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Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to implement Alternative 1 which was analyzed in EA (Environmental Assessment) Number OR-086-05-01. This alternative proposes to conduct three different projects in the Adaptive Management Area and Riparian Reserve land use allocations. The first project would entail a density management thinning on approximately 1853 acres of 34-65 year old, relatively dense Douglas-fir stands. New temporary roads, and reconstructed roads that would be built to support the thinning, would be decommissioned at the completion of the project. This project will result in a net decrease of 3.2 miles of roads within the project area. The second project is for wildlife habitat enhancement on approximately 150 acres in stands that would not be treated with density management. The third project is a fish habitat enhancement treatment on 1/2 mile of Cruiser Creek, and 1.5 miles of Elkhorn Creek. These projects would occur on federal land 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.

Enclosed for your inspection are the EA and preliminary FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact). **I encourage you to provide substantive comments in writing regarding this proposed decision and preliminary FONSI on or before January 10, 2005 to Carolina Hooper, Project Lead, at the above address.** Comments received will be considered in making the final decision for each of these projects. It is anticipated that five timber sales would be generated from the density management project in this decision. The first timber sale called Blind Barney would include approximately 324 acres of land in T1S R6W section 25; T1S R5W section 31; T2S R5W 7; T2S R6W 10; the final decision (the notice of sale) is anticipated in January 2006. The second timber sale, called Flora and Fauna 1, will include approximately 683 acres in T2S R6W section 4 and 5; the final decision is anticipated in March 2007. The third timber sale, called Cruiserhorn I would include approximately 277 acres in T2S R6W sections 5, 8; the final decision is anticipated in January 2008. The fourth timber sale, called Flora and Fauna II, would include approximately 316 acres in T2S R6W sections 34, 8, and 16; the final decision is anticipated in August 2008. The fifth timber sale, called Cruiserhorn II would include approximately 269 acres in T2S R6W sections 8, 19; the final decision is anticipated in January 2008. The final decision for the wildlife habitat enhancement project and fish habitat enhancement project will be issued by February, 2005. Legal notices of these final decisions are anticipated to be published in the *Headlight Herald* newspaper of Tillamook, Oregon.

Comments, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Also, names of those who comment may be published as an addendum to the EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

For additional information, contact Carolina Hooper at the above address or telephone (503) 815-1119 or (503) 315-5927.

Sincerely,

William Keller  
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