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In Reply Refer To:
5410 (ORS040)
ThunderKat Timber Sale
DOI-BLM-OR-S040-2014-0002-EA

Dear Interested Party:

The Cascades Resource Area of the Salem District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing the ThunderKat Timber Sale. The purpose of this proposal is to achieve specific objectives identified for forest management in conformance with BLM's mission as detailed in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the O & C Act of 1937 and the Salem District 1995 Resource Management Plan (RMP).

The proposal involves 3 units approximately 70 acres in size and is located approximately 3 miles south of Lyons, Oregon in T. 10 S., R. 02 E., Section 05, Willamette Meridian. The project area is located within the Middle Thomas Creek 6th field watershed. The units range from 80 to 90 years in age and are located within the General Forest Management Area (GFMA) Land Use Allocation (LUA). Two of the units meet the Salem RMP standards for regeneration harvest and one unit does not. The BLM is proposing units 5A and 5B for regeneration harvest (approximately 60 acres) and unit 5C for commercial thinning (approximately 10 acres).

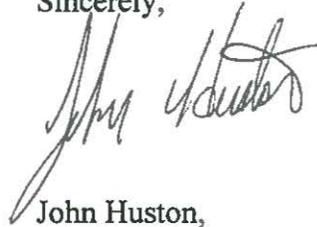
The BLM will host an open house on Wednesday March 19, 2014 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Gates Fire Hall, 101 Sorbin Street, Gates, Oregon. BLM resource specialists and managers will be available to discuss the ThunderKat project and also the Sunday Morning Belly Twister project. Weather permitting, BLM staff will offer to lead a one-hour field trip to the nearby Turnridge timber sale to view and discuss two regeneration harvest units which were logged approximately ten years ago.

You have been identified as someone who might have specific knowledge or interest in the area. The purpose of this letter is to offer you an opportunity to share any information or concerns you may have in regards to the project. The enclosed map shows the location of the project area. Also enclosed is a Project Comment Form for your convenience. Please have your scoping comments to the BLM by March 24, 2014. Written comments may be sent to John Huston, Cascades Resource Area Field Manager, BLM – Salem District, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, Oregon, 97306.

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.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact David Simons at (503) 375-5612 or at d75simons@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

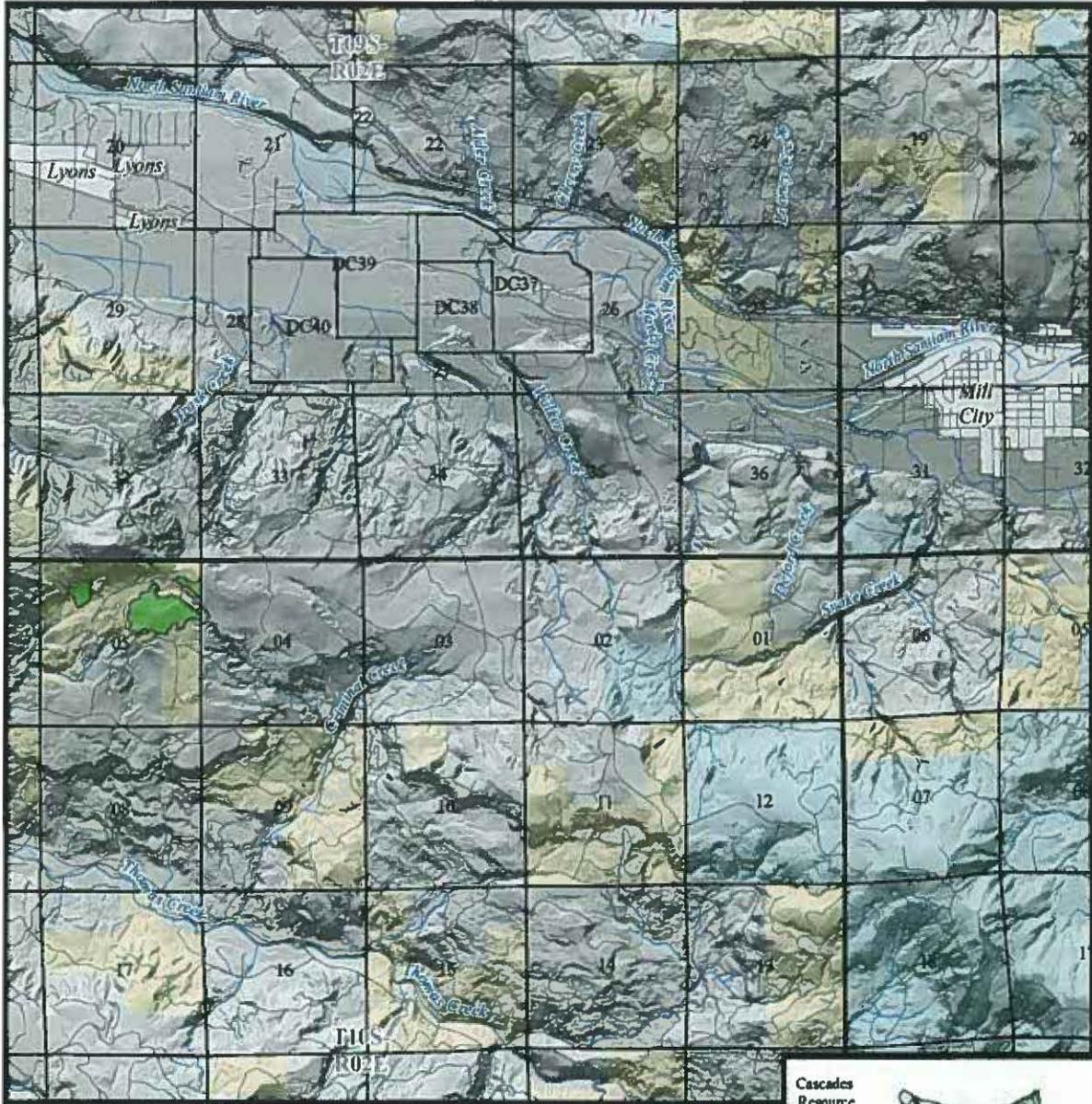
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John Huston,
Field Manager, Cascades Resource Area

Enclosures

Thunder Kat Proposed Project Location Scoping Map

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- State Highway
- Road
- Streams
- Proposed Treatment Units
- Bureau of Land Management
- State
- Private/Unknown



ThunderKat Project
Project Comment Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Representing _____ Telephone _____

Do you want to be added to the mailing list for this project? Yes No

Comments: _____

Please feel free to enclose additional sheets if needed.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Salem District Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays) and may be published as part of environmental analysis documents or related correspondence. 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.

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