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To: All District Managers

From: Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use and Protection

Subject: Sale Area Layout and Harvesting Institute - West

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Biannually, Region 6 of the U.S. Forest Service sponsors the Sale Area Layout and Harvesting Institute – West (SALHI-W). The five-week course (April 18 – May 19, 2006) provides the following instruction:

Skyline:

The skyline training will focus on how to design skyline projects. Factors that need to be considered for successful design will be emphasized. A field thinning layout exercise will be done. Demonstrations of the use of a small skyline yarder in multispans rigging configurations will be done on the university forest. The intent is for the participant to see why the factors they need to consider during design are important. Skyline payload analysis and costing will also be a part of this training.

Helicopter:

Helicopter operations, including thinning or partial harvest, will be explored by focusing on those factors that need to be considered when designing a helicopter sale. A field layout exercise will be conducted. There will be involvement from the helicopter logging industry. Helicopter feasibility analysis and costing will be covered.

Ground Based:

Those factors that contribute to a successful ground-based project design will be explored. A field layout exercise will be conducted. Project costing will be a part of this training. There will be logging industry involvement in the instruction and exercises.

Roads:

Road location, including standards, impacts, crossings, and costs, as well as transportation analysis will be included in this training. There will be discussion about how to evaluate a road to determine reconstruction needs for upcoming projects. Road decommissioning, road maintenance, and road renovation will also be a topic.

The Bureau of Land Management has been allotted one attendee space per western Oregon district (Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, and Medford) and two attendee spaces for the Public Domain districts (Burns, Vale, Prineville, Lakeview, and Spokane). Due to the limited number of attendee spaces available and the interest in obtaining this specialized training, the State Office is seeking district nominations of no more than one person per district. In the event that more than seven nominees are submitted by all districts combined, the State Office will make the final attendee selection.

Applicants nominated by a district must be a Forester, Forestry Technician, or Natural Resource Specialist responsible for timber sale work. Applicants must be a permanent, term, or a Student Cooperative Education Program employee. At least one year of timber sale planning and preparation experience is desirable but not required. The nomination must be accompanied by two documents from the applicant:

- 2006 SALHI-W application signed by the approving supervisor
- Essay (one page maximum) describing how the applicant's education, background, and experience have prepared them for the training and how the knowledge gained from SALHI-W will be applied to their current job responsibilities.

District nominations and the two aforementioned applicant documents shall be submitted to the State Office, OR-931, Attention: Bill Hatton, by close of business February 3, 2006.

In order to reduce travel costs and maximize the learning experience, the course will be a single module but subdivided into two parts. Other than field trips, all classroom instruction will be conducted at Oregon State University. There is no tuition fee to attend SALHI-W. Districts are expected to cover the travel and per diem expenses for their employees. Detailed information on lodging and a university provided meal plan will be available at a later date.

Contact Bill Hatton (OR-931) at 503-808-6015 if you have questions.

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Information Bulletin and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

Signed by
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2 Attachments

- 1 - [SALHI-W Training Schedule](#) (7 pp)
- 2 - [Application Form](#) (1p)

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