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Welcome to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest Oregon District's Fall 2023 Planning Update. The purpose of this publication is to provide you with information and invite your comments on proposed BLM-administered activities within the Northwest Oregon District (District).

The District reinitiated and completed consultation under Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for timber harvest and routine actions due to changes in baseline habitat conditions for northern spotted owls caused by the 2020 wildfires. The District is continuing to review ongoing projects originally in compliance with the 2020 Biological Opinion to ensure that the projects' environmental analyses are still valid in light of the new information contained in the 2023 Biological Opinion. Table 1, in the Fall 2023 Planning Update, shows the Northwest Oregon District NEPA documents that we have reviewed and will review. We welcome your comments regarding any changes to the NEPA analyses that may be necessary in light of any new information in the 2023 Biological Opinion. Comments received by November 20, 2023, would be particularly beneficial to us in reviewing our projects. The BLM is not and cannot accept comments on the Service's 2023 Biological Opinion.

Additionally, my intent is to increase the public's awareness regarding BLM issues, activities, opportunities, and to obtain the public's comments on the other projects listed in Tables 2–7. Your comments and are very important and appreciated. They help us make informed decisions, implement sound land management actions, and improve our projects. Please send your comments to BLM OR NO Publiccomments NEPA@blm.gov.

The District posts all NEPA documents and decisions on the BLM National NEPA register (ePlanning). Please see the second section of this publication for more information about the ePlanning website.

We welcome your comments for our consideration and thank you for your continued interest!

Sincerely,



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# Bureau of Land Management Northwest Oregon District Planning Update Fall 2023

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#### **Projects Described in this Document**

**Table 1** describes District projects currently under review for consistency with the 2023 Biological Opinion or for which the consistency review has been completed. The BLM is accepting comments regarding any changes to the NEPA analyses that may be necessary in light of any new information in the 2023 Biological Opinion for the Siuslaw HLB Landscape Plan EA, described at the top of Table 1. The BLM has completed the review for the remaining projects listed in Table 1.

**Tables 2–7** describe the planning status of current projects with the Northwest Oregon District. Projects are organized by Field Office or District and project type. Provided for each are the project name, description, location, planning status, and contact person. Projects started and completed between editions of this document have gone through the full analysis process. The BLM notifies the public of these projects through this document; mailings and emails to contacts on the Northwest Oregon District Field Offices' National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) notification lists, newspaper legal notices, and/or postings on the BLM National NEPA register website (ePlanning).

Previous Planning Updates for the Northwest Oregon District are available at: https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/oregon-washington

The timber sale plans for the Salem and Eugene Sustained Yield Units are available at: https://www.blm.gov/or/resources/forests/index.php.

#### BLM's National NEPA Register (ePlanning)

The National NEPA Register allows online review and comment of BLM planning and implementation projects. To access ePlanning, go to: <u>https://eplanning.blm.gov</u>. Under "Find a Project" you can search by State (*Oregon/Washington*) and Office (select *NW Oregon District Office* for Northwest Oregon District projects, select *Cascades FO* (Field Office) for Cascades projects, select *Marys Peak FO* for Marys Peak projects, select *Siuslaw FO* for Siuslaw projects, select *Tillamook FO* for Tillamook projects, and select *Upper Willamette FO* for Upper Willamette projects).

You can also search by Type(s) of document (*Categorical Exclusions*, *Determination of NEPA Adequacy*, *Environmental Assessment*, *Environmental Impact Statement*), resource Program(s), and fiscal Year(s) (October to September) the project was entered into ePlanning. You do not need to fill out all options to search. Check the box next to "Show only open participation periods" to see projects with open comment periods. Unselect the box next to "Show only active projects" if you want to see all projects within a given Office, Type, Program, and/or Year. Then click the *Search* button to display the results of your search.

You can also search for a specific project by entering the NEPA number or project name, which can be found in the Name and Project Description column in Tables 2–7. If you are viewing the Planning Update electronically, you may click on the project name in Tables 1–6 to access the ePlanning project page directly.

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
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Siuslaw HLB Landscape Plan EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2020-0002-EA): The Siuslaw Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analysis in the EA.	BLM-managed lands in the HLB in the Siuslaw Field Office.	DNA in Progress	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421
<b>Row River MITA EA</b> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2017-0001-EA): The Upper Willamette Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analyses in the EA.	T. 20 S., R. 2 W., Section 35; T. 20 S., R. 1 W., Section 31; T. 21 S., R. 2 W., Section 1; T. 22 S., R. 1 W., Sections 5, 9	DNA completed August 2023. DOI-BLM-ORWA- <u>N050-2023-0013-</u> DNA	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Shotcash Timber Sale EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2018-0011-EA): The Upper Willamette Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analyses in the EA.	T. 15 S., R. 1 W., section 31; T.15S., R.2W., sections, 25, 26, 28, 33, and 36 T. 16 S., R. 1 W., Section 6	DNA completed August 2023 DOI-BLM-ORWA- N050-2023-0014- DNA	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
King Mosby EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2019-0002-EA): The Upper Willamette Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analyses in the EA.	T.21S., R.2W., Sections, 25, 35	DNA completed June 2023. DOI-BLM-ORWA- <u>N050-2023-0011-</u> DNA	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Marcola Sunrise EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2020-0007-EA): The Upper Willamette Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analyses in the EA.	T.16S., R.1E., Sections 7, 21, 29, 31; T. 16 S., R. 1 W., Sections 11, 13, 15, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 33, 35; T.16S., R.2W., Section 25; T.17S., R.2W., Section 13; T.17S., R.1W., Sections 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19	DNA completed June 2023. DOI-BLM-ORWA- N050-2023-0012- DNA	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Cascades Field Office Roadside Hazard Tree <u>Removal Project EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010_2021-0005-EA): The Cascades Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analyses in the EA.	BLM-administered lands and road systems within the 2020 fire perimeters. Marion and Clackamas Counties	DNA completed August 2023. DOI-BLM-ORWA- <u>N010-2023-0008-</u> DNA	Tanner Hartman tohartman@blm.gov (503) 315-5966

### Table 1. Northwest Oregon District NEPA Project Review with the 2023 Biological Opinion

<b>Bi-County Timber Management Project EA</b> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2017-0008-EA): The Cascades Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analyses in the EA. <b>Little K Forest Management EA</b>	T. 6 S. R. 1E., Sections 13, 25; T.7S., R.2E., Sections 9, 15, 23, 27, 33. Abiqua- Pudding Creek, Butte- Pudding Creek, and Rock Creek Watersheds, Marion and Clackamas Counties T. 7 S., R. 7 W., Section	DNA completed August 2023. DOI-BLM-ORWA- N010-2023-0009- DNA EA completed.	Tanner Hartman tohartman@blm.gov (503) 315-5966 Stefanie Winfree
(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2019-0011-EA): The BLM is proposing timber harvest on approximately 460 acres within the Harvest Land Base (MITA). No projects have been implemented under this EA to date. The Marys Peak Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analyses in the EA.	31, T. 8 S., R. 8 W., Section 11. Polk County	FONSI signed. DR issued July 2023. No appeals. One DR remaining, scheduled for FY 2024.	<u>swinfree@blm.gov</u> (503) 375-5601
<b>Teal Creek Forest Management Project</b> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2018-0010-EA) The Marys Peak Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analyses in the EA.	T.9S., R.6W., Section 5; T.8S., R.6W., section 31. Luckiamute Watershed, Polk County, Oregon.	DNA completed August 2023. DOI-BLM-ORWA- <u>N020-2023-0006-</u> DNA	Victoria Coraci <u>vcoraci@blm.gov</u> (503) 375-5638
<b>North Yamhill Timber Management Project</b> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2018-0006-EA): The Tillamook Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analyses in the EA.	Upper North Yamhill River 6th field sub watershed, Yamhill County, Oregon	DNA completed June 2023.	Andy Pampush apampush@blm.gov (503) 815-1143
<b>Coast Creek Timber Management Project</b> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2020-0001-EA): The Tillamook Field Office is reviewing the EA analysis for conformance with the 2023 Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and Routine Actions. New information in the Biological Opinion may have bearing on the northern spotted owl analyses in the EA.	Coast Creek sub watershed of the Willamina Creek 5th field watershed, Yamhill County, Oregon	DNA completed June 2023.	Andy Pampush apampush@blm.gov (503) 815-1143

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Vegetation Management Actions			
Outlaw Ridge Timber Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0002-EA) This project proposes regeneration harvest and/or commercial thinning across approximately 500-900 acres under multiple timber sales within HLB – MITA LUA. The project area is within the Thomas Creek and Middle North Santiam River 5th Field Watersheds and approximately 2 miles South of Lyons, Oregon in Linn County.	T. 9 S., R. 2 E., Section 31, T. 10 S., R. 1 E., Section 1, T. 10 S., R. 2 E., Sections 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, T. 10 S., R. 3 E., Section 7. Linn County	Planned.	Tanner Hartman <u>tohartman@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5966
Hwy 26 Lane Expansion Reforestation (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0003-EA) The BLM proposes reforestation of ~300 feet of roadside along Hwy 26 T 2 S, R 7 E, Sec 31 S.E. 1/4 N.E. 1/4, with 15 western red cedar, 5 bigleaf maple, and 20 vine maple (5-gallon size or equivalent). BLM would maintain these trees as necessary for reforestation (which could include watering and manual maintenance as determined necessary by BLM specialists) for three years after planting. BLM would replace trees (of equivalent size) as necessary to maintain, at a minimum, the number and type of trees specified below for five years after the first tree/plant planting.	Hwy 26, T. 2 S., R. 7 E., Section 31 S.E. 1/4 N.E. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Clackamas County	Planned.	Joshua Carnahan jcarnaha@blm.gov (503) 375-5617
Green Peter Timber Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2019-0015-EA) This project proposes commercial thinning and regeneration harvest on approximately 430 acres under multiple timber sales within the HLB LUA and 108 acres is also located within the Green Peter Peninsula ERMA.	T. 12 S., R. 3 E., Sections 19, 20, 21, 30. Green Peter Lake-Middle Santiam River 5th Field Watershed, Linn County	Decision Record signed June 27, 2023. No appeal. Hideaway, Green M&M, Echo Heights timber sales TBD. Complete.	Tanner Hartman <u>tohartman@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5966

## Table 2. Cascades Field Office Projects

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Mr. Walton's Opus Timber Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2020-0013-EA) This project proposes thinning and regeneration harvest on approximately 708 acres under multiple timber sales within the HLB LUA. Also proposed are treatments within an 8-acre RR LUA to improve fish and aquatic habitat.	T. 4 S., R. 4 E., Sections 23 and 35; T. 5 S., R. 4 E., Sections 2 and 3; T. 5 S., R. 4 E., Sections 3, 5, 9 and 10; T. 5 S., R. 4 E., Sections 7, 9, 10 and 17, Clackamas County	Project resumed April 2023 after pause due to 2020 Labor Day Fires. Second public scoping comment period commenced April 19, 2023, through May 5, 2023. EA in analysis stage. Projected draft FONSI December – January FY 2024.	Tanner Hartman <u>tohartman@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5966
Post-Fire Restoration and Salvage			
BLM Parks Salvage and Hazard Tree Removal Project - Little North Fork Santiam River (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2022-0010-DNA; previously listed as DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2022-0003-CX). The BLM is proposing post-fire hazardous tree removal in three recreation sites on 78-acres within the Beachie Creek Fire perimeter; in the Elkhorn Recreation Site, Canyon Creek Recreation Site, and the North Fork County Park on CRLNCL LUA.	T. 9 S., R. 3 E., Sections 7, 9, Marion County	Final DNA and Decision published August 16, 2022. Decision published unsigned in error. Signed Decision published June 2023. No appeal. Complete.	Tanner Hartman tohartman@blm.gov (503) 315-5966
BLM Cascades Field Office Coal Creek Roadside Hazard Tree Removal Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2023-0012-DNA) The BLM proposes post-fire roadside hazardous tree removal along BLM roads within the Beachie Creek Fire area in fiscal year 2024. Approximately 5.3 miles, or 175 acres, of burned roadside hazard trees will be removed within HLB, RR, LSR, and CRLNCL LUAs. Only hazard trees within striking distance of roads (approximately 160 feet) will be removed.	T. 6 S. R. 3E., Section 31; T. 7 S. R. 3 E., Sections 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22; T. 6 S. R. 2 E. Sections 29, 33. Clackamas County	DNA completed and signed August 31, 2023. No appeal. Complete.	Tanner Hartman <u>Tohartman@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5966
Recreation Actions			
Elkhorn Creek Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive River Management Plan (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2021-0018-EA) BLM is developing a Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) with the US Forest Service for the Elkhorn Creek WSR. CRMP, EA and supporting documents may be found on Forest Service site.	T. 9 S., R. 3 E., Sections 1, 2, 11, 12; T. 9 S., R. 4 E., Sections 2-14, Marion County	In progress. EA was available for public review from May 23, 2023-June 23, 2023. Final EA, BLM FONSI adopting CRMP and EA pending.	Cara Hand <u>chand@blm.gov</u> (917) 375-3984
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Walter Horning Seed Orchard Hoop BuildingConstruction(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2022-0017-EA)The project proposes constructing two prefabricatedhoop buildings (building size 42 ft wide x 17ft high x	Walter Horning Seed Orchard Administrative Site in Colton, OR	Decision signed March 6, 2023. No appeal. Complete.	Tanner Hartman <u>tohartman@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5966

100 ft long) on one-fifth acre site at Walter Horning Seed Orchard near Colton, OR. Additional storage capacity is needed starting in 2023 for second generation orchards reaching cone production age.	T. 4 S., R. 3 E., Section 13, Clackamas County		
Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) Mt. Horeb right-of-way amendment (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2021-0016-CX) ODF proposes to place a solar panel array at their Mt. Horeb radio tower site (OROR-33887). ODF would use four ecology blocks set on top of the ground surface as a foundation for the solar system. The solar panel array would be used to replace the commercial power source that was damaged during the 2020 fires. The power company is not replacing the power lines. Because this site is an emergency communications facility, public health and safety is at issue due to the lack of power.	T. 9 S., R. 4 E., Section 19, Mt. Horeb, Marion County	Cancelled. Electric service restored. No solar array needed. Complete.	Amy Herburger <u>aherburger@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5917

Table 3. Marys Peak Field Office Proj           Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
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Vegetation Management Actions			
Aloha Trout Forest Management EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0001-EA) The BLM is planning a forest management project within lands allocated to the HLB and RR LUA. Actions being considered include but are not limited to regeneration harvest, thinning, road work, snag creation, and post-harvest fuel reduction treatments.	T. 13 S., R. 7 W., Sections 27, 29, 33, 35. T. 14 S., R. 7 W., Sections 3, 5, 7, 15. Benton County	Scoping period planned for fall 2023.	Anthom Weaver <u>aweaver@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5980
Central Boulder Forest Management EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2022-0004-EA) The BLM is planning a forest management project within lands allocated to the HLB LUA. Actions being considered include but are not limited to regeneration harvest, thinning, road work, snag creation, and post-harvest fuel reduction treatments.	T. 7 S., R. 8 W., Sections 27 and 35; T. 8 S., R. 8 W., Section 1. Polk County	In progress. EA scheduled to be completed 2024.	Macrina Lesniak <u>mlesniak@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5963
Cefir Miles Density Management Project DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2023-0005-DNA) The BLM is proposing to restore complex late- successional forests through the Cefir Miles Density Management Project with actions analyzed in the N126 LSR Landscape Plan (DOI-BLM-ORWA- N030-2018-0022-EA). The project would develop the ecological characteristics of 11 stands, together equaling 242 acres of LSR.	T.15 S., R. 8 W., Sections 4, 7, 9, 16, and 17; T. 15 S., R. 9 W., Section 12.	DNA published summer 2023. Complete.	Kevin Foster <u>kwfoster@blm.gov</u> (503) 589-6850
Recreation Actions			
Lobster Creek Wild and Scenic River (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2023-0007-EA) The BLM is developing a Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) for the Lobster Creek Wild and Scenic River.	T. 15 S., R. 8 W. Sections 15, 22, 27, 28. W.M.	In progress. The River Value Report will be available for public comment in November of 2023 and scoping for the CRMP will begin in the spring of 2024.	Cara Hand <u>chand@blm.gov</u> (917) 375-3984
<b>YHONA Water Tank Trail Extension</b> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0002-EA) The Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area Trail Development Project will entail the extension of the current trail system to add an access spur to view and learn about the lighthouse keeper's historic water tank, connect that water tank spur back to the Interpretive Center, develop an interpretive sign at the water tank, installation of a water hose system to allow for safer access of water to maintain the historic lighthouse keeper's garden, the development of two resting areas, and the improvement of the existing summit resting area.	Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, Newport, Oregon. T. 10 S., R. 11 W., Sections 29 and 30.	Scoping period planned for fall/winter 2023.	Thomas Linegar <u>tlinegar@blm.gov</u> (541) 574-3147

## Table 3. Marys Peak Field Office Projects

Restoration Actions			1
Large Woody Debris Directional Tree Falling DNA (NEPA Number TBD) The BLM is proposing to directionally fall selected trees into stream channels to benefit ESA–listed and Bureau Sensitive species including Oregon Coast Coho salmon, Oregon Coast steelhead, Pacific Lamprey, Upper Willamette River steelhead and Upper Willamette River Chinook salmon, as well as other native fish species. Felled trees will provide large wood in areas that currently lack deep, complex pools, and large wood cover, which are limiting factors for juvenile fish survival and salmonid production.	Multiple locations across BLM- managed lands in the Marys Peak Field Office.	DNA in progress.	Tony Spitzack aspitzack@blm.gov (503) 315-5960
South Fork Alsea River Large Woody Debris Adjustment and Mid Coast Watershed Council Fish Log Source DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2023-0002-DNA) The BLM proposes to adjust up to 50 pieces of existing large woody debris (LWD) in the South Fork Alsea River. An excavator will be used to place and pull the pieces of LWD that has floated out of the channel, back into the channel and key them into the stabile LWD that remain in the channel. The BLM proposes to provide LWD pieces to the Mid Coast Watershed Council from multiple source areas to be used in a tidewater restoration project being planned for Drift Creek on USFS managed lands.	T. 7 S., R. 7 W., Sections 2 and 29; T. 13 S., R. 7 W., Sections 3 and 31; T. 13 S., R. 8 W., Sections 35 and 31; T. 14 S., R. 7 W., Sections 21, 27, 28, 32, 33.	DNA completed June 2023.	Douglas Fitting <u>dfitting@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5918
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
<b>Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA)</b> For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Marys Peak Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Matthew Betenson <u>mbetenso@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5968

Table 4. Sluslaw Field Office Projects           Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions		g ~ tittle	
<b>N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project</b> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2018-0022-EA) The BLM is programmatically analyzing actions to restore late-successional complex stands, ensuring functional wood is available to adjacent streams on 30,047 acres of LSR and RR LUAs. Projects are currently being planned and implemented based on the selected Alternative 5 in the EA.	BLM reserve LUAs West of Hwy 97, North of Hwy 126, East of Hwy 101, and South of Hwy 20.	The N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project is complete. Litigation is pending with a complaint filed in U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Dist. of Oregon on May 25, 2022.	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421
King Congdon Density Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2023-0011-DNA) The BLM proposes Density Management using commercial thinning, dead wood creation, fuels treatment, road construction, renovation, maintenance, and decommissioning, invasive weed mitigation, and all applicable resource mitigation measures. The project site is located within the N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project EA Planning Area (DOI-BLM-ORWA- N030-2018-0022-EA).	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21	In progress. The decision is expected in winter 2023. Currently in public review period.	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421
Power Down Timber Sale (NEPA number TBD) The BLM designed an 86-acre timber sale to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the Siuslaw HLB Landscape Plan (DOI-BLM-ORWA- N030-2020-0002-EA).	T. 18 S., R. 6 W., Section 7	In progress. The decision is expected in 2024. Public review period anticipated fall 2023.	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421
Wild Penn Timber Sale (NEPA number TBD) The BLM designed a 173-acre timber sale to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the Siuslaw HLB Landscape Plan (DOI-BLM-ORWA- N030-2020-0002-EA).	T. 18 S., R. 7 W., Section 1	In progress. The decision is expected in 2024. Public review period anticipated fall 2023.	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421
Hemlock Hill Density Management Project (NEPA number TBD) The BLM proposes Density Management using commercial thinning, dead wood creation, fuels treatment, road construction, renovation, maintenance, and decommissioning, invasive weed mitigation, and all applicable resource mitigation measures. The project site is located within the N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project EA Planning Area.	T. 15 S., R. 8 W., Section 35; T. 16 S., R. 7 W., Section 7; T. 16 S., R. 8 W., Section 3	In progress. The decision is expected in 2024. The public review period is anticipated in spring 2024.	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421

# Table 4. Siuslaw Field Office Projects

Electric Crossing Density Management Project (NEPA number TBD) The BLM proposes Density Management using commercial thinning, dead wood creation, fuels treatment, road construction, renovation, maintenance, and decommissioning, invasive weed mitigation, and all applicable resource mitigation measures. The project site is located within the N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project EA Planning Area.	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Sections 25, 26, 35; T. 16 S., R. 7 W., Section 1	Project planning will begin in fall 2023. The public review period is anticipated in summer of 2024. The decision is expected in 2024.	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421
Siuslaw HLB Landscape Plan (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2020-0002-EA) The BLM programmatically analyzed commercial timber harvest and associated connected actions (e.g., road construction, renovation, or improvement, fuels treatments, dead wood creation, etc.) on 13,225 HLB LUA acres within the Siuslaw Field Office. This programmatic analysis is not an implementation plan. It is a broad look at commercial timber harvest effects across the analysis area.	HLB within the Siuslaw Field Office	Decision issued on April 1, 2022. Litigation pending complaint challenging Project filed in U.S. Dist. Ct. for the Dist. of Oregon on September 9, 2022.	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421
Public Safety			
Hult Reservoir and Dam Safety Environmental Impact Statement (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2018-0010-EIS) The BLM is considering reducing the dam risk, such as dam removal, allowing the creek to flow freely through the area. The Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register on 12/30/21. Find more information on the project website: https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and- nepa/plans-in-development/oregon-washington/hult- dam	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Section 26	Draft is complete. Public comment period expected in fall 2023.	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
<b>Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA)</b> For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Siuslaw Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421
West Eugene Wetlands Actions			
WEW Integrated Herbicide Use and Prairie Restoration (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2023-0015-DNA) The BLM proposes an integrated prairie restoration and invasive plant management strategy within the West Eugene Wetlands (WEW). This strategy will employ chemical, manual, mechanical, thermal vegetation controls, seeding, and prescribed burning in order to meet prairie restoration goals established in The West Eugene Wetlands Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (2015 RMP)	West Eugene Wetlands	In progress. Field Office review period fall 2023. Public comment period expected winter 2023. Decision expected 2024.	Chris Finn <u>cfinn@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6421

Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
Coast Creek Timber Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2020-0001-EA) The BLM completed an EA for the Coast Creek Timber Management Project which includes regeneration harvest and commercial thinning in the HLB LUA. This project includes thinning within the RR LUA, and road construction and maintenance including the replacement of several fish passage culverts. The timber management project includes approximately 1,015 acres and would result in multiple timber sales.	Coast Creek subwatershed of the Willamina Creek watershed, Yamhill County, Oregon	EA complete with FONSI signed in October 2020. The second timber sale decision was issued in September 2023 with expected sale date in fall 2023.	Andy Pampush apampush@blm.gov (503) 815-1143
Upper Willamina Forest Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2021-0001-EA) The BLM completed the EA for a forest management project on approximately 2,500 acres of HLB, LSR, and RR lands in the Upper Willamina Creek, Coast Creek, and Deer Creek sub-watersheds of the South Yamhill River watershed. Treatments considered range from restoration thinning on LSR and RR lands to commercial thinning and regeneration harvest on HLB lands. Associated actions include road construction and renovation, culvert installation and replacement, snag creation, and riparian tree felling.	Upper Willamina Creek, Coast Creek, and Upper Deer Creek sub- watersheds of the Willamina Creek watershed, Yamhill County, Oregon	EA complete and the FONSI was signed in April 2023. The second timber sale decision was issued in September 2023 with the expected sale in November 2023.	Andy Pampush apampush@blm.gov (503) 815-1143
McKay Creek Forest Management Project (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2023-0003-EA) The BLM is analyzing the effects of a 1,200-acre forest management project on HLB and RR land use allocation lands in the McKay Creek watershed north of North Plains, Oregon. The project would entail regeneration harvest, commercial thinning as well as some commercial thinning in the Riparian Reserve. The project also includes road construction, renovation, and maintenance, riparian tree felling and snag creation.	McKay Creek subwatershed of the Dairy Creek watershed in the Tualatin River drainage. Washington County, Oregon.	In progress: The BLM has completed public scoping and effects analysis and is currently in the internal review process. The completed EA is expected in late autumn of 2023.	Andy Pampush apampush@blm.gov (503) 815-1143
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests	1	·	<u> </u>
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Tillamook Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Andy Pampush apampush@blm.gov (503) 815-1143

Table 6. Upper Willamette Field Office           Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
<b>Big League Timber Management Project EA</b> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA) The BLM proposes to implement forest management actions and related activities under a programmatic EA. Actions include regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, snag creation, road work, slash reduction, and reforestation. Approximately 4,600 acres are expected to be analyzed for timber harvest.	T. 14 S., R. 2 W.; T. 14 S., R. 1 W.; T. 14 S., R. 1 E.; T. 15 S., R. 2 W.; T. 15 S., R. 1 W.; T. 15 S., R. 1 W.; T. 15 S., R. 1 E.	In progress. EA public review period closed on October 13, 2022. FONSI was signed July 2023.	Andrea Slusser <u>aslusser@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6967
Backcourt Timber Sale DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0013-DNA) A 450-acre timber sale, designed to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the <u>Big League EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 14 S., R. 2 W., Sections 25, 34, 35; T. 15 S., R. 2 W., Section 3	In development. Public review period closed August 2023.	Andrea Slusser <u>aslusser@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6967
Linebacker Timber Sale DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0018-DNA) A 170-acre timber sale, designed to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the <u>Big League EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 14 S., R. 1 W., Section 33; T. 15 S., R. 1 W., Sections 5, 9	In development. Public review period closed August 2023.	Andrea Slusser <u>aslusser@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6967
Farm Team Timber Sale DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2023-0004-DNA) A 383-acre timber sale, designed to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the <u>Big League EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 14 S., R. 1 E., Sections 33, 35; T. 15 S., R 1 E., Section 1	In development. Public review period closed August 2023.	Andrea Slusser <u>aslusser@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6967
Brushback Timber Sale DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2023-0006-DNA) A 375-acre timber sale, designed to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the <u>Big League EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 14 S., R. 1 W., Section 31; T. 15 S., R. 1 W., Section 7; T. 15 S., R. 2 W., Section 1	In development.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Log Rolling Timber Sale DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2023-0010-DNA) A 441-acre timber sale, designed to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the <u>Big League EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 15 S., R. 1 W., Sections 10, 13, 15, 23	In development.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Power Play Timber Sale DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2023-0016-DNA) A 225-acre timber sale, designed to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the <u>Big League EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 15 S., R. 1 W., Sections 17, 21, 22, 27	In development.	Lee Templeman <u>ltempleman@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6234
Shotgun Formation Timber Sale DNA (NEPA Number TBD) A 218-acre timber sale, designed to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the <u>Big League EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 15 S., R. 2 W., Sections 11, 13	In development.	Lee Templeman <u>ltempleman@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6234

#### Table 6. Upper Willamette Field Office Projects

Upper Willamette Aquatic Restoration DNA 2023(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2023-0001-DNA)The proposed action is to implement aquatic restorationprojects on BLM-administered lands in Lane County,Oregon. Project actions would include large woodydebris (LWD) in stream channels, invasive speciesremoval, road decommissioning, reopening roads, andgate installation. Projects include:• Marten Creek Helicopter Large Woody Debris• Bear Creek Large Woody Debris Tree Falling• Mosby Creek Turtle Pond Site Preparation	T 17 S., R 2 E, Sections 1, 12; T. 17 S., R. 1 E, Section 7; T. 16 S., R. 1 E, Sections 28 and 32; T. 18 S., R. 3 E, Section 31; T. 15 S., R. 1 W, Section 5; T. 22 S., R. 2 W, Section 15	DNA completed March 2023.	Lee Templeman <u>ltempleman@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6234	
Nelson Creek Culvert Project EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2023-0005-EA) Project would address a failing culvert that provides fish passage in Nelson Creek.	T. 19 S., R. 1 E, Section 11	The BLM has completed public scoping and is reviewing issues and alternatives for analysis. The completed EA is expected in late 2023.	Abigail Jones <u>amjones@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6961	
Upper Willamette Young Stand Management2023 CX(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2023-0008-CX)The BLM is proposing young stand managementtreatments (precommercial thinning and manualmaintenance) to implement management direction asdescribed in the 2016 RMP in two areas known asGaroutte Road and Rowdy Camp. Treatments wouldoccur within a one-year period. All treated standswould be accessed using existing road systems andno new roads would be constructed.	T. 20 S., R. 2 W., Sections 31, 32; T. 20 S., R. 2 W., Section 5; T. 17 S., R. 1 W., Section 15	CX completed April 2023.	Lee Templeman <u>ltempleman@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6234	
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests				
<b>Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA)</b> For various land uses such as rights-of-way and special use permits.	Upper Willamette Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Andrea Slusser <u>aslusser@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6967	
Whites Creek Maintenance Facility Decommissioning Project CX (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2023-0007-CX) The BLM proposes to remove the existing buildings and decommission utilities.	T. 21 S., R. 3 W., Section 17	CX completed May 2023.	Andrea Slusser <u>aslusser@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6967	

Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact	
Vegetation Management Actions				
Northwest Oregon District Invasive Plant Management and Habitat Restoration EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N000-2022-0003-EA) The District is revising the 2018 EA and correcting the herbicide-usage percentages. Additionally, there are habitat restoration actions included. A 30-day public scoping period began on May 16, 2022 – ending June 15, 2022. A second public scoping was sent out to the interested publics and available on ePlanning from August 11 – September 12, 2022. Tribal consultation was initiated on May 16, 2022 and August 11, 2022. ESA Section 7 consultation is being reinitiated with USFWS and NMFS.	BLM lands across all five Field Offices of the Northwest Oregon District	In progress. EA published September 2023 for a 30-day public comment period. Decision Record anticipated late 2023.	Charity Glade <u>cbglade@blm.gov</u> (503) 375-5678	
Sample Tree Felling CX (NEPA Number TBD) The District proposes to fall, buck, and scale sample trees ("sample tree felling") to ensure the accuracy of timber cruises for future forest management actions.	BLM lands across all five Field Office of the Northwest Oregon District	CX planned	Stefanie Winfree <u>swinfree@blm.gov</u> (503) 375-5601	
Restoration Actions				
The BLM is currently not planning any District-wide restoration actions.				
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests				
The BLM is currently not planning any Land Use Requests across the District.				

### Table 7. Northwest Oregon District – District-Wide Projects

### **Acronyms and Definitions**

**Biological Opinion**: The document resulting from formal consultation that states the opinion of the Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service as to whether or not a Federal action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of ESA-listed species or results in destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat.

**Categorical Exclusion (CX):** A category of actions (identified in agency guidance) that do not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and for which neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required.

**Congressionally Reserved Lands and National Conservation Lands (CRLNCL):** Includes Congressionally Reserved Lands that congress has designated and defined management through law, such as designated Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historic Trails, and Outstanding Natural Areas. This land use allocation also includes eligible and suitable Wild and Scenic Rivers.

**Decision Record (DR):** The BLM decision document associated with an EA that describes the action to be taken when the analysis supports a finding of no significant impact.

**Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA):** An interim step in the BLM's internal analysis process that concludes that a proposed action is adequately analyzed in an existing NEPA document (an EIS or EA). Where applicable, the determination also addresses conformance with an approved land use plan.

**District-Designated Reserve (DDR):** One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the 2016 Northwestern and Coastal Oregon Resource Management Plan (RMP). The objective of this land use allocation is to maintain the values and resources for which the BLM has reserved these areas from sustained-yield harvest. These lands include constructed facilities and infrastructure, such as seed orchards, roads, communication sites, quarries, buildings, and maintenance yards, as well as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Timber Production Capabilities Classification (TPCC) lands, and Lands Managed for their Wilderness Characteristics (LWC).

**Environmental Assessment (EA):** A public document prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that provides sufficient evidence and analysis to determine whether a federal undertaking would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. If the answer is no, the agency issues a finding of no significant impact (FONSI), otherwise, the agency would be required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to pursue the project.

**Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):** A document required by NEPA to assess the potential impacts of federal agency actions "significantly affecting the quality of the human environment."

ESA: Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Extensive Recreation management Areas (ERMA): are administrative units that require specific management consideration to address recreation use or demand, but where recreation

management is commensurate and considered in context with the management of other resources and resource uses.

**Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):** A finding that explains how an action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment pursuant to NEPA, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement would not be required.

FY: Fiscal Year. Beginning October 1 of one year and ending September 30 of the following year.

**Harvest Land Base (HLB):** One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP. Those lands on which the determination and declaration of the Annual Productive Capacity/Allowable Sale Quantity (ASQ) is based. The ASQ is based on implementing a set of specific timber management activities and assumes those practices will be repeated over time and results in a sustainable harvest level. This includes the Moderate Intensity Timber Area (MITA) and Low Intensity Timber Area (LITA).

Land Use Allocation (LUA): A designation defining uses that are allowed, restricted, or prohibited for a particular area of land. The LUAs are Congressionally Reserved Lands and National Conservation Lands, District-Designated Reserve, Harvest Land Base, Late-Successional Reserve, and Riparian Reserve.

**Late-Successional Reserve (LSR):** One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP land use allocations. The Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP designated lands to a land use allocation of the same name, but the objectives of the LSR are to manage habitat for the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet.

**Low Intensity Timber Area (LITA):** A sub-allocation of the Harvest Land Base land use allocation. See Harvest Land Base.

MBF: Thousand board feet of timber.

MMBF: Million board feet of timber.

**Moderate Intensity Timber Area (MITA):** A sub-allocation of the Harvest Land Base land use allocation. See Harvest Land Base.

**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):** A federal law that requires agencies to determine if their proposed actions would have significant environmental effects on the quality of the human environment. The NEPA procedures ensure that environmental information is available to the public, and that the public has an opportunity to participate in the process before federal agency decisions are made and before actions are taken that may have a significant effect on the environment. The NEPA process provides an understanding of the environmental consequences of a proposed action and action alternatives to assist federal agency officials in decision-making.

**Regeneration harvest:** Any removal of trees intended to assist regeneration already present or to make regeneration possible.

**Riparian Reserve (RR):** One of the federal land use allocations set forth in the 2016 Northwestern and Coastal Oregon RMP. Lands within the Riparian Reserve were designated to manage for ESA-listed fish species and their habitats and water quality.

**Salvage harvest:** Removal of dead trees or of trees damaged or dying because of injurious agents other than competition, to recover their economic value.

**Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA):** BLM designated units where recreation management is the predominant land use plan focus and where the BLM intends to manage and provide specific recreation opportunities and recreation setting characteristics on a long-term basis.

**Sustained Yield Unit (SYU):** An administrative unit for which an allowable sale quantity is calculated. In western Oregon, the six sustained yield units correspond to the Coos Bay; Eugene; Medford, Roseburg, and Salem Districts, and the western portion of the Klamath Falls Field Office. The consolidation of the Salem and Eugene Districts did not affect sustained yield units.

**Thinning - Commercial Thinning/Density Management:** Commercial thinning is stand thinning in which some, or all, the cut trees are removed from the stand for timber. Density Management is the cutting of trees for the primary purpose of widening their spacing so that growth of remaining trees can be accelerated. Density management harvest can also be used to improve forest health, to open the forest canopy, or to accelerate the attainment of old growth characteristics if maintenance or restoration of biological diversity is the objective. Specific objectives would vary by land use allocation.

USFWS: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Watershed: An area in which all surface waters flow to a common point.

Wild and Scenic Rivers system (WSR): A system of nationally designated rivers and their immediate environments that have outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic cultural, or other similar values and are preserved in a free-flowing condition.