

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
SALEM DISTRICT, MARYS PEAK RESOURCE AREA**

**Decision Record**

The BLM completed a categorical exclusion for the Lower Mill Creek Enhancement projects in May 2010. The analysis covered two forest management projects: Mill Creek Stewardship (Project 1) and Panther Creek timber sale (Project 2). The BLM signed the Decision Record for Project 1 on May 27, 2010. This Decision Record is limited to Project 2.

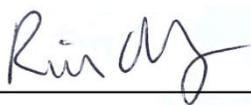
Based on the attached Categorical Exclusion Documentation DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2010-0003-CX, I have determined that the proposed action, density management on two forest stands approximately 41-56 years-old and 41 acres<sup>1</sup> in area (Project 2), involves no significant impacts to the human environment and requires no further environmental analysis.

It is my decision to perform density management on 41 acres, as described in the attached Categorical Exclusion Documentation DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2010-0003-CX.

The forest management decision to be made on the action described in this categorical exclusion is subject to protest under 43 CFR subpart 5003. Under 43 CFR 5003.2 subsection (b), a notice of decision will be published in local newspaper(s), and this notice shall constitute the decision document. For this project, the notice of decision will be published in the *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* newspaper on May 30, 2012. Under 43 CFR 5003.3 subsection (a), protests may be filed with the authorized officer within 15 days of the publication date of the notice of decision. Under 43 CFR 5003.3 (b), protests filed with the authorized officer shall contain a written statement of reasons for protesting the decision. A decision on this protest will be subject to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, although, under 43 CFR 5003.1 subsection (a), filing a notice of appeal under 43 CFR part 4 does not automatically suspend the effect of a decision governing or relating to forest management under 43 CFR 5003.2 or 5003.3.

Implementation: This planned sale date is June 27, 2012.

Contact Person: For additional information concerning this CX review, contact Andy Frazier, Forester, Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Road SE, at (503) 315-5979.

Authorized Official:   
Rich Hatfield  
Marys Peak Field Manager

Date: 5/23/2012

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<sup>1</sup>The BLM estimated Project 2 at 39 acres in the 2010 ex. Since then, the BLM has collected GPS data and determined that the actual project area spans 41 acres.