

# 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. I have two special announcements for this planning update:

First, in our spring issue, I announced a new effort on District, the Roseburg Collaborative Forestry Pilot project. This project is an experiment in using a collaborative process to develop two projects designed to:

- Accelerate the development of and retain habitat components to support the conservation and recovery of Northern Spotted Owls and Marbled Murrelets;
- 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 met many times since the first public meeting in February. Together, we 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 for an Environmental Assessment (EA) this fall.

Recently, 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. We welcome you to be part of this collaborative effort – for more information, check our website at:

<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/roseburg/index.php>.

Second, after June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Roseburg District will no longer be publishing legal notices announcing the availability of EAs in *The News-Review*. This change will reduce costs and improve efficiency. We will continue posting the EAs online and contacting interested public electronically; 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 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 87 feet of road and a portion of a landing on BLM-administered lands in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 15, T. 28 S., R. 4 W., Willamette Meridian (W.M.) to access company lands in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 14, T. 28 S., R. 4 W., W.M. The action will occur in a 19-year-old plantation on lands allocated as General Forest Management Area.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Improvement of 3,090 feet of existing BLM Road No. 31-3-29.0, segments A2 and C, consisting of the placement of four (4) inches of additional rock surfacing. The road is on a ridgetop located in the South Umpqua River/Galesville Late-Successional Reserve in Sections 20 and 29, T. 31 S., R. 3 W., W.M.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-791** – Construction of 182 feet of road to access company lands in Section 4, T. 31 S., R. 8 W., W.M. The new road will depart from BLM Road No. 31-8-9.1 in Lot 3, Section 9, T. 31 S., R. 8 W., W.M. The road will pass through a 28-year-old stand allocated as Late-Successional Reserve
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 1,031 feet of road on BLM-administered lands in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 27, T. 31 S., R. 8 W., W.M. to access company lands in Section 26, T. 31 S., R. 8 W., W.M. The action will take place in a late-seral forest stand on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735** – Construction of 1,250 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 278 feet of road on BLM-administered lands in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 15, T. 25 S., R. 8 W., W.M. The BLM lands involved are late-seral stands in the Late-Successional Reserve land use allocation.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-617** – Construction of three crossings, for a total of 1,854 feet of road. The crossings are located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 17, T. 25 S., R. 2 W.; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 17, T. 25 S., R. 2 W.; and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 17, T. 25 S., R. 2 W., W.M. The BLM lands involved are mid-seral to late-seral stands in the Connectivity/Diversity Block land use allocation.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-788** – Construction of 178 feet of road on BLM-administered lands in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 32, T. 26 S., R. 7 W., W.M. The BLM lands involved are mid-seral stands in the General Forest Management Area land use allocation.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-645** – Construction of 1,150 feet of road on BLM-administered lands in the Section 3, T. 21 S., R. 6 W., W.M. The BLM lands involved are mid-seral stands in the Late-Successional Reserve land use allocation.

- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-769** – Construction of 140 feet of road on BLM-administered lands in the NW1/4, SW1/4, Section 9, T. 27 S., R. 3 W. , W.M. The BLM lands involved are mid-seral stands in the Adaptive Management Area land use allocation.
- **Lone Rock Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-645** – Construction of 388 feet of road on BLM-administered lands in the SE1/4, SW1/4, Section 13, T. 22 S., R. 7 W. , W.M. The BLM lands involved are late-seral stands in the General Forest Management Area land use allocation.

## Categorical Exclusions

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

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

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

As such, in deciding whether to proceed with such actions, the BLM will review their particular conditions to ensure that no extraordinary circumstances exist, as listed in the Department of the Interior's NEPA regulations at 43 CFR 46.215 that would preclude the use of a categorical exclusion. The Roseburg District maintains an on-site NEPA register that lists ongoing actions, and seeks information from the public as to whether extraordinary circumstances exist for any of these ongoing actions that are categorically excluded. An "extraordinary" circumstance is one that could have significant environmental effects beyond the "ordinary" circumstances already described and considered as applicable to the excluded actions in the rulemaking procedure. These categorically excluded actions, by regulation, do not require the documentation necessary for an EA or EIS. The public was also provided a formal opportunity to participate in the agency's review and approval of these categorically excluded activities.

### *Roseburg District*

- There are no new categorical exclusions at the District level this quarter.

### *South River Field Office*

- **Access** – Issuance of a ten (10) year temporary permit to Walter Smith authorizing the hauling of timber from private lands in Section 8, T. 28 S., R. 7 W. over BLM-controlled Roads 28-7-9.0 (Segments A1, A3 and A4), 28-8-8.0 (Segment A) and an unnumbered spur road. Hauling will be restricted to the dry months, and maintenance will be provided by the BLM. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2010-0009)
- **Access** – Issuance of a three (3) year temporary permit to Sibold Canyon Ranch LLC authorizing hauling of timber from private lands in Section 18, T. 28 S., R. 7 W. over BLM-controlled Roads 28-8-12.0 (Segment A),

and 28-8-12.1 (Segments A and B. Hauling will be restricted to the dry months, and maintenance will be provided by the BLM. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2010-0010)

- **Access** – Issuance of a three (3) year temporary permit to PAB Limited Partnership authorizing the hauling of timber from private lands in Section 22, T. 29 S., R. 3 W. over BLM-controlled Road 29-3-33.0 (Segment A). Hauling will be restricted to the dry months, and maintenance will be provided by the BLM. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2010-0011)
- **Access** – Issuance of a three (3) year temporary permit to Andrew Standley authorizing the hauling of timber from private lands in Section 29, T. 29 S., R. 8 W. over BLM-controlled Roads 29-8-29.3 (Segment A), 29-9-29.4 (Segment A), and 29-9-29.6 (Segment C). Hauling will be restricted to the dry months, and maintenance will be provided by the BLM. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2010-0012)
- **Access** – Issuance of a ten (10) year temporary permit to Richard Murrell authorizing the hauling of timber from private lands in Section 13, T. 29 S., R. 9 W. over BLM-controlled Road 29-9-12.1 (Segment A). Hauling will be restricted to the dry months, and maintenance will be provided by the BLM. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2010-0013)
- **Access** – Issuance of a ten (10) year temporary permit to George Laney authorizing the hauling of timber from private lands in Section 27, T. 29 S., R. 9 W. over BLM-controlled Roads 29-9-26.0 (Segment A) and 29-6-27.0 (Segment A). Hauling will be restricted to the dry months, and maintenance will be provided by the BLM. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2010-0014)

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

- **D.C. Unilateral Right-of-Way** – Issuance of a Perpetual Unilateral Permit to Douglas County for the purpose of accessing timber lands owned by the county. The permit would authorize Douglas County to use Roseburg BLM District roads 25-5-24.2 Segment A and 25-5-13.0 Segment B. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2010-001-CX).
- **Drop Point 80 Fireline Salvage** – Salvage of approximately 40 trees felled to construct dozer line on the Williams Creek Fire between Drop Point 75 and Drop Point 80. Trees range in size from 8 inches to 30 inches DBH with a total volume of 10 MBF. The salvage was located in Connectivity/Diversity Block in Section 29, T. 25 S., R. 1 W., W.M. (DOI-BLM-OR-R050-2010-004-CX).
- **Little River Powerline Salvage** – Salvage of approximately 12 trees felled to mitigate hazards to power line rights-of-way along Little River Road and Cavitt Creek Road. Trees range in size from 12 inches to 42 inches DBH and a total volume of 5 MBF. Trees located in or immediately adjacent to streams were not salvaged. The salvage was located in the Adaptive Management Area in Sections 3 and 7, T. 27 S., R. 2 W. and Sections 11 and 23, T. 27 S. R. 3 W., W.M. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2010-005-CX).
- **North Umpqua Powerline Salvage** – Salvage of approximately 20 trees felled to mitigate hazards to the power line rights-of-way along the North Umpqua Highway, Boundary Road, and Honey Creek Road. Trees range in size from 10 inches to 50 inches DBH with a total volume of 5 MBF. Trees located in or immediately adjacent to streams were not salvaged. The salvage was located in the General Forest Management Area in Sections 7, 13, 17, 23, and 24, T. 26 S., R. 2 W. and Sections 11 and 23, T. 27 S. R. 3 W., W.M. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2010-006-CX).
- **Campground Hazard Tree Removal** – Salvage of approximately 7 trees felled to mitigate hazards to recreation sites. Trees range in size from 20 inches to 36 inches DBH with a total volume of 5 MBF. The salvage occurred at the Lone Pine Campground, Millpond Campground, Susan Creek campground, Susan Creek Falls Trailhead, and Cavitt Creek campground. Approximately 4 MBF will be placed in streams for structure and approximately 1MBF was used for saw-timber. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2010-007-CX).
- **Rock Creek Road Deferred Maintenance Repair** – Authorizes the BLM to repair road failures at 10 project sites along the Rock Creek Road (Road Number 26-3-1.0) and the use of two waste areas. It also authorizes felling one 43 inch DBH tree to be left onsite for large woody debris and potential stream structure. The repairs are located in the General Forest Management Area and Late-Successional Reserve in Section 2, T. 25 S., R. 2 W., Sections 13 and 24, T. 24 S., R. 2 W., and Section 19, T. 24 S., R. 1 W., W.M.. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2010-008-CX).

- **L.R.T. Hubbard Creek Unilateral Right-of-Way** – Authorization of a Unilateral Right-of-Way for Lone Rock Timber (LRT) Company for access in the Hubbard Creek area. The authorization allows LRT to use Roseburg District BLM roads number 26-7-7.0 Segments A and B, 26-7-19.0 Segment A, and 26-7-19.3 Segment A. The authorization is located in the General Forest Management Area and the Late-Successional Reserve in Sections 7, 18, and 19, T. 26 S., R. 7 W., W.M. (DOI-BLM-OR-R040-2010-009-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*

#### **Johnson Cleghorn Commercial Thinning**

**Description:** Commercial thinning of approximately 430 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, T. 21, S., R. 7 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Ongoing

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

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

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in fiscal year 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 (150 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:** To be determined.

**Decision Date:** Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Big Thunder (March 2012), Thundering Herd (May 2012), and Rolling Thunder (January 2013).

## **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:** December 16, 2009 through January 14, 2010.

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

### **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.

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

**Decision Date:** Multiple decisions anticipated beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2010 and extending through 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. One additional commercial thinning project, Treetop Flyer, is tentatively planned for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 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:

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

### **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 June, 2010.

**Decision Date:** A decision is anticipated in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 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, 20, 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:** To Be Determined.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated: Root Canal (April 2011), Baker Street (June 2011), Horseshoe (September 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 (264 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 (Completed), Craven Raven (May 2010), and Old Crow (June 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 685 acres of mid-seral forest stands (34-57 years old). Three sales are planned: Milk Shake (48 acres), Off Your Walker (428 acres), and Elk Camino (209 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:** Anticipated May 24, to June 24, 2010.

**Decision Date:** Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Milk Shake (July 2010), Elk Camino (October 2010), and Off Your Walker (March 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 830 acres of mid-seral forest stands. Three sales are planned: Calahan Mudaxle (205 acres), Devil's Den (263 acres), and Mud Slinger (363 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:** Anticipated June 2010.

**Decision Date:** Separate decisions for each sale (3 total): Calahan Mudaxle (July 2010), Devil's Den (December 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 abutments and connect to the Tioga segment of the N. Umpqua trail, and 3) construction of a foot trail to connect the pedestrian bridge to the expanded parking lot. The project is located in the 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:** 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 June 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:** To be determined.

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

**Description:** During June through August, 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, an Oak Restoration Field Tour with Oregon Oak Communities Working Group, prescribed burns to treat invasive medusa-head grass, 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, and salvage removal of Middle Barn.

**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**

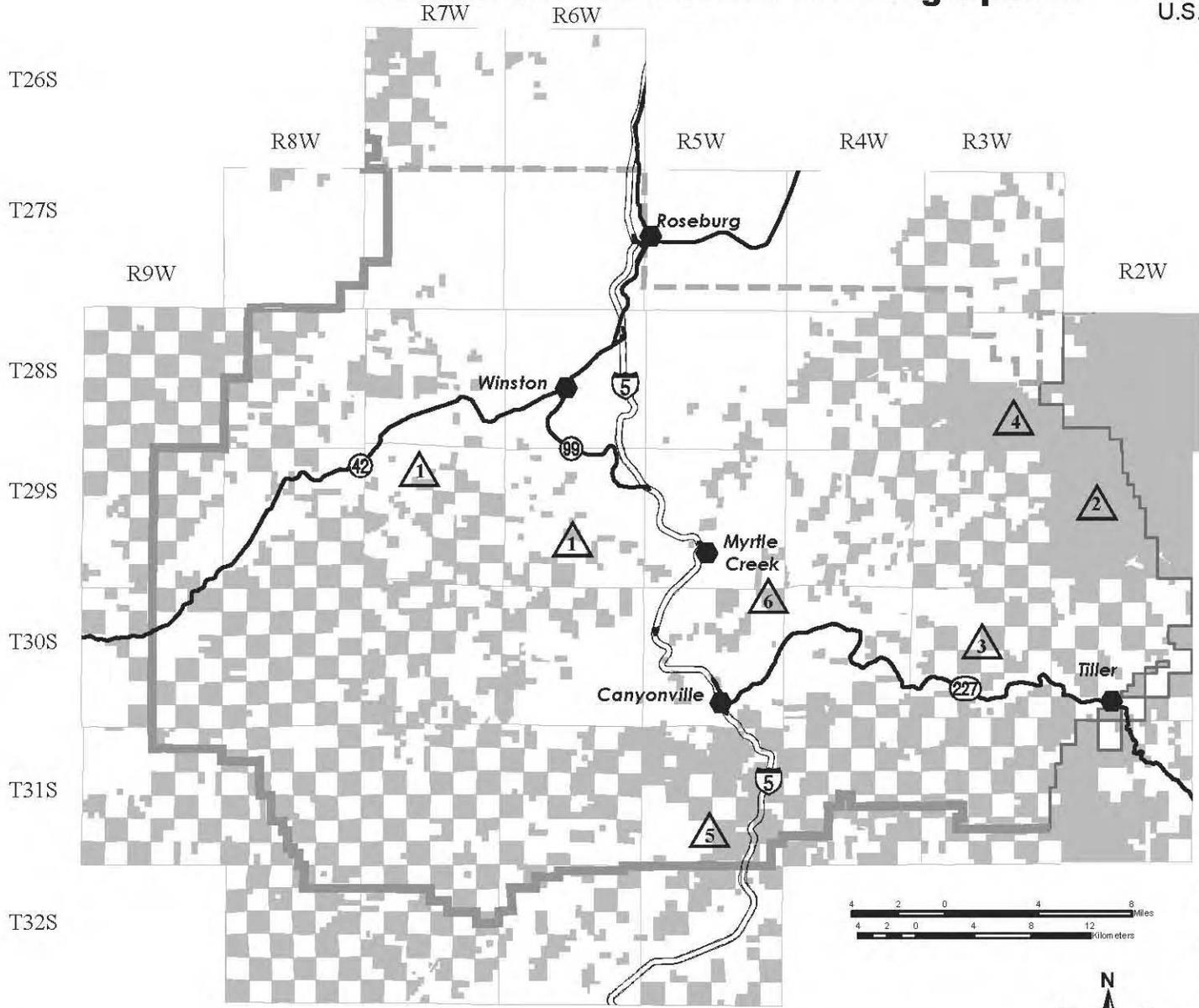
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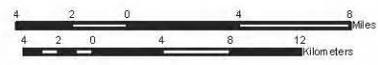
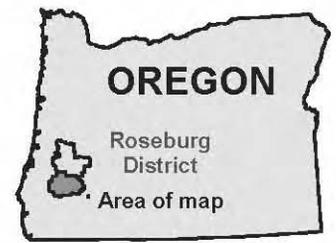
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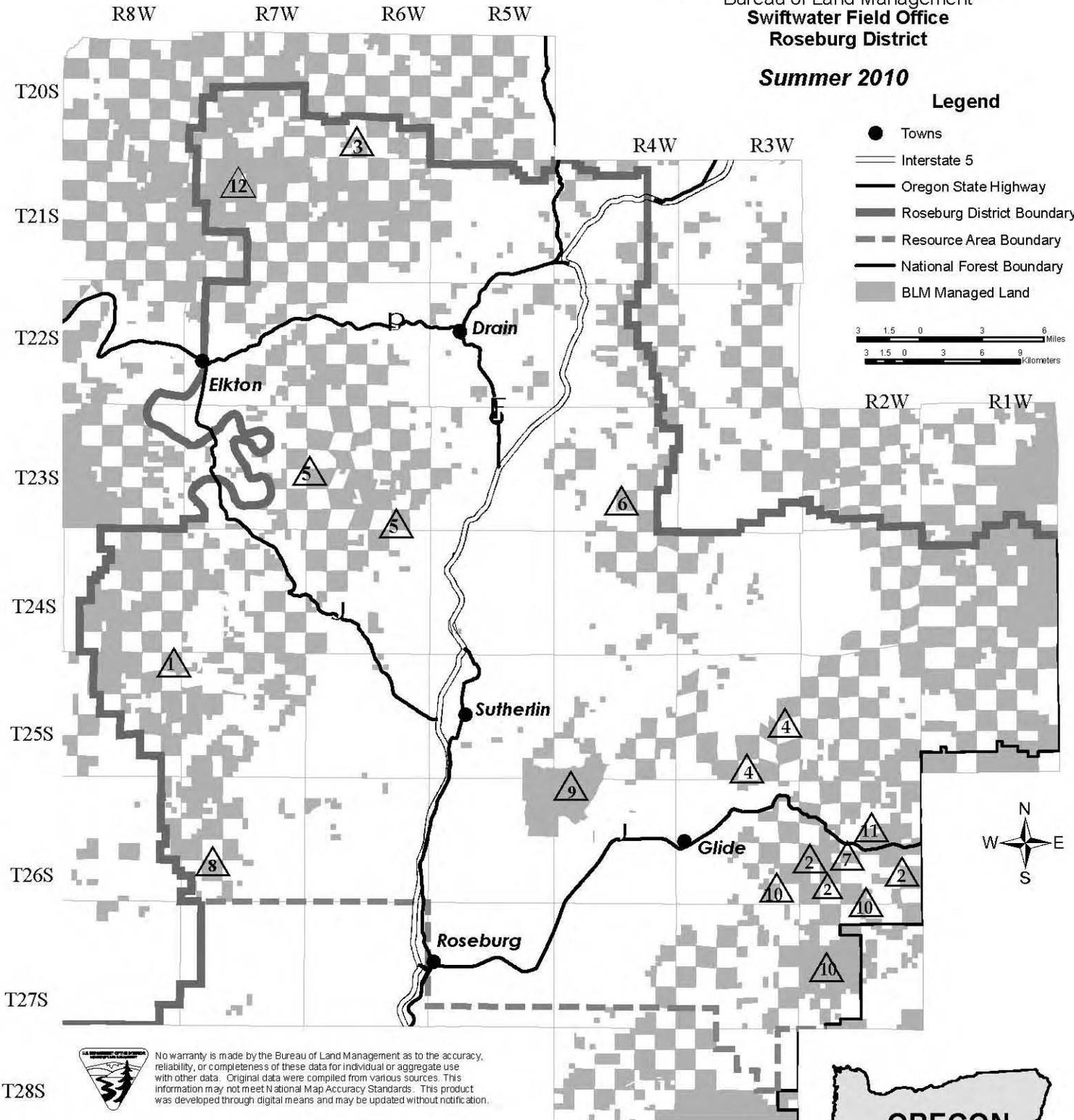
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# Abbreviations and Definitions

**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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