

# Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



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Dear Citizen:

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

The Roseburg District Collaborative Forestry Pilot project is an experiment in using a collaborative process to:

- Accelerate the development of and retain habitat components to support the conservation and recovery of the Northern Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet;
- Reduce the hazard of uncharacteristically large/intense wildfire in dry forest types as needed to support landscape and community fire resiliency/resistance; and
- Provide reliable and substantial timber volume to support employment, income and public services while recovery planning/critical habitat designation and associated land use planning are addressed.

The collaborative group has been meeting since February. Together, we have looked at potential project sites in both dry and moist forest settings. I am pleased to report that the BLM is using scoping input from the group in developing alternatives for a moist-forest thinning project in the Swiftwater Resource Area. Analysis is underway on the Johnson Cleghorn Thinning, and we hope to release an Environmental Assessment (EA) this fall.

In May, the group shifted its attention to a broader scale, and our collaborative effort is now looking at treatment design criteria for projects across the landscape, by focusing on the Little River AMA. The group received a firsthand exposure to stand development processes in the Little River Adaptive Management Area. On August 25, 2010, the group visited stands that had been replanted and are now ready for pre-commercial thinning up through stands that have received commercial treatments and are now beginning to show more complex structure and function.

In addition, the group participated in a field trip with Dr.'s Norm Johnson and Jerry Franklin to see how they would do stand treatments for the purposes of accomplishing ecological function. This August 27, 2010 field trip was of interest to the Oregon Congressional delegation and was attended by Congressman DeFazio and staff from Senator Wyden's office. For more information, check our website at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/index.php>.

If you currently receive an email from us when an EA comes out, you will continue receiving those emails. If you are not currently receiving these emails and wish to be included in our NEPA email list, please contact our office at (541) 440-4930. We will still order legal notices for all decisions; these notices will continue to be published on Tuesdays.

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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## Key Contact

For more information about projects in the Quarterly Planning Update, contact Meagan Conry, 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*

- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-666** – Construction of 186 feet of road to access company lands in Section 28, T. 29 S., R. 4 W., W.M. The new road will depart from BLM Road No. 29-4-35.0 in Section 27, T. 29 S., R. 4 W., W.M. and pass through a late-seral stand allocated to a Connectivity/Diversity Block.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Improvements to Road No. 31-4-1.2 and Segments C and E of Road No. 31-4-11.1; totaling 7,416 feet. Construction of 475 feet of new road in the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 13, T. 31 S., R. 4 W., W.M., through a late-seral stand allocated to Late-Successional Reserves; construction of 960 feet of new road in Lot 3, Section 7, T. 31 S., R. 3W., W.M.; and construction of 1,352 feet of new road in Lots 3 and 4, Section 7, T. 31 S., R. 3W., through stands 21 to 60 years old on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of two new roads totaling 516 feet in length across BLM-administered lands in the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 13, T. 30 S., R. 8 W., W.M. to access company lands in the same section. The roads pass through a 40 year old stand on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 392 feet of new road in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 18, T. 30 S., R. 7 W., W.M. through a 12 year old stand on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve and construction of 80 feet of new road in the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 19, T. 30 S., R. 7 W., W.M., through a 70 year old stand on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Improvement of 1,306 feet of existing road in the E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 29, T. 31 S., R. 7 W., W.M. and construction of , and construction of three new road segments, a combined 831 feet in length through lands allocated to Late-Successional Reserves. The first new road, 504 feet in length, will be located in the SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 29, T. 31 S., R. 7 W., W.M. The second new road, 143 feet in length, will be located in the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 29, T. 31 S., R. 7 W., W.M. The third new road, 184 feet in length, will also be located in the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 29, T. 31 S., R. 7 W., W.M. The forest stand through which these roads pass is 60 to 110 years old.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 262 feet of new road and clearing of a 3.8 acre yarding wedge in the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 9, T. 29 S., R. 7 W., W.M. on lands allocated to a Connectivity/Diversity Block. The stand involved is approximately 140 years old.

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735** – Improvement of 470 feet of road on BLM-administered lands in the Lots 1 and 9, Section 35, T. 24 S., R. 8 W., and Lot 2, Section 1, T. 25 S., R. 8 W., W.M. The BLM lands involved are mid-seral stands in the Late-Successional Reserve land use allocation.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735** – Construction of 1,040 feet of road (24-6-17.8) on BLM-administered lands in Section 17, T. 24 S., R. 7 W., W.M. The BLM lands involved are late-seral stands in the General Forest Manage Area land use allocation.

- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735** – Construction of 550 feet of road (24-6-5.0) on BLM-administered lands in Section 5, T. 24 S., R. 6 W., W.M. The BLM lands involved are mid-seral stands in the Late-Successional Reserve land use allocation.

## Categorical Exclusions

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

There is a prescribed rule-making process for establishing actions that are categorically excluded from NEPA analysis. This includes publication of a notice in the Federal Register of the proposed actions to be categorically excluded 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*

- **Pre-Commercial Thinning** – Pre-commercial of approximately 1210 acres of early-seral stands allocated to the General Forest Management Area (508 acres), Connectivity/Diversity Block (307 acres), and Late-Successional Reserve (396 acres) land use allocations at various locations within the South River Resource Area. Thinning will be conducted with chainsaws beginning in late-September and running through late-February. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2010-0016)
- **Pre-Commercial Thinning** – Removal of alder trees less than eight inches diameter breast height from approximately two acres located along Shively Creek in Section 3, T. 31 S., R. 4 W., W. M. for the purpose of releasing and facilitating the growth of conifers along the creek. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2010-0018)

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

- **North Bank HMA Middle Barn Salvage Removal** – Authorization for the removal and salvage of material from the Middle Barn (T.25 S., R. 5 W., Section 6) on the North Bank Habitat Management Area. The project ensures that debris is removed and the Middle Barn site is cleaned up. The North Bank Habitat Management Area is an ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern) Land Use Allocation. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2010-014-CX).

- **Renew Domestic Waterline Right-of-Way OR 19335** – Authorizes the renewal of a domestic water system right-of-way for an existing facility that supplies water to three residences. The waterline right-of-way is approximately 115 feet long and 10 feet wide. The waterline right-of-way is located in an Administrative Withdrawal Area and Riparian Reserve in Section 9 and Lot 2, T. 26 S., R. 3 W., W.M. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2009-006-CX).
- **Butler Boundary Danger Tree Salvage** – Salvage of two dead trees leaning over the Boundary Road (26.2-2-13.0 Road.). Removing the trees mitigate a potential hazard to traffic along the road. The two trees were 42 inches and 44 inches DBH and a total volume of 5 MBF. The trees were considered for use as stream structure, but rejected because transport of logs to a potential stream site was cost prohibitive. The salvage was located in the General Forest Management Area in Section 13, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W.M. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2010-016-CX).
- **Renew and Amend Communication Site Right-of-Way** – Authorizes the renewal of Grant No. OR 45936 on Lane Mountain Communication Site for existing facilities and amends existing equipment for Micro-wave dish and antennae, including beam paths. It also includes required new equipment with a beam path. The facility is located in the General Forest Management Area in Sections 25, T. 27 S., R. 4 W., W.M. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2010-012-CX).

## New Projects

### *Roseburg District*

There are no new projects at the District level this quarter.

### *South River Field Office*

There are no new projects proposed in the South River Field Office this quarter.

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

#### **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 1,365 acres allocated to the Matrix land use allocations and associated Riparian Reserves, and density management of approximately 425 acres allocated to Late-Successional Reserves. The project is anticipated to yield between 18 and 21 million board feet of timber.

**Location:** Section 31, T. 24 S., R. 1 W., Willamette Meridian (W.M.); Sections 5, 6, 7, 15, 23, 25 and 26, T. 25 S. R. 1 W.; and Sections 1, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23 and 25, T. 25 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Ongoing.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Unknown at this time.

**Decision Date:** Multiple decisions anticipated in fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

#### **Sutherlin Creek Crossing**

**Description:** Construction of a 135 foot road through a late-seral 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:** Anticipated February 2011.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated March 2011.

## **Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items**

### *Roseburg District*

#### **Timber Management Activities**

There is no planning underway this quarter for timber management activities at the District level.

#### **Restoration Activities**

##### **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:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Multiple decisions anticipated beginning January/February 2010.

#### **Other Activities**

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

### *South River Field Office*

#### **Timber Management Activities**

Note- the Roseburg District FY2010 Timber Sale Plan is available at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/timbersales/files/2010SalePlan.pdf>

#### **Alternative Access to Unit 5 of Treetop Flyer Commercial Thinning**

**Description:** The proposed action is the construction of alternative access to Unit 30-3-15A described in the South Umpqua River Watershed Harvest Plan Environmental Assessment. The road would be a permanent, all-weather road located primarily in a ridge-top location along an existing jeep road. Portions of the unit were initially planned for helicopter yarding which is no longer economically viable. The road would allow for traditional cable yarding of approximately 35 acres that would not be otherwise accessible. The road would also extend the available seasons of operation, provide for safer yarding with less damage to the residual stand, and provide better access for future management entries.

The analysis tiers to and incorporates by reference the description of the affected environment and analysis of environmental consequences provided by the South Umpqua River Watershed Harvest Plan Environmental Assessment.

**Location:** Section 15, T. 30 S., R. 3 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment completed.

**Public Comment Period:** Complete.

**Decision Date:** August 17, 2010 in Treetop Flyer Commercial Thinning decision.

#### **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:** Kryptonite Commercial Thinning was offered at auction on August 17, 2010, beginning implementation of Alternative Three described in the EA. Additional decisions are anticipated in fiscal year 2011.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup>-field subwatersheds of the South Umpqua 5<sup>th</sup>-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:** Decisions for Shively Whiplash Density Management and Thin Air Commercial Thinning were issued in August of 2009. Treetop Flyer Commercial Thinning was offered for auction on August 17, 2010, completing implementation of the proposed action alternative.

## **Restoration Activities**

There is no planning underway this quarter for restoration activities within the South River Field Office.

## **Other Activities**

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

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

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

**Issue Identification:** Ongoing.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Unknown at this time.

**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time.

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

**Description:** The Douglas County Lands Department is seeking permission to use an existing BLM-administered road, make improvements to a jeep road on BLM-administered lands in Section 1, T. 30 S., R. 5 W., and construct new road across BLM-administered lands in Section 35, T. 29 S., R. 5 W., W.M. This would provide access for the purpose of harvesting County-owned timber land in Section 35, T. 29 S., R. 5 W., W.M

**Location:** Section 35, T. 29 S., R. 5 W. and Section 1, T. 30 S., R. 5 W., W.M. .

**Issue Identification:** Ongoing.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Unknown at this time.

**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time.

## **White Rock Travel Management Plan**

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

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

**Scoping Period:** Unknown at this time.

**Issue Identification:** Unknown at this time.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Unknown at this time.

**Decision Date:** Unknown at this time.

## *Swiftwater Field Office*

### **Timber Management Activities**

Note- the Roseburg District FY2010 Timber Sale Plan is available at:

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**Location:** Section 31, T. 24 S., R. 1 W., Willamette Meridian (W.M.); Sections 5, 6, 7, 15, 23, 25 and 26, T. 25 S. R. 1 W.; and Sections 1, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 23 and 25, T. 25 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Ongoing.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Unknown at this time.

**Decision Date:** Multiple decisions anticipated in fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

### **Johnson Cleghorn Commercial Thinning**

**Description:** Commercial thinning of approximately 400 acres of mid-seral stands (40-50 years old) within the Matrix and Riparian Reserves land use allocations in Upper and Lower Johnson Creeks, Cleghorn Creek, 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:** Ongoing

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated in October 2010.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in August 2011.

### **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 mid-seral 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 July 2011.

**Decision Date:** Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Big Thunder (March 2012), Thundering Herd (May 2012), and Rolling Thunder (January 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 6<sup>th</sup>-field subwatershed of the Upper Umpqua River 5<sup>th</sup>-field watershed, and the Cabin Creek-Calapooya 6<sup>th</sup>-field subwatershed of the Calapooya Creek 5<sup>th</sup>-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:** Ongoing

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated in September, 2010.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011.

### **Little River MMX**

**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 mid-seral 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 November 2010.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated: Root Canal (September 2011), Baker Street (September 2011), Horseshoe (October 2011), 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:** Ongoing.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated September 2010.

### **Blackbird Commercial Thinning**

**Description:** Commercial thinning in the GFMA, Connectivity/Diversity Block, and Riparian Reserve land use allocations in the Rock Creek, Lower North Umpqua, and Calapooya Creek watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning or density management of approximately 822 acres of mid-seral forest stands (38-50 years old). Three sales are planned: Corvid (284 acres), Craven Raven (274 acres), and Old Crow (249 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:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Corvid (Decision issued March 23, 2010), Craven Raven (Decision issued May 25, 2010), and Old Crow (Decision issued June 29, 2010).

### **Third Elk Commercial Thinning**

**Description:** Commercial thinning and density management in the GFMA, Connectivity/Diversity Block, and Riparian Reserve land use allocations in the Elk Creek/Umpqua River watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning or density management of approximately 578 acres of mid-seral forest stands (34-57 years old). Three sales are planned: Milk Shake (48 acres), Off Your Walker (360 acres), and Elk Camino (170 acres).

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

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Milk Shake (Decision issued July 27, 2010), Elk Camino (November 2010), and Off Your Walker (February 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 mid-seral 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:** Ongoing.

**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 (January 2010), and Mud Slinger (June 2011).

### **Restoration Activities**

There is no planning underway this quarter for restoration activities within the Swiftwater Field Office.

## **Other Activities**

### **Tioga Bridge and Susan Creek Day-Use Area Improvements**

**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 bridge piers 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 Congressionally Reserved land use allocation.

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

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Decision issued May 2010.

### **Susan Creek Stew WUI (Wildland Urban Interface)**

**Description:** The proposed action involves the reduction of fuels, in the GFMA and the Riparian Reserve land use allocations, 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:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in September 2010.

### **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 November/December 2010.

## **North Bank Habitat Management Area (NBHMA) Activities**

**Description:** During September through November, we will be implementing several new projects and continuing ongoing projects and monitoring. Ongoing projects include: invasive species removal, GPS collar study of Columbian white-tailed deer (CWTD) forage preference, CWTD spotlight surveys, and special status plant species maintenance, and road mowing to reduce fire danger and improve access. New projects include: Yellow-legged frog surveys, a State Leadership Team Field Tour with BLM District Managers and the Oregon-Washington BLM State Office Management Team, prescribed burns to enhance CWTD forage, replacement of a culvert along Jackson Creek, power line and pole maintenance (by PacifiCorp and Trees Inc.), in-stream log and boulder placement along Chasm Creek.

**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

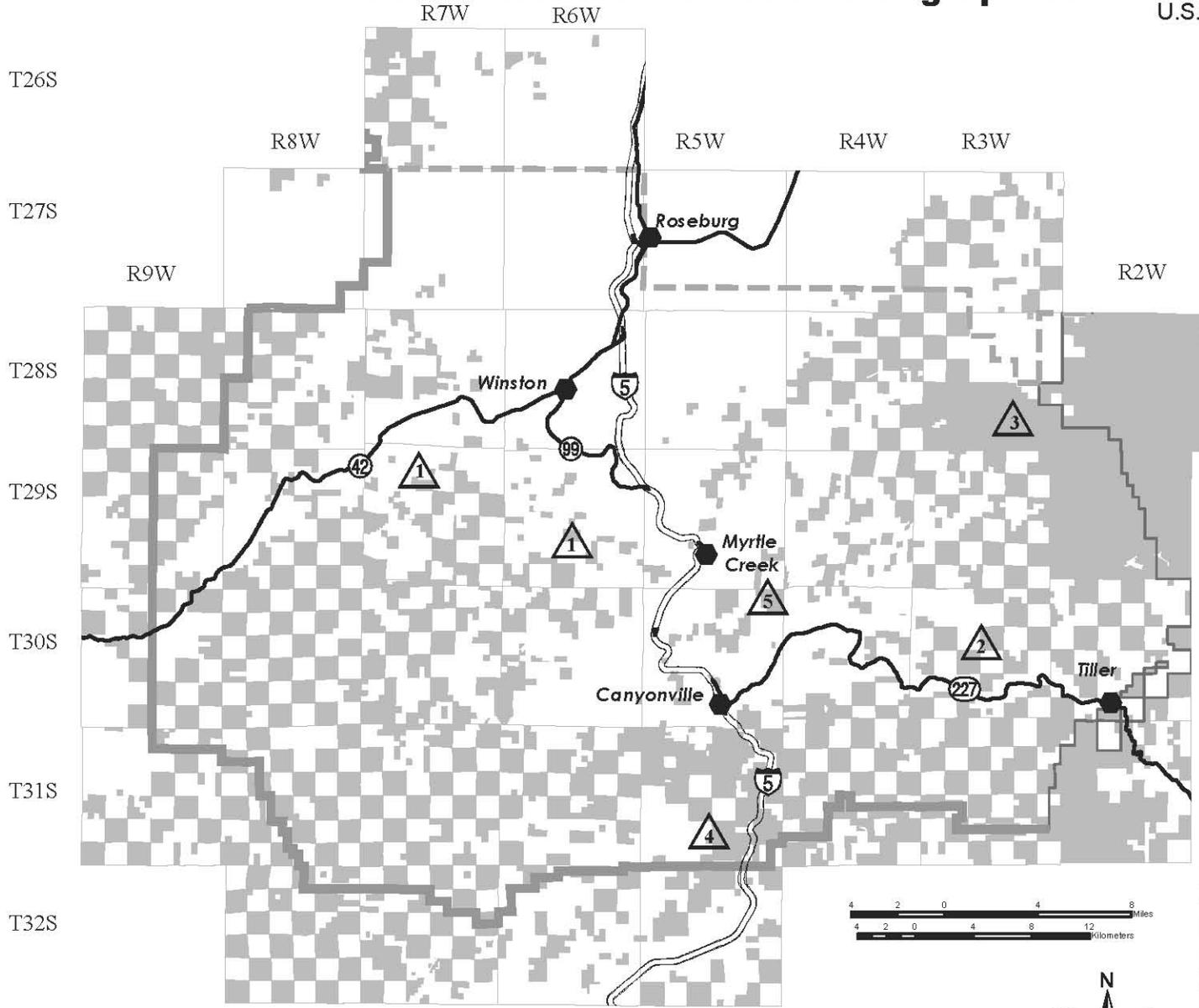
The Roseburg District has volunteer opportunities listed on-line at [volunteer.gov/gov](http://volunteer.gov/gov). The BLM is actively recruiting campground hosts for the Roseburg District. It's an exciting opportunity to live in a beautiful natural setting and work with the public and an outstanding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



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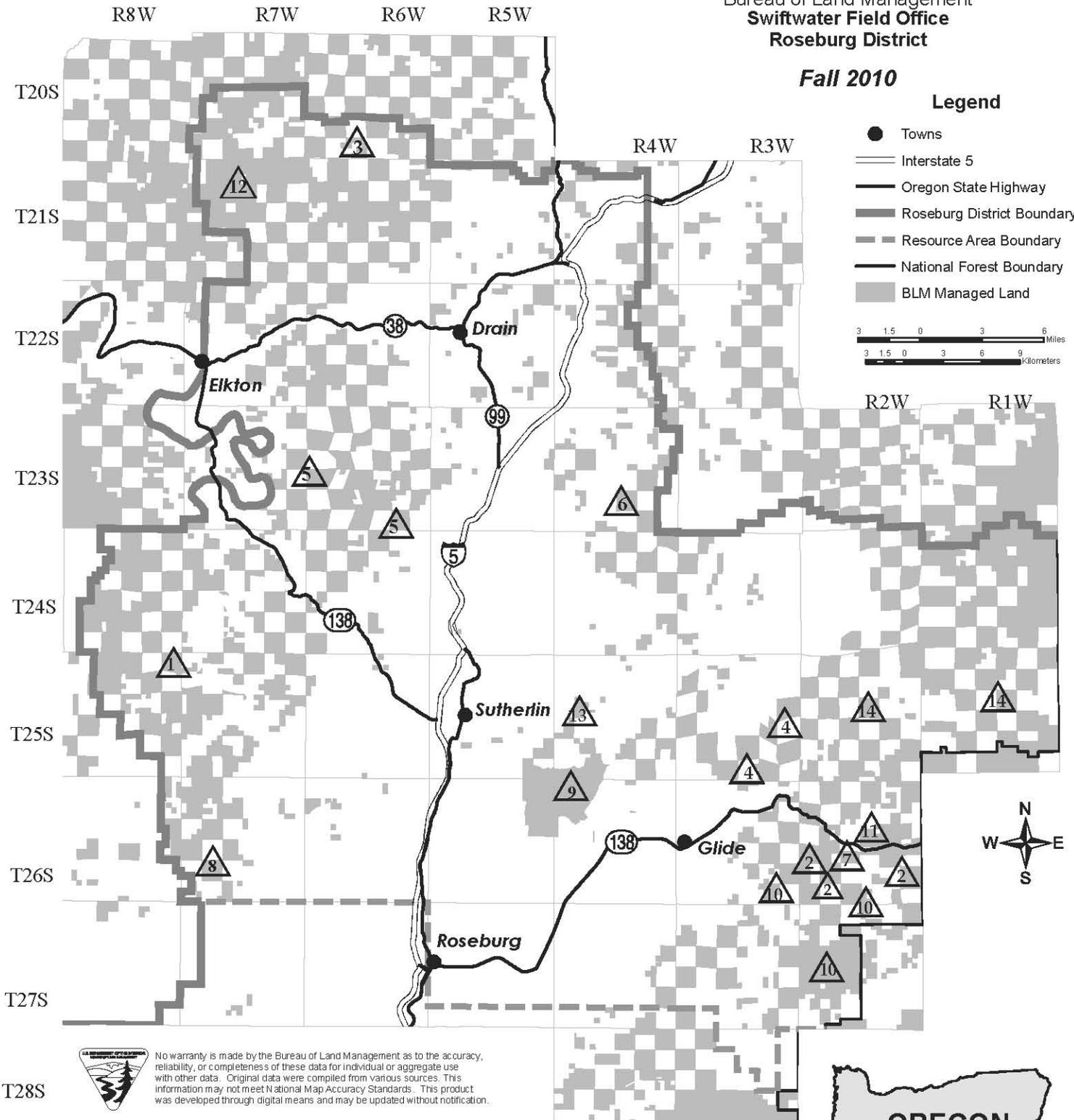
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# Abbreviations and Definitions

**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).

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

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

**MBF** - Thousand board feet.

**MMBF** - Million board feet.

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

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

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

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

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

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