

## NOTICE OF DECISION

USDI – Bureau of Land Management  
Oregon State Office  
Salem District  
Tillamook Resource Area  
Tillamook County, Oregon

Tillamook Field Manager, William B. Keller, issued a Decision Record and Finding of No significant Impact for the Elkhorn Creek Density Management Thinning, Wildlife Habitat Enhancement, and Fish Habitat Enhancement Projects analyzed in Environmental Assessment OR-086-05-01. This project involves conducting density management thinning on 1823 acres of relatively dense Douglas-fir stands ranging in age from approximately 35 to 65 years. These treatment units are located in portions of T1S R6W sec 25 and 34; T1S R5W sec 31; T2S R5W sec 7; T2S R6W sec 4, 5, 8, 10, 16 and 19, Willamette Meridian. The project will occur within 14 treatment units and ground-based, cable logging, and helicopter logging methods will be utilized. The density management thinning will occur in five timber sales between 2007 and 2010.

The wildlife habitat enhancement project will occur in forest stands that will not be treated with density management. Wildlife habitat enhancement will occur on 180 acres distributed within 5 treatment units. These areas are located within Township 2 South, Range 6 West, Sections 4, 5, and 8; and Township 1 South, Range 5 West, Section 31; Township 1 South, Range 6 West sec 34, Willamette Meridian.

The fish habitat enhancement project will occur on 2.0 miles of Cruiser Creek and Elkhorn Creek within Township 2 South, Range 6 West, Sections 5, and 8, Willamette Meridian.

This decision is subject to protest by the public. To protest this decision, a person must submit a written protest to William B. Keller, Tillamook Field Manager, 4610 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon 97141 by the close of business (4:00 P.M.) on June 2, 2005. The protest should clearly and concisely state the reasons why the design or the decision to go forward with the Density Management Project, or the Wildlife and Fish Enhancement Projects is believed to be in error. At the time of advertisement for the timber sales a protestable decision will be limited to: 1) whether there has been new BLM direction requiring a change from that in the Elkhorn EA and/or 2) changes between the timber sale design as described in the Elkhorn EA and that in the final timber sale contract. If a timely protest is received, this decision will be reconsidered in light of the statements of reasons for the protest and other pertinent information available, and a final decision will be issued which will be implemented in accordance with 43 CFR 5003.

If no protest is received by the end of the filing period previously stated, this decision will become final. The Wildlife Habitat and Fisheries Habitat projects will be implemented as soon as project funding becomes available. The density management thinnings will be implemented in five timber sales to be sold between 2007 and 2010.

For additional information about this decision, the Bureau of Land Management administrative review process, or to receive a copy of the Environmental Assessment, and Decision Record and Finding of No significant Impact, contact Carolina Hooper, Tillamook Resource Area, 4610 Third Street, Tillamook, Oregon 97141: telephone (503) 815-1119 or (503) 315-5927.