

Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



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Dear Citizen:

The Quarterly Planning Update is published with the intent of providing current information about discretionary management actions being undertaken, specific projects, and future events planned on the Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The BLM completed the process of revising resource management plans for the Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, and Medford Districts, and the Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Lakeview District. The BLM issued Records of Decision (RODs) on August 5, 2016 for the Northern and Coastal Oregon Resource Management Plan (NCO RMP) and the Southwest Oregon Resource Management Plan (SWO RMP). The Swiftwater Field Office is part of the NCO RMP and the South River Field Office is part of the SWO RMP. You may obtain the RODs and additional information on this planning effort at <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/>. Issuance of the 2016 RMPs begins a two-year period of transition from managing under the 1995 Roseburg District ROD/RMP to the 2016 RMPs.

The BLM makes project documents available on the National NEPA Register (ePlanning) at: https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/nepa/nepa_register.do. To access Roseburg District projects, select the **Text Search** tab; under the state(s), select **Oregon/Washington**; and under Office(s), select **ORWA - Roseburg DO**. For a complete list of new projects, select **All** under the *Document Type(s)*, *Fiscal Year(s)* and *Program(s)* boxes. Then click the **Search** button and your results will be shown at the bottom of the page. Historical documents are available in the NEPA Archive on the Roseburg District Internet website at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/plans/plans.php>.

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 in previous updates, this edition contains information on a wide array of work proposed or underway on the Roseburg District. Written comments on BLM projects, including the specific project and field office name, should be sent to 777 N.W. Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97471, during the specified public comment period. Electronic comments (with the project name in the subject line) can be sent to: BLM_OR_RB_Mail@BLM.GOV.

Thank you for your interest in Roseburg District BLM resources, projects, and lands.

Sincerely,

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Categorical Exclusions

In implementation of the NEPA regulations, the BLM has developed categorical exclusions covering management actions for many resource programs, including fish and wildlife, forestry, realty, transportation, recreation management and emergency stabilization. In developing categorical exclusions, the BLM demonstrated through rulemaking procedures how these actions do not typically result in significant environmental effects and set forth the methodology and criteria used to define the categories of actions. These rulemaking procedures included extensive public involvement and input, and CEQ review regarding appropriate limits on the use of the categorical exclusion to assure that any categorically excluded action would remain within the effects of actions covered in the analysis for the rulemaking. The purpose of a categorical exclusion is to eliminate the need for unnecessary paperwork under NEPA. Specifically, Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR §1508.4 state that:

"'Categorical exclusion' means a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a Federal agency in implementation of these regulations (Sec. 1507.3) and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required...Any procedures under this section shall provide for extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant environmental effect."

Use of categorical exclusions on the Roseburg District includes a 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 and environmental impact statements.

Roseburg District

- **[Roseburg District Special Forest Products Sales](#)** – Roseburg District proposes to issue and administer contracts/permits for collecting or harvesting a variety of special forest products (SPF). Special forest products are limited to those that can be collected under a free use permit (mushrooms, floral greenery, etc. for personal use) or sold using Form 5450-5 (for the sale of vegetative material up to a value of \$2,499.00), Form 5450-1 (for the sale of vegetative material over \$2,500.00), and Christmas tree tags. The program provides the public with the opportunity to harvest special forest products for recreational or personal use or commercially as a source of income. The District has issued an average of approximately 1,200 SFP contracts/permits annually since 1996 and would continue to do so in all land use allocations across the Roseburg District. A decision and Determination of NEPA Adequacy were issued September 6, 2016 ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-2015-0005-CX](#)). A Categorical Exclusion and decision to continue the program under the 2016 Western Oregon Resource Management Plans is anticipated in winter of 2016.

- **Roseburg District Pump Chance and Helipond Routine Maintenance** – The Roseburg District proposes to conduct routine maintenance activities on 110 existing pump chances and heliponds (water impoundments) scattered on BLM lands. The impoundment sites are mostly manmade sources of water for wildland fire suppression. The BLM in cooperation with the Douglas Forest Protection Association, Coos Forest Protective Association and other landowners would conduct periodic routine maintenance within the existing footprint of existing sites. Routine maintenance includes activities such as brushing, dredging accumulated sediment, maintaining dikes, maintaining road access to the sites, and removing trash. (DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-2016-0006-CX)
- **Roseburg Pre-Commercial Thinning** – The BLM would conduct pre-commercial thinning on approximately 3,900 acres of dense stands less than 35 years. This is a multi-year project and approximately 1,600 acres per year would be pre-commercially thinned. The BLM would cut conifer trees less than eight inches diameter at breast height (DBH), hardwood trees, and shrubs that are competing with conifers. The project would increase available growing space, water, and nutrient for the retained trees. Stands proposed for treatment are within Matrix, Late-Successional Reserve (LSR), and Riparian Reserve (RR) land use allocations (1995 ROD/RMP). The proposed action would take place on BLM-administered lands throughout the Roseburg District. Two categorical exclusions and decisions will be released in fall of 2016. (DOI-BLM-ORWA-R040-2016-0009-CX; DOI-BLM-ORWA-R050-2016-0012-CX)

South River Field Office

- **Douglas Electric Cooperative Power Line Right-of-Way Grant** – This action reauthorizes two existing right-of-ways to Douglas Electric Cooperative to operate, maintain, and terminate a 7200 volt buried and two overhead distribution power line (69 kV and 7200 volt) for a term of twenty-five years. Each right-of-way is ten feet wide and composed of three segments: 1,391 feet (0.32 acres), 2,718 feet (3.74 acres), and 1,500 feet long (2.07 acres). No additional rights would be conveyed. This action requires no new ground disturbing activities or construction. The right-of-way is located in Section 3 of T. 30 S., R. 9 W.; Section 14 of T. 28 S., R. 7 W.; Section 9, T. 29 S., R. 8 W., Willamette Meridian (W.M.). (DOI-BLM-ORWA-R050-2016-0002-CX)
- **Stouts Creek Fire Roadside Safety and Fire Break** – The Stouts Creek Fire burned approximately 26,428 acres during the summer of 2015, including 5,539 acres of BLM-administered lands in the South River Field Office. The Stouts Creek Roadside Safety and Fire Break project includes approximately 71 acres of hazard tree removal along approximately 0.75 miles of existing roads and construction of a fire break approximately one mile in length. Non-merchantable material would be used for aquatic restoration projects as large woody debris. The project occurs in the Late-successional Reserve (LSR; 1995 ROD/RMP) land use allocation where fire severity was moderate to high. The proposed roadside safety actions would provide safe travel on existing roads, comply with state guidelines for hazard tree removal, and reduce long-term maintenance and repair to BLM roads. The roadside safety portion of the project is located in Sections 1 and 23, T. 31 S., R 3 W., W.M. The proposed fire break would aid in the control of wildfire and provide for firefighter safety during fire suppression. The fire break is located in Section 13, T. 31 S., R 3 W., W.M. A decision for this project is expected in the fall of 2016. (DOI-BLM-ORWA-R050-2016-0004-CX)

- [2016 Cycle Oregon Bicycle Ride](#) – The BLM proposes to issue a special recreation permit to Cycle Oregon for a 7-day bicycle ride for 2,200 participants that traverse approximately 448 miles beginning and ending in Myrtle Creek, Oregon between September 11 and September 17, 2016. Overnight stops during the event are on non-BLM lands in the towns of Myrtle Creek, Camas Valley, Bandon, Gold Beach, and Glendale as well as Indian Mary Park managed by Josephine County. The proposed ride includes multiple access points onto BLM lands administered by the Roseburg, Coos Bay, and Medford Districts via secondary, paved roads. This decision was signed on May 16, 2016. ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R050-2016-0006-CX](#))
- **South River Brushing** – The BLM would cut brush and hardwoods where competing vegetation threatens the survival of recently planted conifers or where necessary for planting site preparation within areas affected by wildfire. This is a multi-year project; approximately 2,000 acres per year would be treated. Cut vegetation would be less than 8 inches in diameter and greater than 6 inches in height and generally within 20-feet of established tree seedlings. Stands proposed for treatment are within the Harvest Land Base, Late-Successional Reserve, and Riparian Reserve land use allocations (2016 SWO ROD/RMP). The proposed action would take place on BLM-administered lands throughout the South River Resource Area. A decision will be released in fall of 2016. (DOI-BLM-ORWA-R050-2016-0008-CX).
- **Red Ralph Helipond Emergency Stabilization** – The BLM would conduct emergency stabilization on the Red Ralph Helipond to prevent soil movement and resource damage caused by excessive soil saturation at the site. As an initial measure, the BLM drained the pond in July of 2016. Stabilization actions may include using heavy equipment to remove the earthen diversion dam to prevent the pond from refilling and restore the natural stream flow. A decision is expected in fall of 2016. (DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-0008-CX)

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Swiftwater Transmission Line Right-of-way** – The BLM would authorize a right-of-way grant to Douglas Electric Cooperative, Inc. for an already existing 7200 kV electrical transmission line. The overhead transmission line runs from Sutherlin to Elkton. The line was constructed 60-65 years ago and most of the line runs through private property, however, there is a small portion that runs through BLM lands. No new disturbance would occur since this is for an already existing power line. The right-of-way would be issued pursuant to Title V, of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and 43 Code of Federal Regulations 2800. The term is to be for 30 years. The proposed action would take place in the NW¼SE¼ of Section 19, T. 24 S., R. 6 W., W.M. A decision will be released in fall of 2016. (DOI-BLM-ORWA-R040-2016-0011-CX)

New Projects

Roseburg District

Timber Management Activities

No new planning starts are underway for timber management activities at the District level.

Restoration Activities

No new planning starts underway for restoration activities at the District level.

Other Activities

No new planning starts underway for miscellaneous activities at the District level.

South River Field Office

Timber Management Activities

Shively Clark Harvest Plan - The proposed action includes approximately 2,100 acres of commercial thinning and variable retention harvest of BLM-administered stands in the Days Creek-South Umpqua, Clark Branch-South Umpqua, Lower Cow Creek, and Middle Cow Creek 10th-field watersheds within the Moderate Intensity Timber Area, Uneven-aged Timber Area, Late-Successional Reserve, and Riparian Reserve land use allocations (2016 SWO ROD/RMP).

Location:

- Sections 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29, and 31, T. 29 S., R. 6 W., W.M.
- Sections 3 and 5, T. 30 S., R.6 W., W.M.
- Section 26, 29, 31, 32, and 33, T. 30 S., R. 4 W., W.M.
- Sections 3 and 4, T. 31 S., R. 4 W., W.M.
- Sections 31, T. 31 S., R. 5 W., W.M.
- Sections 3 and 25, T. 31 S., R. 6 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: Anticipated spring of 2017

Decision Date: Decisions are anticipated to begin summer of 2017.

Restoration Activities

No new planning starts are underway for restoration activities in the South River Field Office.

Other Activities

No new planning starts are underway for other miscellaneous activities in the South River Field Office.

Swiftwater Field Office

Timber Management Activities

Robbin Peter Harvest Plan: The Robbin Peter Harvest Plan is located in the Elk Creek watershed, within the LSR (195 acres), and the RR (150 acres) land use allocations, in forest stands 46-80 years old under the 2016 Northwestern and Coastal Oregon Record of Decision/Resource Management Plan (NCO ROD/RMP 2016). In order to meet management direction and LSR objectives, the BLM is proposing integrated vegetation management (see glossary) in the LSR land use allocation (NCO ROD/RMP 2016, p. 66), including commercial thinning in the outer zone of the RR land use allocation (NCO ROD/RMP 2016, pp. 68-74). The purpose of the project is to enhance the health, stability, growth, and vigor of forest stands of LSR and RR land use allocations, and to facilitate safe and efficient forestry operations for the BLM and permittees (NCO ROD/RMP 2016, p. 79). The purpose of the project within the LSR land use allocation is to promote the development of nesting-roosting habitat for the northern spotted owl and nesting habitat for the marbled murrelet in stands that do not currently support nesting and roosting or currently meet nesting habitat criteria, and to maintain nesting-roosting habitat for the northern spotted owl and nesting habitat for the marbled murrelet (NCO ROD/RMP 2016, p. 64). The purpose of the project within the RR land use allocation is to maintain and restore natural channel dynamics, processes, and the proper functioning condition of riparian areas by providing wood recruitment, and vegetation diversity (NCO ROD/RMP 2016, p. 68).

Location: Sections 7 and 17 of T. 21 S., R. 4 W., W.M.
Issue identification: Ongoing
Analysis: Environmental Assessment
Public Comment Period: Anticipated summer of 2017
Decision Date: A decision is anticipated in fiscal year 2018.

Restoration Activities

No new planning starts are underway for restoration activities in the Swiftwater Field Office.

Other Activities

No new planning starts are underway for other miscellaneous activities in the Swiftwater Field Office.

Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items

The Roseburg District FY2017 Timber Sale Plan is published at:
<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/timbersales/index.php>

Roseburg District

Timber Management Activities

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

Restoration Activities

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

Other Activities

North Umpqua River Acquisitions – The BLM is proposing to acquire four parcels of offered lands within and adjacent to the North Umpqua Wild and Scenic River in a phased approach. In total, 412 acres, including two miles of the North Umpqua River, would be purchased. Phase one is to acquire the Swiftwater parcel that includes 211 acres and 4,500 feet of the North Umpqua River. Future phases include acquiring three parcels, totaling 101 acres and 1.25 miles of the North Umpqua River.

Location: Sections 8, 17 and 22, T. 26 S., R. 2 W.; Section 12, T. 26 S., R. 3 W., W.M.
Issue identification: Ongoing
Analysis: Determination of NEPA Adequacy, Roseburg District Proposed Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-1994-0002-EIS](#))
Public Comment: Ongoing
Decision Date: The BLM issued a decision on the first parcel on July 18, 2016. The BLM anticipates issuing decisions on the remaining parcels in 2017.

Roseburg District Helipond and Flight Path Maintenance – The BLM proposes to maintain the utility and function of 20 existing heliponds on BLM-administered lands. These heliponds provide sources of water during wildland fire suppression efforts requiring the use of helicopters, fire engines, and water tenders. Specific actions to be taken would include: 1) Maintaining the integrity of the helipond dikes by maintaining a tree-free perimeter; 2) Expanding, as necessary, the cleared perimeter around heliponds by providing a tree-free perimeter; 3) Creating and maintain cleared flight paths into and out of heliponds for safe helicopter operation; 4) Brushing roads into heliponds to provide access for engines and water tenders during wildfire suppression actions; 5) Dredging to maintain the designed water-storage capacity of the heliponds; and 6) Maintaining and repairing ponds and emergency overflow structures.

Location: BLM-constructed and administered heliponds throughout the District.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: Fall/Winter of 2016

Decision Date: Fall/Winter of 2016

Roseburg District Quarry Expansion – The Roseburg District Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to expand six designated Community Pits located on BLM-administered land. The six sites would become Long-term Regional Quarries. The action is necessary in order to continue providing opportunities for mineral materials (rock) extraction by government agencies, private industry, individuals, and nonprofit organizations over the long term. The proposed actions would include clearing vegetation, and the removal and stockpiling of topsoil and overburden from up to three acres per site, and subsequent rock quarry operations including blasting, crushing, stockpiling, loading, and hauling of mineral materials produced at the sites. Mineral material produced at the sites is most commonly utilized in road surfacing, cut bank stabilization, erosion control, stream enhancement, building construction, and landscaping projects. The pits would be managed consistent with approved site plans and the 2016 NCO ROD/RMP and 2016 SWO ROD/RMP. These Community Pits are located in District-Designate Reserves or Harvest Land Base land use allocations:

Location: Harness Mountain – T. 24 S., R. 4 W., Section 1, S ½ NW¼ and N½ SW, W.M.
Honey Creek – T. 26 S., R. 2 W., Section 2, NE NW, W.M.
Hotel – T. 27 S., R. 2 W., Section 28, NE NE, W.M.
Brushy Butte – T. 28 S., R. 4 W., Section 18, NE SE and SE NE, W.M.
Middle McNabb – T. 29 S., R. 7 W., Section 3, SE SE, W.M.
Shively Creek – T. 31 S., R. 4 W., Section 11, S½ NE NW, W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: Anticipated in 2017

Decision Date: Anticipated in 2017

Roseburg District Integrated Weed Management and Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides – The BLM proposes to conduct herbicide treatments to control invasive plants and limited use on native plants. The BLM proposes the use of up to 14 herbicides analyzed in the 2010 Oregon Vegetation Treatments Using Herbicides EIS/ROD to control invasive plants. Limited use would be allowed on native plants (i.e. poison oak in recreation or administrative sites). Use of herbicides would occur in all land use allocations.

Location: District-wide

Issue identification: Ongoing; the BLM issued scoping letters on July 12, 2016.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: Anticipated in 2017

Decision Date: Anticipated in 2017

South River Field Office

Timber Management Activities

Days Creek-South Umpqua River Harvest Plan – The proposed action includes application of silvicultural treatments to an estimated 2,825 acres of BLM-administered lands in the Days Creek-South Umpqua 10th-field watershed, and the Judd Creek-South Umpqua, Dompier Creek-South Umpqua and Lower South Myrtle 12th-field subwatersheds, allocated as General Forest Management Area (GFMA), Connectivity/Diversity Blocks (C/D Blocks), and Riparian Reserve (RR). Treatments being considered include commercial thinning and variable retention harvest in the GFMA and C/D Blocks land use allocations, and density management in RR. Design of the project and analysis of the effects of the proposed action will conform to the management objectives of the 1995 Roseburg District ROD/RMP and tier to the analytical assumptions and conclusions of the 1994 Roseburg District PRMP/EIS.

Location:

- Sections 17, 18 and 19, T. 29 S., R. 2 W., W.M.
- Sections 13, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 33 and 35, T. 29 S., R. 3 W., W.M.
- Section 33, T. 29 S., R. 4 W., W.M.
- Sections 25 and 35, T. 29 S., R. 5 W., W.M.
- Sections 9, 17, 19 and 29, T. 30 S., R. 2 W., W.M.
- Sections 7, 13, 15, 17, 23 and 27, T. 30 S., R. 3 W., W.M.
- Sections 3, 4, 5, 11 and 14, T. 30 S., R. 4 W., W.M.
- Sections 3, 9, 10, 11 and 15, T. 30 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: Fall 2016

Decision Date: Decisions are anticipated in fiscal year 2017.

Olalla-Camas Regeneration Harvest – The BLM would conduct regeneration harvest on approximately 870 acres of previously thinned 60 to 100 year old forest stands allocated to the GFMA. No timber management would occur in Riparian Reserves. The project area includes lands within the East Fork and Middle Fork Coquille, Olalla Creek-Lookingglass Creek and Clarks Branch-South Umpqua watersheds. The project was designed to conform to the 1995 Roseburg District ROD/RMP and tiers to the analytical assumptions and conclusions of the 1994 Roseburg District PRMP/EIS.

Location:

- Sections 25, 31 and 35, T. 29 S., R. 7 W., W.M.
- Sections 19, 29 and 31, S. 28 S., R. 8 W., W.M.
- Section 32, T. 29 S., R. 8 W., W.M.
- Section 35, T. 29 S., R. 9 W., W.M.;
- Sections 5 and 7, T. 30 S., R. 8 W., W.M.
- Sections 3 and 27, T. 30 S., R. 9 W., W.M.

Issue identification: Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: July 15 – August 13, 2015

Decision Date: Decisions are anticipated in fiscal year 2017.

Myrtle Creek Harvest Plan – The proposed action includes application of silvicultural treatments to an estimated 3,142 acres of BLM-administered lands within the Myrtle Creek fifth-field watershed, allocated as GFMA, C/D Blocks, and Riparian Reserve. Proposed treatments include thinning from below, variable density thinning in upland stands, density management in Riparian Reserves, and variable retention harvest. The project was designed to conform to the 1995 Roseburg District ROD/RMP and tiers to the analytical assumptions and conclusions of the 1994 Roseburg District PRMP/EIS.

The BLM issued a Revised Myrtle Creek Harvest Plan EA on August 11, 2015 which includes an analysis for proposed Non-High Priority Site Designation for red tree vole sites identified through surveys of units that are part of the proposed harvest plan. The comment period is noted below.

The BLM issued a 2016 Revised Myrtle Creek Harvest Plan EA on February 12, 2016 to incorporate new information pertaining to northern spotted owl survey results that were obtained since the original release of the EA in June of 2014. The comment period is noted below. ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R050-2013-0003-EA](#))

Location:

- Sections 31 and 32, T. 28 S., R. 2 W., W.M.
- Sections 17, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 31, 22, 33, 35 and 36, T. 28 S., R. 3 W., W.M.
- Sections 2, 3, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25, 29 and 35, T. 28 S., R. 4 W., W.M.
- Section 27, T. 28 S., R. 5 W., W.M.
- Section 8, T. 29 S., R. 2 W., W.M.
- Sections 3, 5, 7, 9 and 15, T. 29 S., R. 3 W., W.M.
- Sections 3, 11, 13, and 15, T. 29 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: June 4 – July 3, 2014; August 11 – 26, 2015; February 12 – 26, 2016

Decision Date: Fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017. The Wiley Turtle Timber Sale was advertised September 3, 2015, drew two protests and was sold September 25 2015. The Orb Weaver Thinning Timber Sale advertised September 29, 2015, drew one protest and was sold on

October 27, 2015. Slippery Louis Timber Sale was advertised on December 29, 2015, drew one protest and was sold on January 26, 2016. The Kung Fu Timber Sale was advertised on March 29, 2016, drew two protests and was sold on May 26, 2016. The Revised Decision Document for the Wiley Turtle Timber Sale was signed April 18, 2016, drew one protest on May 2, 2016. One additional sale is scheduled for auction in fiscal year 2017.

Restoration Activities

Rice Creek In-stream Restoration – The BLM would conduct an in-stream restoration project on BLM-administered lands in Rice Creek. Activities would include tree felling, installing in-stream structures such as logs, trees, root wads, and boulders, replacing a culvert, planting native species, and removing noxious weeds. The analysis of effects tiers to the 2008 Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-2008-0009-EA/OR-103-08-09](#)).

Location: Section 25, T. 29 S., R. 7 W.

Issue identification: Complete

Analysis: Determination of NEPA Adequacy. Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-2008-0009-EA/OR-103-08-09](#))

Decision Date: A decision is anticipated in spring of 2017.

2018 South River In-stream Restoration – The BLM would conduct five in-stream restoration projects on BLM-administered lands in the RR and LSR land use allocations: 1) Weaver Creek, 2) Twelvemile Creek, and 3) West Fork Canyon Creek, 4) Days Creek Phase II, and 5) Middle Creek. Activities would include tree felling, installing in-stream structures such as logs, trees, root wads, and boulders, replacing a culvert, planting native species, and removing noxious weeds. The analysis of effects tiers to the 2008 Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-2008-0009-EA/OR-103-08-09](#)).

Location: Sections 23, 25, 31, and 35, T. 30 S., R. 9 W.; Sections 10, 14, and 15, T. 31 S., R. 5 W.; Section 4, 9 and 32, T. 29 S. R. 3 W.; Sections 23 and 13, T. 29 S., R. 3 W.; Sections 31 and 33, T. 31 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue identification: Complete

Analysis: Determination of NEPA Adequacy. Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-2008-0009-EA/OR-103-08-09](#))

Decision Date: A decision is anticipated in spring of 2018.

Other Activities

White Castle Temporary Area Closure – The BLM Roseburg District, South River Field Office would temporarily restrict motorized and non-motorized public access to the contract area of the White Castle Variable Retention Harvest project for a period of up to 24 months. Administrative use by the BLM and its contractors, the U.S. Forest Service, the Douglas Forest Protective Association, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), and access by parties with rights of reciprocal use would be permitted. Signs and temporary traffic barriers would be used to restrict access by the general public to the 2,167-acre Action Area including approximately 15 miles of road within the area. The purpose for this proposed action is to quickly implement a temporary closure of the area during active logging operations. The need results from the danger to timber sale protesters within harvest units of an active timber sale; risks to personnel engaged in timber harvest operations; and potential damage to roads, vehicles, and equipment. This project will not be published in future Updates. ([DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2013-0007-EA](#))

Location: S½SE¼ Section 23, Section 25, and NE¼ Section 26, T. 28 S. R 3 W., and E½ Section 4, NE¼W½ Section 4, N½ Section 31, Section 32, and SW¼, and Section 33, T. 28 S. R 2 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: August 1 – August 30, 2013

Decision Date: November 21, 2013. Implementation date unknown at this time.

White Rock Travel Management Plan – The Umpqua Lands Trail Riders Association proposed development of an OHV emphasis area in the Myrtle Creek watershed, near White Rock. The Roseburg District does not have the capacity to evaluate this proposal at this time. The BLM will complete travel management planning as part of implementing the 2016 SWO ROD/RMP and 2016 NCO ROD/RMPs. The travel management planning process will include evaluation of roads and trails for motorized and non-motorized uses. This project will not be published in future Updates.

Location: T. 28 S., R. 3 W. and R. 4 W.; T. 29 S., R. 3 W. and R. 4 W., W.M. Exact boundaries of the emphasis area are undetermined.

Issue Identification, Analysis, Public Comment Period, and Decision Date are all unknown at this time.

Swiftwater Field Office

Timber Management Activities

Third Rock Variable Density Commercial Thinning – The BLM would conduct variable density commercial thinning approximately 1,125 acres in 38-56 year old forest in the Rock Creek watershed. Thinned areas are within the GFMA, C/D Blocks and Riparian Reserve land use allocations (1995 ROD/RMP). The proposed action would include sugar pine restoration, road construction, maintenance and renovation for the use of yarding, landings, and hauling, road decommissioning, and fuels management. Three sales are planned, which are anticipated to yield approximately 8.5 MMBF of timber. The project was designed to conform to the 1995 Roseburg District ROD/RMP and tiers to the analytical assumptions and conclusions of the 1994 Roseburg District PRMP/EIS.

Location: Sections 5, 9, 19, 21, 27, 29 and 33, T. 25 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

Issue identification: Ongoing

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: Anticipated winter of 2016/2017

Decision Date: Decisions are anticipated in fiscal years 2017 and 2018.

[Back in Black Regeneration Harvest Plan](#) – Regeneration harvest of forest stands on approximately 541 acres in the Calapooya Creek and Lower North Umpqua watersheds is planned within the GFMA land use allocation (1995 ROD/RMP). No timber management would occur in Riparian Reserves. The proposed action would include road construction, maintenance and renovation for the use of yarding, landings, and hauling, road decommissioning, and fuels management. Three sales are planned, anticipated to yield approximately 13.0 MMBF of timber chargeable to the Roseburg District annual allowable sale quantity. The project was designed to conform to the 1995 Roseburg District ROD/RMP and tiers to the analytical assumptions and conclusions of the 1994 Roseburg District PRMP/EIS. ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R040-2014-0007-EA](#))

Location: Sections 5, 7, and 17, T. 24 S., R. 3 W.; Sections 1 and 13, T. 24 S., R. 4 W.; and Section 17, T. 25 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue identification: Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: July 28 – August 26, 2016

Decision Date: Decisions are anticipated in fiscal year 2017.

Calapooya Creek Harvest Plan – Commercial thinning, variable density thinning and variable retention harvest of 30-73 year old forest stands on 1,275 acres in the Calapooya Creek and Lower North Umpqua watersheds is planned within GFMA and C/D Blocks land use allocations. The proposed action would include road construction, maintenance and renovation for the use of yarding, landings, and hauling, road decommissioning, and fuels management. The project was designed to conform to the 1995 Roseburg District ROD/RMP and tiers to the analytical assumptions and conclusions of the 1994 Roseburg District PRMP/EIS. ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R040-2013-0009-EA](#))

Location: Sections 7, 17, 19, 29, and 33, T. 25 S., R. 3 W.; Sections 23 and 25, T. 25 S., R. 4 W., Sections 5, 7, 9, 17, T. 24 S., R. 3 W.; and Sections 1, 9, 11, 13, 15, T. 24 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue identification: Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: April 3 – May 4, 2015

Decision Date: A decision for the Green Gas timber sale was signed August 11, 2015 and sold on September 15, 2015. A decision for the Good Boyd timber sale was signed January 20, 2016 and sold on February 23, 2016. A decision for the Yellow Medicine timber sale is anticipated in fiscal year 2017.

Restoration Activities

2017 Swiftwater In-stream Restoration – The BLM would conduct four in-stream restoration projects on BLM-administered lands in the RR and LSR land use allocations: 1) Pass/Canton Creek, 2) Big Tom Folley Creek, 3) Rock Creek, and 4) McGee Creek. Activities would include tree felling, installing in-stream structures such as logs, trees, root wads, and boulders, planting native species, and removing noxious weeds. The BLM would also be replacing a fish barrier culvert with an Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) culvert on a tributary to Little Wolf Creek. The analysis of effects tiers to the 2008 Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-2008-0009-EA/OR-103-08-09](#)).

Location: Sections 23, 25, and 26, T. 24 S., R. 1 W.; Sections 21, 28, 29, 30, and 31, T. 21 S., R. 6 W.; Section 15, T. 25 S., R. 2 W. W.M, and Section 5, T. 24 S., R. 7 W. W.M.

Issue identification: Complete

Analysis: Determination of NEPA Adequacy. Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-2008-0009-EA/OR-103-08-09](#)).

Decision Date: A decision is anticipated in spring of 2017.

2018 Swiftwater In-stream Restoration – The BLM would conduct three in-stream restoration projects on BLM-administered lands in the RR and LSR land use allocations: 1) Canton Creek, 2) Big Tom Folley Creek, and 3) Rock Creek. Activities would include tree felling, installing in-stream structures such as logs, trees, root wads, and boulders, replacing a culvert, planting native species, and removing noxious weeds. The analysis of effects tiers to the 2008 Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-2008-0009-EA/OR-103-08-09](#)).

Location: Sections 2, 3, 11, 15, and 23, T. 25 S., R. 1 W.; Sections 35 and 36, T. 21 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 2, 3, and 10, T. 22 S., R. 7 W.; Section 21, T. 25 S., R. 2 W. W.M.

Issue identification: Complete

Analysis: Determination of NEPA Adequacy. Roseburg District Aquatic Restoration Environmental Assessment ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R000-2008-0009-EA/OR-103-08-09](#)).

Decision Date: A decision is anticipated in spring of 2018.

Thunder Mountain Quarry Expansion – Expansion of the existing Thunder Mountain Quarry, by up to 8 acres in phased increments, within Little River and Middle North Umpqua watersheds is planned within the Adaptive Management Area and GFMA land use allocations. It is anticipated that the proposed action would yield approximately 228,000 loose cubic yards of rock over the next 25 years in multiple entries, which would provide for the projected quantity of rock for identified future road surfacing needs and provide extraction opportunities for other government entities, private industry, individuals, and nonprofit organizations. ([DOI-BLM-ORWA-R040-2014-0009-EA](#))

Location: SW¼SW¼ Section 29, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

Issue identification: Complete

Analysis: Environmental Assessment

Public Comment Period: July 21 – August 19, 2016

Decision Date: A decision is anticipated in winter of 2016/2017.

Other Activities

There are no previously ongoing planning efforts for other activities in the Swiftwater Field Office.

[North Bank Habitat Management Area \(NBHMA\) Activities](#)

Cattle grazing continues to be used as a tool to manage vegetation on the east side of the NBHMA (Blacktail Basin). The grazing helps improve forage conditions for Columbian white-tailed deer by reducing thatch and stimulating grass and forb growth. A mix of temporary and existing fencing has been used to delineate pastures and manage grazing intensity. Permanent gates have been installed at locations where the fences cross roads. In addition, new fence construction is planned along the east side of the lower half mile of the west fork of Jackson Creek.

Other ongoing projects include invasive species removal thorough out the NBHMA, a Columbian white-tailed deer GPS collar study in partnership with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and maintenance of special status species plant populations.

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

West Entrance Trailhead Improvements – Due to the increasing use by the public of the North Bank Habitat Management Area, the BLM proposes improvements to the current West Entrance parking area for recreation purposes. The draft proposal includes installation of a single-vault restroom to provide for health and sanitation, installation of an information kiosk, and a pull-through gravel parking area for vehicles and vehicles with trailers.

Location: Section 11, T. 26 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

Issue identification: Completed

Analysis: Determination of NEPA Adequacy. Covered by the North Bank Habitat Management Area/ACEC Final EIS (September 2000)

Public Comment Period: The BLM held two public meetings on May 12 and May 14, 2016.

Decision Date: A decision is anticipated in fall of 2016.

Volunteer Opportunities

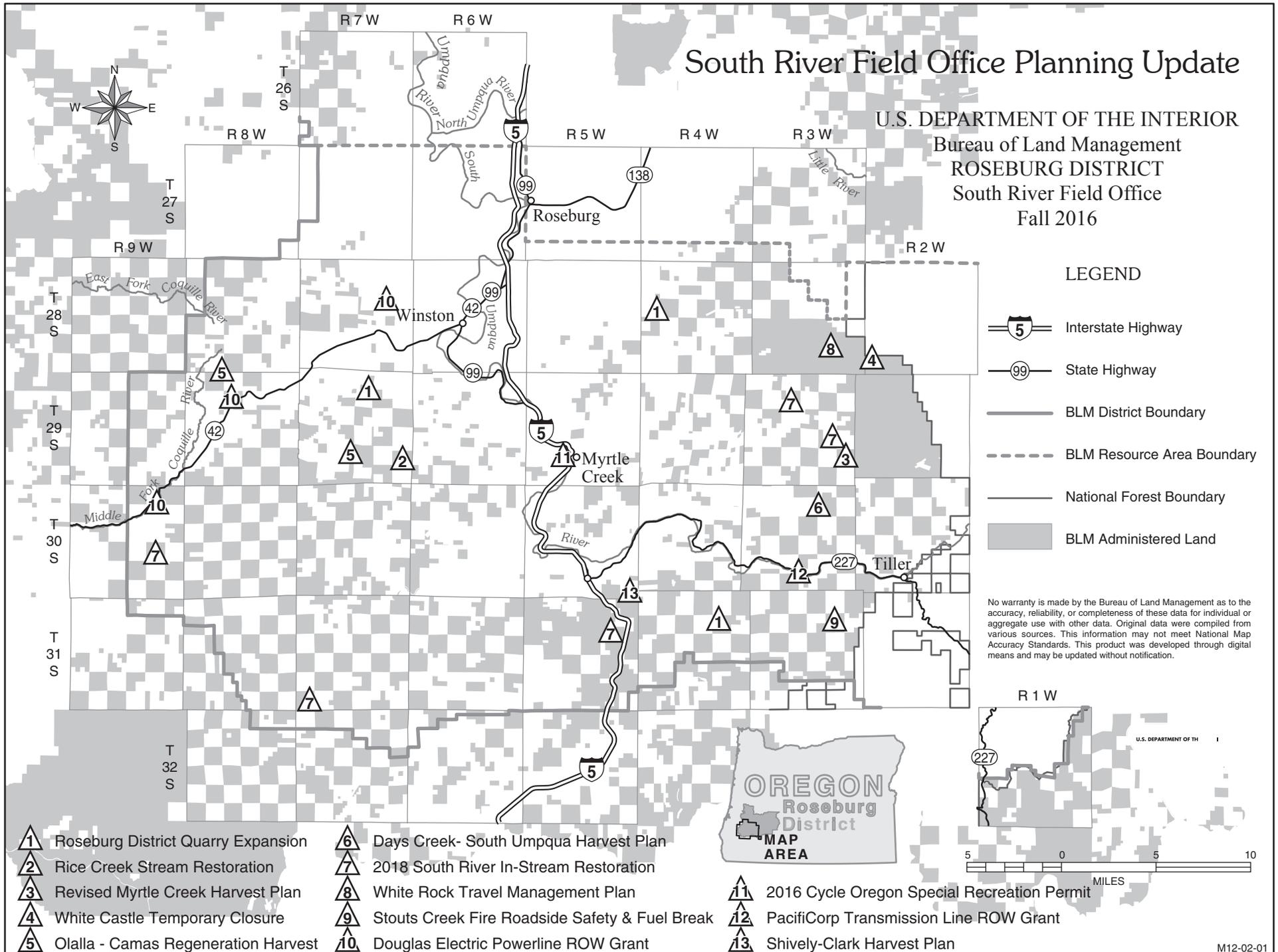
- **Eagle Scout projects** may include recreation site improvements like fence and trail work, building and installing benches and railings, and sign installation.
- **Job shadows** are available for motivated high school and college students interested in natural resource management careers. Contact Cheyne Rossbach at 541.464.3245 or crossbac@blm.gov
- **Self-directed volunteer projects** are available as well, depending on interests, experience level, and available staff time.



Contact Suzanne Shelp (sshelp@blm.gov or call 541-464-3291) regarding any volunteer opportunities on the Roseburg district. Thank you!

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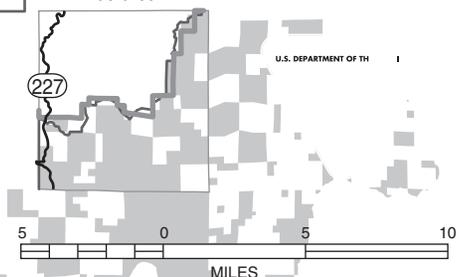
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| Rice Creek Stream Restoration | 2018 South River In-Stream Restoration | PacifiCorp Transmission Line ROW Grant |
| Revised Myrtle Creek Harvest Plan | White Rock Travel Management Plan | Shively-Clark Harvest Plan |
| White Castle Temporary Closure | Stouts Creek Fire Roadside Safety & Fuel Break | |
| Olalla - Camas Regeneration Harvest | Douglas Electric Powerline ROW Grant | |

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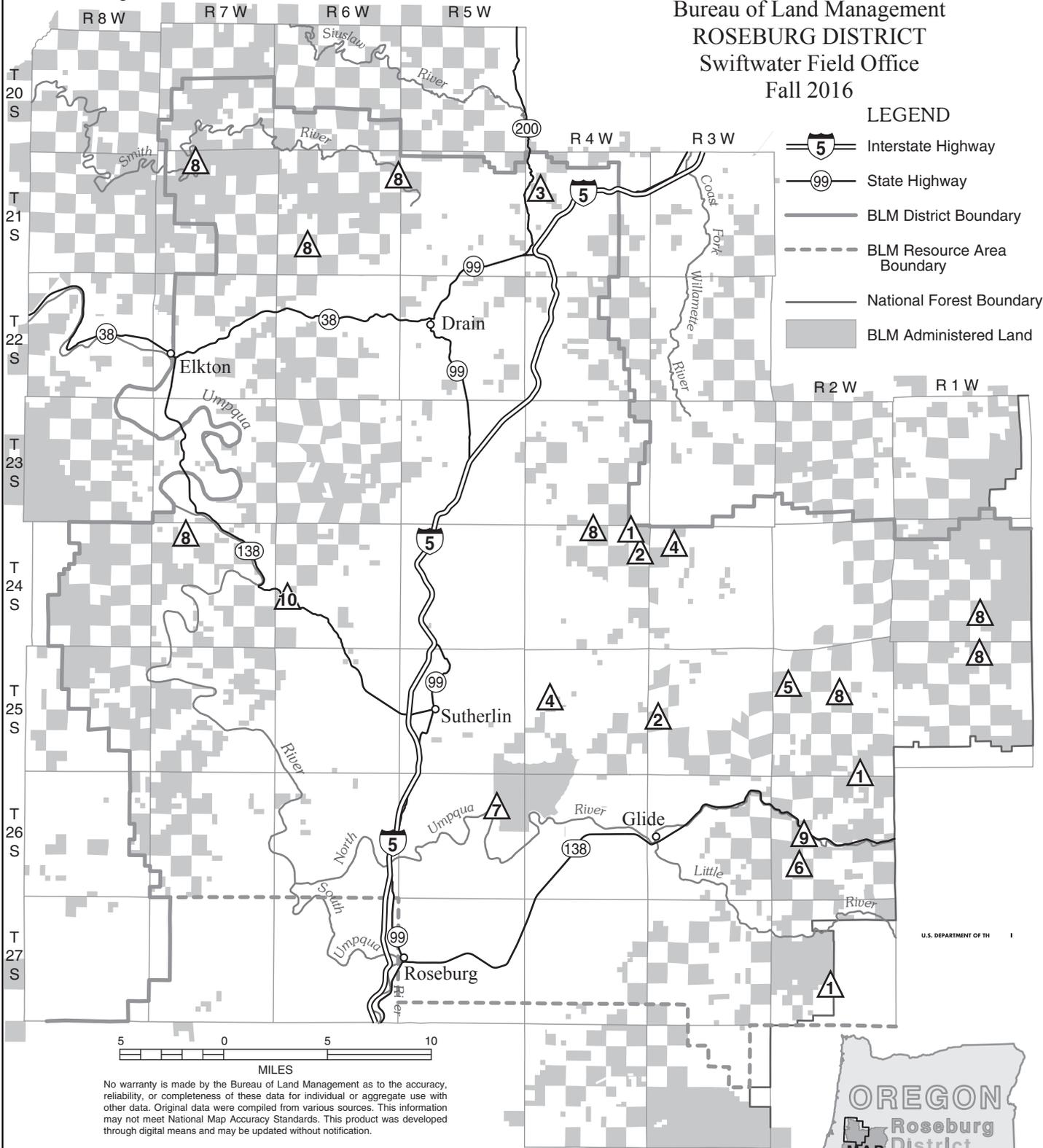
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Abbreviations and Definitions

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

BO – Biological Opinion.

C/D Blocks – Connectivity/Diversity Blocks land use allocation

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 land use allocation

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.

Integrated Vegetation Management – A combination of silviculture treatments, fire and fuels management activities, and harvest methods. Activities include planting, prescribed fire, thinning, single-tree selection harvest, and group selection harvest.

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.