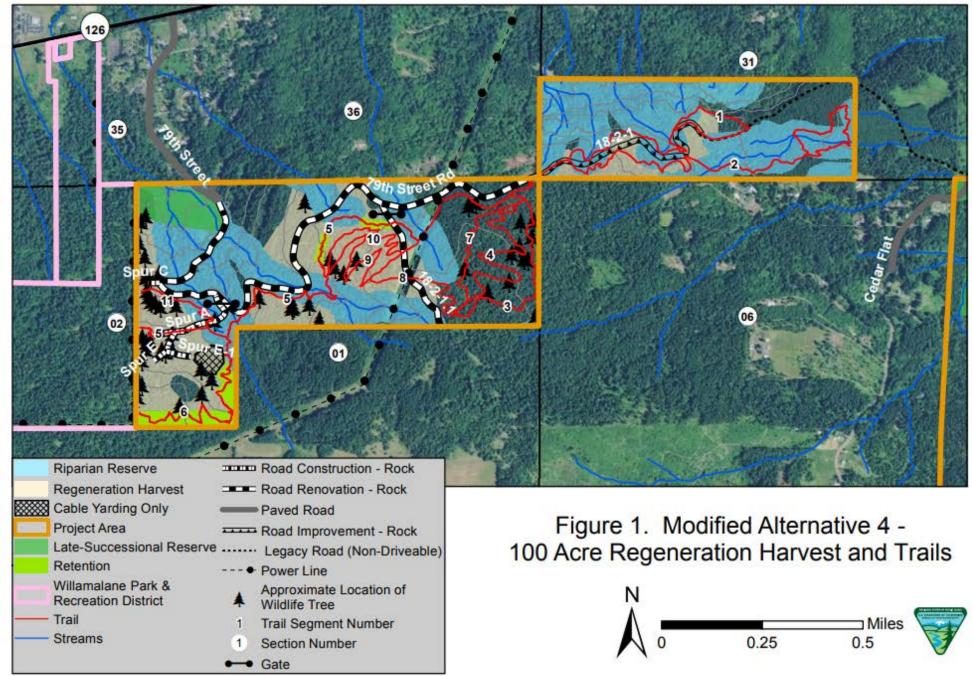
Thurston Hills Forestry and Trails Project

Project Overview

- The project is located eight miles southeast of downtown Springfield, Oregon, adjacent to the Thurston Hills Natural Area managed by Willamalane Parks and Recreation District.
- These BLM managed public lands are set aside for a sustainable yield of timber production and were last harvested from 2001-2005.
- The project will remove selected trees to establish a new stand of timber on approximately 100 acres through the Pedal Power Timber Sale. Some trees will be kept for wildlife, and after the harvest the area will be replanted and actively managed to reduce fire risk.
- The timber harvest will generate 4 million board feet of timber, creating approximately 52 jobs and \$2.5 million of employment income for the local economy.
- Following the timber harvest, 8.5 miles of new hiking and mountain biking trails will be built to connect to existing trails at the Thurston Hills Natural Area. These new trails will include a mix of intermediate and advanced mountain biking experiences.
- Approximately 2/3 of the new trail system will meander through forested areas and 1/3 of the system will be in more open, harvested areas. Leave trees in the harvested areas will be concentrated near the trail.
- A decision to move forward with the project was made in August 2018 and the Pedal Power Timber sale was sold to Seneca in September. The two year project is planned to begin as early as December 2018.
- See the back of this page for a map of the project area.

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