

Western Oregon Plan Revision

In September of 2005, the BLM formally began a public process to revise the six Resource Management Plans for the Salem, Eugene, Coos Bay, Roseburg, and Medford Districts, and the Klamath Falls Resource Area. The western Oregon Resource Management Plans covering 2,557,700 acres of public land, are being revised to better fulfill BLM's legislative mandate under the Oregon & California (O&C) Lands Act of 1937.

The O&C Lands Act required that these western Oregon lands be managed for permanent forest production under the principles of sustained yield. The BLM must also comply with other applicable laws such as the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act. Through various involvement opportunities, the public has helped to tailor the analysis process. Public response to early scoping helped the BLM validate the existing management situation (documented in the "Analysis of the Management Situation") and the planning criteria (documented in the "Planning Criteria and State Director Guidance") which guides this revision process. The public further helped to identify the most important issues to be addressed (summarized in the "Scoping Report"). These issues include the management of vegetation (including late-successional forests), habitat for endangered species, water quality, the reduction of wildfire effects in the urban interface, and restoration of natural fire processes.

In August of 2007 a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was released for public review and comment. In preparing the document, the BLM worked collaboratively with interested parties and formal cooperating agencies.

Public involvement activities included more than 130 meetings held with a variety of groups, organizations, and public officials. The BLM also hosted many open houses, public workshops and technical sessions during the public review process. Comments from the public and cooperating agencies will be considered in the preparation of revised Resource Management Plans and a Final Environmental Impact Statement to be completed in 2008.

Information about the plan revision can be found on the project web site:

http://www.blm.gov/nhp/spotlight/state_info/planning/or/wopr/

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2007 Northwest Forest Plan Accomplishments

Introduction

The Northwest Forest Plan guides management of more than 22 million acres of Federal forests administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the USDA Forest Service in western Oregon, Washington, and northern California. The Northwest Forest Plan is a balanced, scientifically-based, long-term management plan. It is designed to produce a predictable and sustainable supply of timber, and to protect the health of forests, wildlife, and waterways.



Of the 22 million acres managed under Northwest Forest Plan direction, BLM manages approximately 2,557,700 million acres in the Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, Medford, and Lakeview Districts. In northern California, the BLM Field Offices implementing the Northwest Forest Plan are Arcata, Redding, and Ukiah.

Resource Management Plans guide the BLM's implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. Resource Management Plans contain goals, objectives, and management actions that—coupled with annual appropriations—direct each District's program of work.

Forestry

The BLM manages over 2.5 million acres of land in western Oregon that are managed under the standards and guidelines of the Northwest Forest Plan. Approximately 500,000 acres (or 22 percent of the BLM western Oregon land base) are available for planned timber harvest. In Fiscal Year 2007 the BLM in western Oregon offered 195.6 million board feet of timber for sale.

The BLM reforests these lands after timber harvest and natural disturbances such as wildland fires. Each District and Field Office conducts site preparation, tree planting and other management treatment such as browse protection or vegetation control to ensure healthy forests in the future.

The BLM is also working to implement an enhanced thinning program on BLM-managed lands. This thinning is done to improve growth and reduce wildfire risks. Thinning is also done in response to scientific studies that indicate timely thinning can accelerate and enhance the development of old growth characteristics in younger forests. In 2007, approximately 8,245 acres of forest and woodlands were thinned for these purposes. Stewardship contracting—a method to enhance community caretaking of public lands—was utilized on six of these thinning projects.



2007 Northwest Forest Plan Accomplishment Numbers

2007 O&C Appropriated Dollars \$106,082,000

Forest Management \$26,018,000

Design, administer, and monitor timber sales to meet the sustained yield forest production mandate of the O&C Lands Act, and to support habitat enhancement and restoration goals, and reduce hazardous fuels, applying best management practices while ensuring compliance with the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act; provide special forest products such as firewood, Christmas trees, and mushrooms.

Reforestation and Forest Development \$24,253,000

Maintain sustainability of forest resources and timber harvest levels through successful reforestation, utilizing site preparation, tree planting, young stand maintenance and protection, genetic tree trait conservation, and growth enhancing and forest health practices; develop site specific and watershed level prescriptions using silvicultural techniques; maintain up-to-date inventories of sites available for reforestation and forest development.

Other Forest Resources Management \$36,384,000

Conduct watershed analyses; comply with Clean Water Act; use smoke management to comply with air quality rules; plan for conservation of and monitoring sensitive, threatened, and endangered species.

Transportation and Facilities Maintenance \$10,610,000

Maintain 300 buildings and 104 recreation sites. Maintain 14,000 miles of roads, 353 bridges and thousands of culverts in Western Oregon (roads, trails, and airstrips).

Planning \$6,528,000

Maintain viability of Resource Management Plans through plan monitoring, incorporation of new data, and amendments to the Resource Management Plans.

Data System Operation and Maintenance \$1,993,000

Convert existing Geographic Information System data from Map Overlay and Statistical System to commercial software; operation of the data system at each BLM Western Oregon District Office.

Construction and Acquisition \$290,000

Access easements across private land to allow management of federal lands, and for construction of roads, bridges, buildings, and other facilities.

FY 2007 Westside Oregon BLM Timber Sale Data (numbers in Million Board Feet)		
District	Offered	Harvest
Lakeview	5.0	8.4
Salem	49.0	33.8
Eugene	41.8	40.1
Roseburg	30.2	18.8
Medford	15.8	2.9
Coos Bay	53.8	56.8
Totals	195.6	160.8

BLM Tree Planting in FY 2007		
BLM District	Acres Planted	Seedlings Planted
Lakeview	12	6,000
Salem	223	71,615
Eugene	137	38,240
Roseburg	280	123,000
Medford	1,214	561,000
Coos Bay	365	146,000
Oregon Total	2,231	945,855

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