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Memorandum

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Regional Interagency Executive Committee, Bureau of Land Management District Managers (Coos Bay, Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Roseburg, and Salem), Field

To: Managers (Klamath Falls, 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: Survey Methodology and Guidance for One Survey and Manage Lichen Species with Category Change from the 2011 Settlement Agreement

This Memorandum transmits supplemental guidance on conducting pre-disturbance surveys for the Survey and Manage lichen, *Cladonia norvegica*. As a result of the 2011 Settlement Agreement, this lichen moved into Category C, a category which requires pre-disturbance surveys for habitat-disturbing activities.

Current interagency direction is to implement the 2001 ROD S&Gs, as modified by the 2011 Settlement Agreement, for projects that are within the range of the northern spotted owl. For projects with Decisions made between December 17, 2009 and September 30, 2012, either the list of species in the 2001 ROD or the 2011 Settlement Agreement may be used. For Decisions made after September 30, 2012, the 2011 Settlement Agreement list of species is required to be used.

For projects that utilize the 2011 Settlement Agreement list of species, pre-disturbance surveys for this species will need to be completed. This species is not presently addressed in the current lichen survey protocol.

Included in Attachment 1 is information to assist in the pre-disturbance surveys for this species. Attachment 1 serves as a supplement to the lichen survey protocol (Instruction Memorandum No. OR-2003-078, June 9, 2003) and contains information on: Survey Methodology, Habitat, Technical Descriptions, Range, and References.

For Further Information: Questions regarding implementation of this protocol should be directed to Rob Huff (rhuff@blm.gov, 503-808-6479); Carol Hughes (cshughes@fs.fed.us, 503-808-2661); Chrissy Howell (cahowell@fs.fed.us, 707-562-8929); Kelli Van Norman (kvannorm@blm.gov, 503-808-6606); or Diane Ikeda (diked@fs.fed.us, 707-562-8938).

Enclosure

- 1- Supplemental Guidance for Pre-Disturbance Surveys Under the Northwest Forest Plan Survey and Manage Standard and Guidelines: *Cladonia norvegica*

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