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To: District Managers: Salem, Eugene, Coos Bay, Roseburg, and Medford

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

Subject: Concluding Endangered Species Act Consultation for Listed Pacific Salmon Species for
FY04 4th Quarter Timber Sales

Biological Assessments (BA) for several 4th quarter timber sales have been prepared and transmitted for informal consultation to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries. To be consistent with the NOAA Fisheries Biological Opinion issued for the continued implementation of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Management Plans as amended by the Record of Decision to clarify provisions related to the Aquatic Conservation Strategy of the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP), counsel has advised that supplemental analysis must be provided for the existing BAs before concurrence letters can be signed. The supplemental analysis will apply features of the new analytical process for development of BAs for consultation on federal actions affecting fish proposed or listed under the Endangered Species Act within the NWFP area. BA writers are to coordinate with Joe Moreau, OR-931 Fisheries Program Lead, at 503-808-6418 to prepare and submit the supplemental analysis.

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.

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