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RE: Status of the Waymire Timber Sale

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) analyzed six timber sales in the Rickreall Creek Watershed Enhancement Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2010-0004) (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (March 2012). The Waymire Timber Sale was identified as one of the timber sales that would help meet the project's purpose and need. In the Proposed Action, the sale was to commercially thin 103 acres in the Rickreall Creek fifth field watershed. (The sale area map is on page 25 of the EA.) After the EA was released in 2012, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service designated the sale area as critical habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl. In addition, red tree vole surveys conducted in 2013 found a number of active nests that would require buffers and management areas. Of the original 103 acres, only 45 acres were left after the first round of red tree vole surveys. Additional red tree vole surveys were needed and it seemed probable that another 20-25 acres would have dropped from the sale. In addition, the remaining acres posed a logging system challenge. After consultation with the Marys Peak Interdisciplinary Team, I have decided to drop the sale from the project.

The Salem District BLM intends to offer the remaining five timber sales from the project. The Robb Mill Timber Sale sold in May 2013. The C-9 and Rick-Line timber sales will be auctioned in May 2014. The Gilmore Timber Sale will be auctioned in August 2014. The Cedar Ridge timber sale is currently planned to be offered in fiscal year 2016.

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