

## Issue Paper: Invasives

### Resource Management Plans for Western Oregon

#### **Background:**

Many factors can impact the spread of invasive plant species in an Oregon forest. In this section of the BLM's Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, planners gauged risk, studied susceptibility and projected possible outcomes.

#### **Key Points:**

- Inadvertent introduction of invasive plant species happens. These are risk factors assessed by the bureau for this report:
  - Distribution, abundance of pre-existing invasives
  - Timber harvesting, logging methods
  - Proximity of harvesting activity to streams
  - Designations for off-road vehicle use
  - Grazing
- The risk of introducing and spreading invasive plant species over the next 10 years, and in the long term, would be lowest under Alternative D, and highest under Alternatives B and C.
- In the Coos Bay District, Klamath Falls Field Office, and Medford Districts the overall relative risk for the introduction and spread of invasive aquatic species would be lowest under Alternative D and highest under the No Action Alternative and Alternative C.
- In the Eugene, Roseburg, and Salem Districts the overall relative risk for the introduction and spread of invasive aquatic species would be lowest under Alternatives A and B and highest under Alternative C.
- Sudden oak death infestations would occupy 100 percent of the Riparian Reserves in Infestation Zone 2 and almost 90 percent in Infestation Zone 3 by 2033 under Alternatives A and B.

The Resource Management Plans (RMP) for Western Oregon will determine how the BLM-administered lands in western Oregon will be managed to further the recovery of threatened and endangered species, to provide for clean water, to restore fire-adapted ecosystems, to produce a sustained yield of timber products, to coordinate management of lands surrounding the Coquille Forest with the Coquille Tribe, and to provide for recreation opportunities.

For more information, please visit the BLM's Resource Management Plans of western Oregon website at <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/rmpswesternoregon/index.php>.

