (June, 2008), and Lurch (July, 2008).

Saddle Up To Paradise Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning or density management on approximately 200 acres of mid-seral stands. Commercial Thinning of approximately 89 acres in the Matrix (General Forest Management Area) land use allocation, density management of 20 acres in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units, and density management 81 acres in Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocations. Approximately 170 acres will be analyzed for treatment.

Location: Section 27, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: August 21, 2007.

Basin Shield Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Approximately 120 acres of mid-seral stands would be treated. This includes commercial thinning of 42 acres in the Matrix (General Forest Management Area) land use allocation, density management of 41 acres in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units, and density management 37 acres in Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocations.

Location: Sections 17 and 18, T. 24 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Covered under the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan (EA # OR-104-02-09).

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed under Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan.

Decision Date: July 31, 2007.

Johnson Creek Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial Thinning of approximately 296 acres of second-growth timber on Matrix lands. This is a previously sold but unawarded timber sale of the same name.

Location: Sections 2, 9, 11, and 15, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed. Awarded.

Foghorn Cleghorn Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial Thinning of approximately 386 acres of second-growth timber on Matrix lands. This was a previously sold but unawarded timber sale of the same name.

Location: Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed. Awarded.

The following timber sales are sold/unawarded.

Happy Summit Density Management

Description: Density management of approximately 391 acres of second-growth timber, in the Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocation. This was a previously sold but unawarded timber sale of the same name.

Location: Sections 1, 11, and 12, T. 21 S., R. 6 W.; Sections 25 and 35, T. 20 S., R. 6 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed. Award is pending.

Lands and Realty Activities

State Indemnity Selection (aka – In-Lieu Selections)

Description: The Congress conveyed lands to the State of Oregon, upon its statehood, in 1859. Not all lands were available for conveyance and this project will partially fulfill the United State's obligation to the State of Oregon by conveying approximately 180 acres of public lands to state control. Lands would be selected from the following 10 parcels.

Location: *Parcel 1* – SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32, T. 20 S., R. 6 W., WM. (40 ac.);

Parcel 2 – Govt. Lot 7 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 6, T.21 S., R.6 W., WM. (64.54 ac.);

Parcel 3 – NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., WM. (40 ac.);

Parcel 4 – NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34, T. 22 S., R. 4 W., WM. (40 ac.);

Parcel 5 – Govt. Lot 1, Section 28, T. 22 S., R. 7 W., WM. (39.06 ac.);

Parcel 6 – SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26, T. 22 S., R. 7 W., WM. (80.45 ac.);

Parcel 7 – NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 4, T. 23 S., R. 4 W., WM. (40 ac.);

Parcel 8 – NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 24, T. 23 S., R.7 W., WM. (40 ac.);

Parcel 9 – SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32, T. 25 S., R.3 W., WM. (40 ac.); and/or

Parcel 10 – SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 14, T. 25 S., R.7 W., WM. (40 ac.)

Issue Identification: Completed. This project was identified by the Oregon State Office as high priority for conveyance to the State of Oregon and the Oregon Division of State Lands to resolve indemnity/in-lieu selections in accordance with the 1991 court settlement.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: June 28, 2007.

Restoration Activities

Umpqua Basin Tree Revetment

Description: This is a Title II project on non-BLM administered lands. This project would install 7 to 10 tree revetments (clumps of Christmas trees secured to streambanks, positioned to catch sediment, redirect and slow streamflow), and the planting of native vegetation along the streambank and in the riparian area, to improve overall stream conditions and water quality in various streams throughout Douglas County.

Location: Various streams on non-BLM administered lands within the Roseburg BLM District boundary.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Completed

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Signed August 14, 2007.

North Bank Habitat Management Activities

Description: Trail signs will be installed across the North Bank Habitat Management Area/ACEC. The contract for road reconstruction and stream headcut repair work will continue, in the East Jackson Creek drainage, through September and possibly into October of 2007. A well house building will be constructed near the new well head to house a holding tank and solar equipment. Prescribed burning will occur on approximately 550 acres in late September to early October, 2007.

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

Deferred Analyses

The following projects are not presently considered action items. Further work on the environmental assessments has been deferred. At such time as analysis is resumed, it will be noted in the Planning Update.

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The following projects are deferred, but may be resumed at some point in the future.

Broken Buck Regeneration Harvest

Christopher Folley Regeneration Harvest

Diamondback Regeneration Harvest

Emile Regeneration Harvest

Green Thunder Regeneration Harvest

Whatagas Regeneration Harvest

Yoncalla West Regeneration Harvest

Elk Creek Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment

Swiftwater/Lone Rock Tie Road (aka Swiftwater Tie Road Realignment)

Watershed Analysis Status

South River Field Office

No watershed analysis is being conducted at this time.

Swiftwater Field Office

No watershed analysis is being conducted at this time.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Roseburg District has specific volunteer opportunities listed on-line at volunteer.gov/gov. Please call District Volunteer Program Coordinator Joe Ross at 464-3248 for further details.

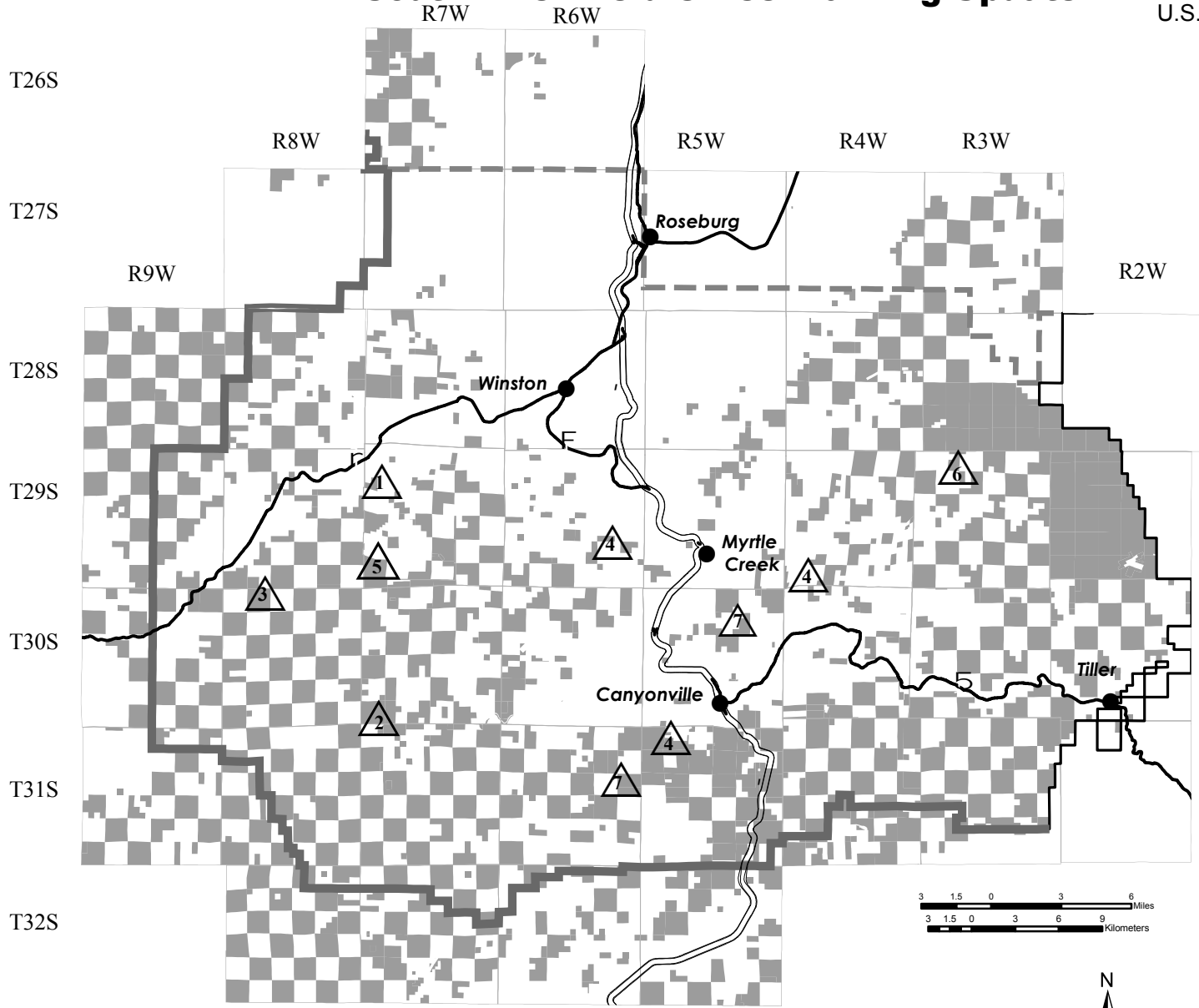


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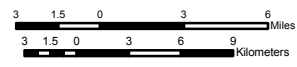
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| 2 | Lower Cow Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management | 6 | South Myrtle Regeneration Harvest Plan |
| 3 | Middle Fork Coquille 2007 Commercial Thinning and Density Management | 7 | Can-Can Regeneration Harvest Plan |
| 4 | Fruit Growers Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement | | |



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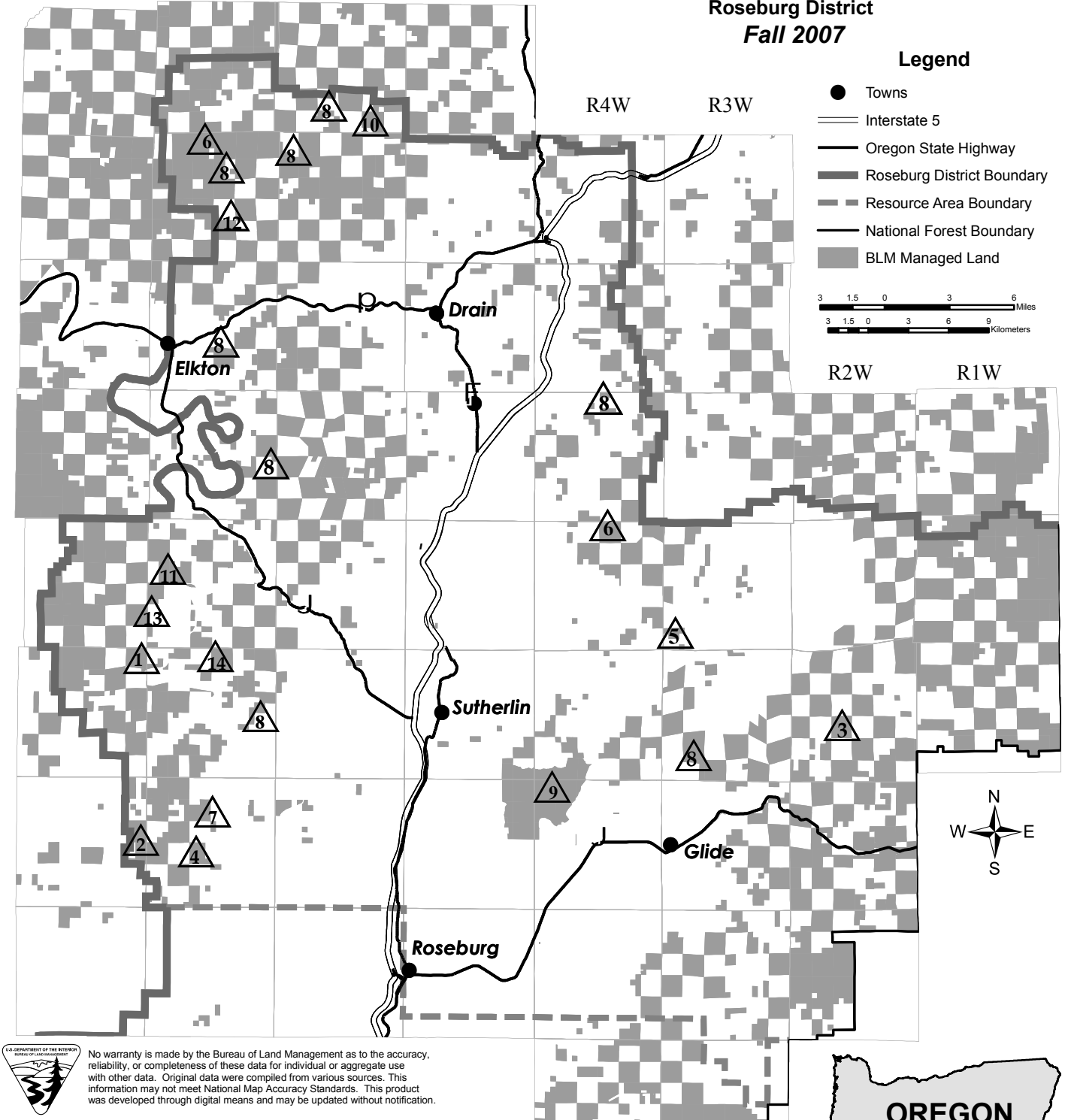
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Abbreviations and Definitions

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).

GFMA – General Forest Management Area.

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.

LSR – Late-Successional Reserves - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. These reserves will maintain a functional, interactive, late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystem. Approximately 81% of the Roseburg District BLM is reserve.

Matrix Lands - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. Most timber harvest contributing to the Allowable Sale Quantity takes place in this area. Approximately 19% of the Roseburg District BLM is matrix.

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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