

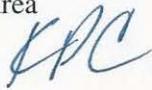
# Regional Interagency Executive Committee

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## Memorandum

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**To:** Regional Interagency Executive Committee, Bureau of Land Management District Managers and Field Managers (Klamath Falls, Tillamook, OR; Arcata, Redding, and Ukiah, CA), and Forest Service National Forest Supervisors and Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Manager within the Northwest Forest Plan Area

**From:** Kent Connaughton, Regional Interagency Executive Committee Chair 

**Subject:** Equivalent-Effort Survey Protocol for Survey and Manage Category B Fungi

The 2001 Survey and Manage Record of Decision (ROD) Standards and Guidelines establish timelines for the completion of Strategic Surveys for Category B species (Standards and Guidelines, page 9). If timelines for Strategic Survey completion are not met, the species will require "equivalent-effort" pre-disturbance surveys for projects in old-growth forests. For the Category B fungal species, the deadline for completion of Strategic Surveys was the beginning of fiscal year 2011. Since an evaluation of Strategic Survey results for Category B fungi has not been completed, equivalent-effort pre-disturbance surveys are required.

Attached is the survey protocol for equivalent-effort surveys for Category B fungi prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 2001 ROD.

The protocol requires surveys when proposed projects are determined to be habitat-disturbing to Category B fungal species and occur in old-growth forest (Standards and Guidelines, page 79). Line officers should seek specialists' recommendations on the type, intensity, and extent of the proposed habitat-disturbing activity in order to evaluate whether the proposed action will result in a significant negative effect, and hence require surveys. The protocol outlines a 1-year and a 2-year level of survey effort depending on the habitat-disturbing activity and geographic area.

The protocol is written to target more than one fungal species, which maximizes field visits and efficiency. Range and habitat information are provided in the Appendices 1 and 2 of the Conservation Assessment for fungi and in the Region 6/BLM Oregon and Washington Habitat Summary for Sensitive Fungal Species spreadsheet (both documents are located at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/sfpnw/issssp/planning-documents/assessments.shtml>).

Full implementation of this protocol will be required for new projects in old-growth forest that are determined to be habitat-disturbing.

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Attachment

1. Survey & Manage Category B Fungi Equivalent-Effort Survey Protocol, version 1.0

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