

Bureau of Land Management Salem District Project Update

November 2009



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Dear Citizen:

Project Update provides current information about projects planned on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Salem District lands. It is our intent to increase the public's awareness of BLM issues, activities and opportunities, as well as generating ideas and comments from those who may be affected by our multiple-use management programs. Your ideas, comments, and participation help us make informed decisions and implement better projects.

Project Update is organized by resource area and within each resource area by type of project. Additional information can be obtained from the BLM staff listed as contacts. Please send written comments, including the specific project name, to the appropriate address listed below during the identified public comment period.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Please contact us if you no longer wish to receive Project Update. A copy of Project Update is available at your local public library.

Your comments and concerns are welcome and may influence the final decision on these projects. Thank you for your continued interest!

Sincerely,

Salem District Manager

~ Notice ~

On July 16, 2009 the U.S. Department of the Interior, withdrew the Records of Decision (2008 ROD) for the Western Oregon Plan Revision and directed the BLM to implement actions in conformance with the resource management plans for western Oregon that were in place prior to December 30, 2008.

Since project planning and preparation of National Environmental Policy Act documentation for these projects began prior to the effective date of the 2008 ROD, these projects have been designed to comply to the land use allocations, management direction, and objectives of the 1995 Salem District resource management plan (1995 RMP), as amended.

Timber sale projects included in this update are consistent with the Program of Work announced by Interior Secretary Salazar and disclosed by the BLM on October 14, 2009.

Current projects are described in Tables 1 – 4.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 timber sales are described in Tables 5 and 6.

Explanatory comments concerning Tables 1-4:

Projects are organized by project type, project name/description, location, planning status, and contact person. A project may include the following stages:

Developing Proposed Action -A site-specific proposal, called a proposed action, is developed to move the existing condition of an area towards a desired condition or result.

Scoping -Public comment is sought on the proposed action. Comments are used to refine the proposal, or to identify issues which will define the scope of analysis and alternatives to be considered.

Developing Alternatives -A range of alternatives is developed based on the issues raised during scoping, while addressing the purpose and need for the project.

Analyzing Effects - The effects of implementing the alternative(s) are determined and documented in an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), EA (Environmental Assessment), CX (Categorical Exclusion), or DNA (Determination of NEPA Adequacy).

Comment Period - Comments are generally sought for 60 days on a draft EIS, and for 30 days on an EA, and FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact). There are no established comment periods for a CX or DNA. Comment periods are established commensurate with the anticipated level of public interest.

Notice of Decisions - Notice of decisions from an EIS and EA will be published in a newspaper in the area where the lands affected by the decision are located. They will be sent to those who have requested such notices. Notices of decision from an EIS will also be published in the Federal Register. Notice for projects which qualify as a CX or DNA will be available for public review at the appropriate field office.

Abbreviations Used in Tables:

AMA	Adaptive Management Area
AMR	Adaptive Management Reserve
APU	Activity Planning Unit
CON	Connectivity
CX	Categorical Exclusion
DNA	Determination of NEPA Adequacy
EA	Environmental Assessment
ERFO	Emergency Relief for Federally-Owned Roads
GFMA	General Forest Management Area
LUA	Land Use Allocation
LSR	Late-Successional Reserves
MBF	Thousand Board Feet
RR	Riparian Reserves
SBA	Small Business Administration

Categorical Exclusions

Certain activities within the BLM's forestry program 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, and 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 Manual at 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 that would preclude the use of a categorical exclusion. The Salem District/Field Office 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. Given this context, the BLM may choose to proceed with these actions as part of the ordinary course of business in managing forest land with the posting of a notice of decision on the District internet site. This notice would advise the public of the formal administrative review process for these individual actions available under 43 CFR §4.450. Depending on circumstances, however, the BLM may invoke, by publishing a notice in a local newspaper of record, the administrative review process under 43 CFR §5003 for certain individual forest management actions.

Secure Rural Schools & Community Self Determination Act Request for Proposals

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 was reauthorized via Public Law (PL) 110-343 through fiscal year 2011 by Congress and was approved by the President. According to Section 203 of the Act, “Not later than...and each September 30 thereafter for each succeeding fiscal year...each resource advisory committee shall submit to the Secretary concerned a description of any projects that the resource advisory committee proposes the Secretary undertake using any project funds reserved by eligible counties.....”.

The Salem District Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will be reviewing and recommending for funding Title II projects in Fiscal Year 2010 for funding in FY 2011. (A federal fiscal year is October 1 through September 30th). The Salem District RAC could be voting on projects for a combined total of over \$1.5 million. We will be developing an ambitious schedule to solicit projects, review them for compliance with the resource objectives of the act, and have the RAC vote on projects and recommend them for funding to the Salem District Manager.

To accomplish this, **full project proposals should be submitted to the Salem District Office by April 1, 2010**. We will then evaluate the projects to ensure that they comply with requirements of the act. Project application forms and a project information sheet can be found on our website at: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/rac/index.php>. Projects must meet one or more of the resource objectives identified in Section 2 (C) (i–vii) of the act which may include but are not limited to projects such as:

- road, trail, and infrastructure improvement, maintenance or obliteration;
- soil productivity improvement;
- improvements in forest ecosystem health;
- watershed restoration and maintenance;
- restoration, maintenance and improvement of wildlife and fish habitat;
- control of noxious and exotic weeds; and
- reestablishment of native species

Project funds may be used on BLM-administered land and on non-BLM administered land, where projects would benefit the resources on BLM-administered lands. (Sec. 202).

Those proposals that meet the criteria established in the legislation will be forwarded to the Salem Resource Advisory Committee for making the final recommendations on which projects should be approved. The RAC will be meeting in the Salem District Office in May or June of 2010. The meeting will be open to the public. Although projects will be recommended and approved this fiscal year, the funds will not be appropriated until early FY 2011 (November, 2010 at the earliest). Please take this into account when you make your application.

If you have any questions, please contact Trish Hogervorst at 503-375-5657.

Table 1: Cascades Resource Area Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions (Additional vegetation management actions are described under the Multiple Projects heading)			
Airstrip (DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2009-0004-EA): Approximately 270 acres of forest stands are being assessed for commercial thinning within the Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations (LUA), and approximately 60 acres of forest stands are being assessed for regeneration harvest within the Matrix LUA.	T. 4.S., R.5E., sections 7, 18 within the Middle Clackamas River Watershed near Estacada OR ; Clackamas County	Scoping Environmental Assessment (EA) to be completed Fall 2009.	Erick Stemmerman (503) 375-5679
Beeline Thinning (EA# OR080-06-06): The selected action is to thin approximately 410 acres of forest stands: 390 acres within the Matrix LUA, and 20 acres in the Riparian Reserve LUA.	T.5 S., R. 4 E. sections 3, 10, 17, 21 Clackamas County	EA completed March 20, 2007. Decision completed	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Delph Creek Rethinning (# DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2009-0001-EA): The BLM proposes to implement the second phase of an ongoing cooperative research project called the BLM's Density Management and Riparian Buffer Study. The cooperators are Oregon State University (OSU) and the USDA Pacific Northwest Research Station (PNW). The proposed action is to conduct various density management thinning treatments on approximately 200 acres of 67 year old forest stands within the Matrix and Riparian Reserve LUAs.	T. 3 S. R. 5 E. section 35; within the Eagle Creek watershed near Estacada, OR Clackamas County	EA completed October 5, 2009 Decision expected in 2010	Charley Thompson (503) 315-5966
Gordon Creek Thinning I (EA# OR080-07-05): Gordon Creek Thinning I is the first of three timber sales that will implement the 1,724 acres of thinning in 52-74 year old stands described in the Gordon Creek Thinning Revised EA (March 2009). The selected action for Gordon Creek Thinning I is approximately 780 acres (699 in Matrix and 81 in Riparian LUAs) or 45% of the total Gordon Creek Thinning acres.	T.1 S. R. 5 E. sections 13, 15 and a portion of 11; within the Gordon Creek/Lower Sandy Watershed near Corbett, OR Multnomah County	Original EA completed September 26, 2007. Revised EA completed March 17, 2009. The Gordon Creek Thinning I Decision completed April 28, 2009.	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Gordon Creek Thinning II (EA# OR080-07-05): Gordon Creek Thinning II is the second of three timber sales that will implement the 1,724 acres of thinning described in the Gordon Creek Thinning Revised EA (March 2009). Gordon Creek Thinning II is estimated to be approximately 400 acres or 23% of the total Gordon Creek Thinning acres.	T.1 S. R. 5 E. sections 3, 9, and a portion of 11. This sale is within the same watershed and county as Gordon Creek Thinning I.	See Gordon Creek Thinning I. Gordon Creek Thinning II Decision expected in 2010.	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Gordon Creek Thinning III (EA# OR080-07-05): Gordon Creek Thinning I is the third of three timber sales that will implement the 1,724 acres of thinning described in the Gordon Creek Thinning Revised EA (March 2009). Gordon Creek Thinning III is estimated to be approximately 540 acres or 31% of the total Gordon Creek Thinning acres.	T.1 S. R. 5 E. section 1, This sale is within the same watershed and county as Gordon Creek Thinning I.	See Gordon Creek Thinning I. Gordon Creek Thinning III Decision expected 2011.	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Highland Fling (EA # OR080-08-05): Approximately 800 acres of 20-120 year old forest stands (94% of the stands are under 80 years old) are being assessed for commercial thinning within the Matrix and Riparian LUAs.	T. 3 S., R. 3 E., Section 35; T. 4 S., R. 3 E., Sections 1, 21, 27 and 29; T. 4 S., R. 4E, Section 21, 27 and 29; and T. 4 S., R. 5 E., Sections 18; within the Milk Creek, Clear & Foster Creek, Upper Clear Creek and North Fork Clackamas River watersheds near Colton and Estacada, OR Clackamas County	EA to be completed Fall 2009. Decision expected in 2010.	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676

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Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Lost Lulay (EA #OR080-08-06): Approximately 560 acres of 30-70 year old forest stands are being assessed for commercial thinning within the Matrix and Riparian LUAs.	T. 10 S. R. 1 W. section 25; T. 10 S. R. 1 E. sections 21, 23, 25 & 29; T. 10 S. R. 2 E. section 19; and T. 11 S. R. 1 E. section 5 within the Thomas Creek and Crabtree Creek watersheds near Scio, OR Clackamas County	EA to be completed Fall 2009. Decision expected in 2010.	Keith Walton (503) 375-5676
Watershed Restoration Actions			
Cascades Invasive Non-Native Species Management (# DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2009-0002-EA): Management and control of invasive non-native plants occurring in the Cascades Resource Area using an integrated management approach (e.g. public education/community partnerships, and physical, mechanical and chemical control methods).	Resource Area wide	EA completed February 25, 2009 Decision completed May 18, 2009.	Barbara Raible (503) 375-5687
Elkhorn Creek Habitat Restoration (# DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2009-0006-EA): Placement of large woody debris in main channel floodplain and side channel habitats on lower Elkhorn Creek to stabilize several floodplain surfaces, provide high quality habitat for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout, and planting tree seedlings to facilitate development of riparian forests to shade stream channels.	T.9S, R.3E, Section 1; on about 0.5 mile of lower Elkhorn Creek	EA completed July 1, 2009 Decision completed August 5, 2009	Bruce Zoellick (503) 375-5672
Multiple Projects			
None			
Recreation Actions			
Wildwood Fish Viewing Window: The purpose of this project is to resurface or replace the underwater fish viewing window located in a side channel of the Salmon River so visitors can continue to view fish underwater. The glass surface will either be resurfaced or replaced based on project design and engineering findings. The water will be diverted temporarily while work is done. Work will occur during the instream work period as determined by fisheries biologist.	T 2S, R7E, Section 31 at the Wildwood Recreation site	NEPA to be completed Winter 2009/2010	Belle Smith (503) 315-5984
Transportation System Management Actions			
Road Maintenance and Repair (EA/CX/DNA)	Cascades Resource Area	Ongoing	Dan Nevin (503) 375-5673
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA): For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Cascades Resource Area-wide	Ongoing	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973
Watershed Analysis and other Management Plans			
Molalla River Corridor Plan: Will provide a 15 year management strategy for BLM administered lands in the Molalla River Corridor including; a plan update for the Table Rock Wilderness and a site plan for Aquila Vista Environmental Education Area.	Molalla Watershed Clackamas County	EA to be completed Spring 2010	Zach Jarrett (503) 375-5610
Sandy River Management Plan: Will address long term resource protection and management needs for BLM-managed lands in the Sandy River Basin.	Sandy River Basin: T1S-R4E, T2S-R4E, T2S-R5E, T2S-R6E, T2S-R7E, T2S-R8E, about 30 miles east of Portland OR. Clackamas County	EA completed August 27, 2008. Decision completed April 29, 2009.	Zach Jarrett (503) 375-5610

Table 2: Marys Peak Resource Area Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions (Additional vegetation management actions are described under the Multiple Projects heading)			
Yamaha Late Successional Reserve Enhancement/Aquatic Restoration (EA# OR080-06-18): The proposed project area is in Late-Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves. Proposed project activities include density management of approximately 161 acres of 20 to 70-year old forest, culvert replacements, road improvements, coarse woody debris enhancement, and large woody debris placement.	South Fork Alsea River Watershed, Benton County; approximately 12 miles southwest of Philomath, OR.	Environmental Assessment completed fall 2007. Decision Record was signed November, 2008. The timber sale project was sold in August, 2009.	Gary Humbar (503) 315-5981
Bottleneck Late Successional Reserve Enhancement (EA#OR 080-07-16): The proposed project area is in Late-Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves. Project 1 activities include density management of approximately 153 acres of 67-year old forest and approximately 5,000 feet of new road construction; Project 2 activities include the cutting of green conifers to improve wetland habitat, release adjacent green trees with complex crown structure, and create snags and coarse woody debris.	T7S, R9W, Sections 8 and 9; Lincoln County; approximately 10 miles east of Lincoln City, Oregon in the Salmon River-Siletz-Yaquina Bay Watershed.	Environmental Assessment completed in March, 2009. Decision Record planned for July, 2010. The timber sale project is proposed for fiscal year 2010.	Gary Licata (503) 315-5948
Upper Siletz River Watershed Restoration (DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2009-0002-EA): The proposed project areas are within approximately 675 acres of Late Successional Reserves, Riparian Reserves and Adaptive Management Areas. Project 1 would include the following activities: density management, road construction and decommissioning and coarse woody debris creation and would be implemented through one timber sale. Project 2 would include the following activities: commercial thinning, creation of patch cuts and road construction and would be implemented through two timber sales.	T7S, R8W, Section 15; T8S, R8W, Sections 15, 25 and 35; Polk County; approximately 10 miles west of Dallas, Oregon in the Upper Siletz River and Luckiamute River Watersheds.	Environmental Assessment planned for January, 2010. Decision Records planned to begin April, 2010. The initial timber sale project is proposed for fiscal year 2011.	Gary Licata (503) 315-5948
Cold Springs Late-Successional Reserve Enhancement (EA# OR 080-05-12): The proposed project area is approximately 178 acres of 50 to 60-year-old forest in Late-Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves. Project 1 activities include density management, road construction, road renovation, and road decommissioning. Project 2 activities include coarse woody debris creation.	T9S, R7W, Section 3, Polk County; approximately 9 miles southwest of Dallas, OR in the Luckiamute River Watershed.	Environmental Assessment completed winter 2008. Decision Record signed December, 2008. The timber sale project is proposed for November, 2009.	Gary Humbar (503) 315-5981
Apple Rock Commercial Thinning (DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2009-0007-CX): The proposed project area is approximately 49 acres of 58-year-old forest in Adaptive Management and Riparian Reserves. Project activities include density management and commercial thinning.	T7S, R6W, Section 31, Polk County; approximately 4 miles west of Dallas, OR in the Rickreall and Luckiamute River Watersheds.	Categorical Exclusion and Decision Record to be completed winter 2010. The timber sale is proposed for fiscal year 2011.	Stefanie Larew (503) 375-5601
Rickard Creek Timber Sale (EA# OR 080-07-13): This proposed project area is approximately 120 acres of 72-year old forest in General Forest Management Areas and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include regeneration harvest, density management, commercial thinning, road construction and renovation.	T13S, R6W, Section 29, Benton County; approximately 10 miles west of Monroe, OR in the Marys River Watershed.	Environmental Assessment completed in March 2008. Decision Record completed May 2009. The timber sale was sold in June, 2009.	Phil Sjoding (503) 315-5980

Table 2: Marys Peak Resource Area Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<p>Upper and Lower Alsea River Watershed Restoration (EA# OR 080-08-08): The proposed project areas are within approximately 800 acres of Late Successional Reserve and Riparian Reserves. Project 1 would include the following activities: density management, road construction and decommissioning, road renovation and coarse woody debris creation and would be implemented through four timber sales. Project 2 activities would include restoration of approximately 36 acres of hardwood dominated stands.</p>	<p>Upper and Lower Alsea River Watersheds, Benton County; approximately 12 miles southwest of Philomath, OR.</p>	<p>Environmental Assessment completed in March, 2009. Revised EA to be completed in January, 2010. The projects are proposed for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.</p>	<p>Gary Humbar (503) 315-5981</p>
<p>Green Peak II Density Management and Riparian Buffer Study (EA# OR 080-08-14): The proposed project area is approximately 158 acres of 70 year old forest in Late Successional Reserve and Riparian Reserve. The project consists of a second phase of silvicultural treatments underlying research in the BLM's Western Oregon Density Management and Riparian Buffer Study Plan. This is in cooperation with Oregon State University and the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Experiment Station. The proposed activities include density management, road reconstruction and coarse woody debris creation.</p>	<p>Marys River Watershed, Benton County; approximately 12 miles southwest of Corvallis, OR.</p>	<p>Environmental Assessment completed in July 2009. Revised EA to address climate change to be completed in January, 2010. The project is proposed for fiscal year 2010.</p>	<p>Cory Geisler (503) 315-5949</p>
<p>Marys Peak Progeny Test Site Thinning Categorical Exclusion Review (DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2009-0003-CX): This project consists of thinning approximately 70 acres of 22 year old overstocked young conifer progeny test sites to promote the health and vigor of the stands and provide more light to accelerate growth of selected conifers.</p>	<p>Marys Peak Resource Area</p>	<p>Categorical Exclusion completed July, 2009.</p>	<p>Gary Humbar (503) 315-5981</p>
<p>Marys Peak Resource Area Noble Fir Progeny Test Site Thinning Categorical Exclusion Review (DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2010-0001-CX): This project consists of thinning approximately 17 acres of 28 year old overstocked young conifer progeny test sites to promote the health and vigor of the stands and provide more light to accelerate growth of selected conifers.</p>	<p>Marys Peak Resource Area Marys Peak Resource Area</p>	<p>Categorical Exclusion to be completed February, 2010. Categorical Exclusion to be completed February, 2010.</p>	<p>Gary Humbar (503) 315-5981 Arlene Roux (503) 315-5955</p>
<p>Marys Peak Resource Area 2010 to 2014 Young Stand Silvicultural Activities (DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2010-0002-CX): This project consists of cutting competing vegetation on approximately 4,500 acres over a five year period for conifer stocking maintenance and survival of conifer species in young stands and thinning to increase growing space, to promote the health and vigor of the stands, and promote species diversity.</p>	<p>Marys Peak Resource Area Marys Peak Resource Area</p>	<p>Categorical Exclusion to be completed February, 2010. Categorical Exclusion to be completed February, 2010.</p>	<p>Arlene Roux (503) 315-5955 Arlene Roux (503) 315-5955</p>
<p>Marys Peak Road Scenic Overlook Enhancement (EA# DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2010-0002-EA): This project consists of cutting and removing trees adjacent to a scenic overlook. The trees have grown to heights that block any chance of viewing the scenic vista of the Cascade Mountains and Willamette Valley.</p>	<p>T.13 S., R. 7 W., Section 3; Upper Alsea River Watershed, Benton County; approximately 9 miles southwest of Philomath, OR</p>	<p>Environmental Assessment planned for Winter, 2010. Decision Record planned for spring 2010.</p>	<p>Ron Exeter (503) 315-5963</p>

Table 2: Marys Peak Resource Area Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<p>Mill Creek –South Yamhill Watershed Stand Management (DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2010-0003-CX): This project consists of commercial thinning and harvest of approximately 70 acres of 40 year old overstocked young conifer stands and construct approximately 1,500 feet of temporary roads. In addition, the project would include 50 acres of pre-commercial thinning and biomass utilization. The thinning treatments would promote the health and vigor of the stands and provide more light to accelerate growth of selected conifers. The project would be accomplished through the authorization of the Stewardship Act.</p>	<p>T.7 S., R. 6 W., Section 9; Mill Creek- South Yamhill Watershed, Polk County; approximately 6 miles northwest of Dallas, OR</p>	<p>Categorical Exclusion to be completed June, 2010.</p>	<p>Jim Mosley (503) 315-5954</p>
Watershed Restoration Actions			
<p>Upper and Lower Alsea River Watershed Fish Passage Restoration (EA# OR 080-08-15): The proposed project would restore fish passage for anadromous and resident fish by replacing and/or improving six stream crossing culverts and remove a portion of a trash rack.</p>	<p>Upper Alsea River and Lower Alsea River Watersheds, Benton County; approximately 12 miles southwest of Philomath, OR.</p>	<p>Environmental Assessment completed in November, 2008. Decision Record completed February, 2009. Project implementation began in July, 2009.</p>	<p>Scott Snedaker (503) 315-5928</p>
Recreation Actions			
<p>Alsea Falls and South Fork Alsea Byway Special Recreation Management Area Plan (DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2010-0001-EA): Develop a comprehensive recreation management plan of the Alsea Falls Recreation Site, South Fork Byway and surrounding lands.</p>	<p>T14S, R7W, Sections 17, 19-21, 25-36, T14S, R6W, Section 31, T15S, R8W, Section 1, T15S, R7W, Sections 2-8, 10, 12, and T15S, R6W, Sections 5&7 (Benton County), about 8 miles southwest of Alsea</p>	<p>Early scoping and assessment ongoing; general comments and concerns welcome. Environmental Assessment to be completed by fall 2010.</p>	<p>Traci Meredith (503) 315-5991</p>
<p>Alsea Valley Trails Plan (DOI-BLM-OR-S050-2010-0002-EA): Plan for trail development in the Alsea Valley centered around large trees and to promote tourism. Proposal brought forward by a local group – Benton County Forest Coalition.</p>	<p>Various locations in Benton County within the Alsea Valley.</p>	<p>Early preplanning, reviewing proposals will begin public scoping winter 2009. Scheduled spring 2010 EA completion.</p>	<p>Traci Meredith (503) 315-5991</p>
Transportation System Management Actions			
<p>South Fork Alsea River Access Road (Road #14-6-34.1) Hazard Tree Removal and Alsea Falls Park Enhancement (EA# OR080-07-03): Alleviate risk to public users resulting from hazard trees and excessive buildup of leaf litter. Enhance vegetation, visual characteristics and safety hazards at Alsea Falls Recreation Site by managing structure and thinning trees. Remove densely stocked trees with low vigor and other hazard trees to enhance tree growth and stand health in addition to providing a visually appealing and safe park for visitors.</p>	<p>Adjacent to a road designated as a backcountry byway (Road # 14-6-34.1) and Alsea Falls Recreation Site (T. 14 S., R. 7 S., Section 25 and 26). Benton County.</p>	<p>Environmental Assessment completed January, 2009. Decision record is planned for July, 2010 and timber sale is planned to be negotiated August, 2010.</p>	<p>Traci Meredith (503) 315-5991 or Gary Humbard (503) 315-5981</p>
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
<p>Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA): For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.</p>	<p>Marys Peak Resource Area-wide</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>Gary Humbard (503) 315-5981</p>

Table 3: Tillamook Resource Area Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions (Additional vegetation management actions are described under the Multiple Projects heading)			
Gunners Lakes Project (EA): The projects being considered include commercial thinning and regeneration harvest, road stabilization and decommissioning. Lands are within the Matrix (General Forest Management Area and Connectivity) and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations.	East Fork Nehalem Watershed, Columbia County.	Scoping is expected to begin in Fall 2010. First timber sale is expected to be offered in 2011.	Bob McDonald (503) 815-1110
Watershed Restoration Actions			
Multiple Projects			
Moon Creek Projects (EA): The proposed projects include: density management thinning on approximately 500 acres, fish and wildlife habitat enhancement, and road decommissioning.	Moon Creek area of the Nestucca River Watershed, Tillamook County	Environmental Assessment completed. Decision signed in December 2008. The Head East timber sale is expected to be offered in 2010.	Andy Pampush (503) 815-1143
Recreation Actions			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA): For various actions such as special use permits.	Tillamook Resource Area-wide.	Ongoing	Debra Drake (503) 815-1134
Transportation System Management Actions			
Testament Creek Road and Von Road Repairs (EA): The proposed project will include repairs and potentially decommissioning of sections of the Testament Creek and Von Roads that were damaged by storms during the winter of 2007-2008.	Von Road and Testament Creek Road, Yamhill and Tillamook Counties	Environmental Assessment is expected to be completed in October 2009. Decision is expected in December 2009, and the work is expected to be completed during the summer of 2010.	Bob McDonald (503) 815-1110
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA): For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Tillamook Resource Area-wide	Ongoing.	Bob McDonald (503) 815-1110
Oil and Gas Competitive Leasing (DNA): Approximately 15,000 acres of BLM-managed lands and private lands with federal mineral estate have been nominated by industry for competitive oil and gas leasing.	T3N R3W, T4N R3W, T5N R3W, multiple sections, Columbia and Washington counties.	Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) is expected to be completed in November 2009. Parcels are expected to be offered at lease sale in March 2010.	Bob McDonald (503) 815-1110

Table 4: District-wide Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
Multiple Projects			
None			
Recreation Actions			
None			
Transportation System Management Actions			
None			
Horning Seed Orchard			
<p>2009 to 2012 Permethrin Spray Project at Walter Horning Tree Seed Orchard. The proposal in 2009 includes spraying by ground application, 2 acres of western red cedar seed orchard to control the western red cedar cone gall midge with Permethrin. The project will occur in late February or March.</p>	<p>T. 4 S., R. 3 E., Section's 13 and 23, W.M near Colton, Oregon</p>	<p>Determination of NEPA Adequacy has been prepared and is on file at the Seed Orchard Office .(DNA #DOI-BLM-OR-S0000-2009-0001-DNA)</p>	<p>Michele Finch (503) 630-8404</p>

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Table 5

Resource Area	Cascades	Cascades	Mary's Peak	Mary's Peak	Mary's Peak	
Timber Sale Name	BeeLine	Gordon Creek I	Mainline II	Yamaha	Rickard Creek	
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)	T5S, R4E, Sec 3, 10, 17, 21	T1S, R5E, Sec 11, 13, 15	T14S R6W 17	T14S-R7W-14,23	T13S, R6W, Sec29	
Land Use Allocation	GFMA / RR	GFMA / RR	GFMA	LSR	GFMA	
County	Clackamas	Multnomah	Benton	Benton	Benton	
Proposed Harvest Type	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	Density Management	Regeneration	
Anticipated Acreage Involved	392	792	157	161	114	
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	6,540	16,612	5,415	3,800	4430	
Probable Sale Offering Date	9/30/2009	5/27/2009	11/19/2008	8/26/2009	6/24/2009	
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No	No	No	No	No	
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	EA - completed	EA - Completed	EA - completed	EA - completed	EA - completed	
Items of Special Interest						
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	Sold	Sold	Sold	Sold	Sold	
Contact Person's Name	Rudy Hefter	Rudy Hefter	Dan Schreindorfer	Gary Humbard	Phil Sjoding	
Contact Person's Number	(503)-375-5671	(503)-375-5671	503-315-5994	503-315-5981	503-315-5980	

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Table 5

Resource Area	Mary's Peak	Mary's Peak	Tillamook	Tillamook	Tillamook	
Timber Sale Name			Cherry Sunday	Toll Ridge	Hagerty Ridge	
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)			T2S R5W 1, 3; T1S R5W 19, 34, 35	T1S R6W 34; T2S R6W 8, 16	T1S, R5W, Sec. 29, 31, 33	
Land Use Allocation			AMA / LSR	AMA	AMA	
County			Tillamook	Tillamook	Tillamook	
Proposed Harvest Type			Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	
Anticipated Acreage Involved			178	316	396	
Anticipated Volume (MBF)			3636	5688	7128	
Probable Sale Offering Date			8/26/2009	5/27/2009	8/26/2009	
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)						
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status			EA	EA	EA	
Items of Special Interest						
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)			SOLD	SOLD	SOLD	
Contact Person's Name			Bob McDonald	Sandra Holmberg	Bob McDonald	
Contact Person's Number			503-815-1100	503-815-1100	503-815-1100	

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Table 6

Resource Area	Cascades	Cascades	Cascades	Cascades		
Timber Sale Name	Delph Creek Re-Thin	Lost Lulay	Gordon Creek II	Highland Fling		
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)	T3S, R5E, Sec 35	T10S, R1E, Sec. 23,21,25,29; T10S, R1W, Sec. 25 T10S, R2E, Sec. 19 T11S, R1E, Sec. 5	T1S, R5E, Sec. 3,9, 11	T3S, R3E, Sec. 35, T4S, R3E, Sec. 1, 21, 27.		
Land Use Allocation	GFMA/RR	GFMA / RR	GFMA / RR	GFMA / RR		
County	Clackamas	Linn	Multnomah	Clackamas		
Proposed Harvest Type	Density Management	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning		
Anticipated Acreage Involved	205	545	430	514		
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	3,500	8,000	9,300	9,000		
Probable Sale Offering Date	2/24/2010	5/26/2010	5/26/2010	8/25/2010		
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No	No	No	No		
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	EA - Completed	EA - In Progress	EA - Completed	EA - In Progress		
Items of Special Interest						
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation		
Contact Person's Name	Rudy Hefter	Rudy Hefter	Rudy Hefter	Rudy Hefter		
Contact Person's Number	(503)-375-5671	(503)-375-5671	(503)-375-5671	(503)-375-5671		

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Table 6

Resource Area	Mary's Peak	Mary's Peak	Mary's Peak	Mary's Peak	Mary's Peak	
Timber Sale Name	Cold Springs	Green Peak II	Bummer Ridge	Bottleneck	S. Fork Hazard Tree/.Park Thin	
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)	T9S R7W Sec. 3	T14S R6W Sec. 7	T14S R7W Secs. 19,30 and 31	T7S R9W Sec. 8 and 9	T14S R6W Sec. 31 T14S R7W Secs. 21, 23, 25, 26, and 36 T15S R6W Sec. 6	
Land Use Allocation	LSR	LSR	LSR	LSR	LSR, Matrix	
County	Polk	Benton	Benton	Lincoln	Benton	
Proposed Harvest Type	Density Management	Density Management	Density Management	Density Management	Density Management	
Anticipated Acreage Involved	176	158	306	157	70	
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	4,323	2,551	9,300	5,768	250	
Probable Sale Offering Date	11/18/2009	2/24/2010	5/26/2010	8/25/2010	9/13/2010	
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No	No	No	No	No	
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	EA - completed	Original EA – Completed Revised EA-In Progress	Original EA – Completed Revised EA-In Progress	Original EA – Completed Revised EA-In Progress	Original EA – Completed Revised EA-In Progress	
Items of Special Interest					Negotiated Sale	
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	Completed	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	
Contact Person's Name	Gary Humbar	Cory Geisler	Gary Humbar	Gary Licata	Gary Humbar	
Contact Person's Number	503-315-5981	503-315-5949	503-315-5981	503-315-5948	503-315-5981	

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Table 6

Resource Area	Tillamook	Tillamook	Tillamook	Tillamook	Tillamook	Tillamook
Timber Sale Name	Four Corners	Hoag Heaven	Jane's Remains	Head East	Coffee Cup	Coney Connection
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)	1S, 5W, 33	3S, 7W, 34, 35, 36	3S, 6W, 19, 30; 3S, 7W, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36	3S, 8W, 3, 11, 13, 14, 15, 24	3N, 3W, 33	4N, 3W, 7, 17, 19, 21, 29
Land Use Allocation	AMA	LSR	LSR	LSR	GFMA	CON, GFMA
County	Washington	Tillamook	Tillamook	Tillamook	Washington	Columbia
Proposed Harvest Type	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	Regeneration	Commercial Thinning/Regen
Anticipated Acreage Involved	226	151	155	380	12	250
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	4,100	2,300	2,300	5,000	600	7,500
Probable Sale Offering Date	5/26/2010	5/26/2010	5/26/2010	5/26/2010	8/25/2010	8/25/2010
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	EA - complete	EA – complete	EA – Complete	EA – Complete	EA – Complete	EA – In Progress
Items of Special Interest						
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation
Contact Person's Name	Bob McDonald	Steve Bahe	Steve Bahe	Andy Pampush	Clint Gregory	Bob McDonald
Contact Person's Number	503-815-1100	503-815-1100	503-815-1100	503-815-1100	503-815-1100	503-815-1100

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Table 6

Resource Area	Tillamook					
Timber Sale Name	Fan Creek Re-offer					
Probable Location (Twn, Rge, Sec)	3S, 7W, 13, 14, 23, 26, 34, 35, 36					
Land Use Allocation	LSR					
County	Tillamook					
Proposed Harvest Type	Commercial Thin					
Anticipated Acreage Involved	57					
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	1,700					
Probable Sale Offering Date	11/18/2009					
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No					
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	EA – Complete					
Items of Special Interest	Originally offered in 2008					
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	Advertised					
Contact Person's Name	Steve Bahe					
Contact Person's Number	503-815-1100					

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