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# Bureau of Land Management Northwest Oregon District Planning Update Winter 2024

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Welcome to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northwest Oregon District's Winter 2024 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 has completed its review of ongoing projects originally in compliance with the 2020 Biological Opinion to ensure that projects' environmental analyses are still valid in light of the new information contained in the 2023 Biological Opinion. Table 1 of the Winter 2024 Planning Update shows the Northwest Oregon District NEPA documents that have been reviewed.

My ongoing intent is to increase the public's awareness regarding BLM issues, activities, and opportunities, and to obtain the public's comments on the other projects listed in Tables 2–7 of this Planning Update. 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 <u>BLM\_OR\_NO\_Publiccomments\_NEPA@blm.gov</u>.

The District posts all NEPA documents and decisions on the BLM National NEPA Register (ePlanning). Please see page 3 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,



Dennis C. Teitzel District Manager, Northwest Oregon

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

**Table 1** lists and describes projects that the Northwest Oregon District has reviewed for consistency withthe 2023 Biological Opinion. At this time, the BLM has completed reviews associated with 2023Biological Opinion.

**Tables 2-7** lists and describes the planning status of current projects within 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: <u>https://www.blm.gov/or/resources/forests/index.php</u>

#### **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** or any of the five field offices in the District: Cascades, Marys Peak, Siuslaw, Tillamook, or Upper Willamette).

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 fields to conduct the 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.

As projects are developed, the BLM assigns each a "NEPA number" which can also be used to find individual projects in ePlanning. You can find the NEPA number in parentheses in the "Name and Project Description" column in Tables 2–7, as well as a hyperlink to the ePlanning page for that project. Depending on their point in project development, some projects may not yet have NEPA numbers.

#### For more information, please contact

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Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
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 completed December 2023. DOI-BLM- ORWA-N030- 2024-0004-DNA	Amber Lamet alamet <u>@blm.gov</u> 541-683-6407
<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- <u>ORWA-N050-</u> 2023-0013-DNA	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Shotcash Timber Sales Project 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-N050- 2023-0011-DNA	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967

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

Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
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
Little K Forest Management EA (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.	T. 7 S., R. 7 W., Section 31, T. 8 S., R. 8 W., Section 11. Polk County	EA completed. FONSI signed. DR issued July 2023. No appeals. One DR remaining, scheduled for FY 2024.	Stefanie Winfree <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-N020- 2023-0006-DNA	Victoria Coraci vcoraci@blm.gov (503) 375-5638
North Yamhill Timber ManagementProject(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2018-0006-EA)The Tillamook Field Office is reviewing theEA analysis for conformance with the 2023Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest andRoutine Actions. New information in theBiological Opinion may have bearing on thenorthern spotted owl analyses in the EA.	Upper North Yamhill River 6th field sub watershed, Yamhill County, Oregon	DNA completed June 2023.	Landon Rhodes <u>lrhodes@blm.gov</u> (503) 815-1460

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Coast Creek Timber Management Project	Coast Creek sub	DNA completed	Landon Rhodes
(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2020-0001-EA)	watershed of the Willamina Creek 5th	June 2023.	<u>lrhodes@blm.gov</u> (503) 815-1460
The Tillamook Field Office is reviewing the	field watershed,		
EA analysis for conformance with the 2023	Yamhill County,		
Biological Opinion for Timber Harvest and	Oregon		
Routine Actions. New information in the			
Biological Opinion may have bearing on the			
northern spotted owl analyses in the EA.			

## **Table 2. Cascades Field Office Projects**

Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
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	In Progress.	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	In progress. EA is available for public review from January 12, 2024- January 26, 2024.	Joshua Carnahan jcarnaha@blm.gov (503) 375-5617

Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
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. 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.	T. 12 S., R. 3 E., Sections 19, 20, 21, 30. Green Peter Lake- Middle Santiam River 5th Field Watershed, Linn County Same location.	Decision Record signed June 27, 2023. No appeal. Hideaway, Green M&M, Echo Heights timber sales TBD. DNA in progress. Scoping period open from January 29, 2024 through February 28, 2024.	Tanner Hartman tohartman@blm.gov (503) 315-5966
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 anticipated for March FY 2024.	Tanner Hartman tohartman@blm.gov (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

## Table 3. Marys Peak Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
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 winter/spring 2024.	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
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 February of 2024 and scoping for the CRMP will begin in the late spring-early summer of 2024.	Cara Hand <u>chand@blm.gov</u> (917) 375-3984
YHONA Water Tank Trail Extension	Yaquina Head	Scoping period	Thomas Linegar
(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.	Outstanding Natural Area, Newport, Oregon. T. 10 S., R. 11 W., Sections 29 and 30.	planned for 2024.	<u>tlinegar@blm.gov</u> (541) 574-3147

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Restoration Actions			
Directional Tree Falling DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0003-DNA) 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 completed January 2024.	Tony Spitzack <u>aspitzack@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5960
Shotpouch Creek Aquatic Restoration DNA (NEPA Number TBD) The BLM is collaborating with multiple partners on an aquatic restoration project along 1.8 miles of Shotpouch Creek, in areas currently deficient in deep, complex pools, and large wood cover, which are limiting factors for juvenile fish survival and salmonid production, including ESA-listed Upper Willamette River steelhead and Bureau Sensitive Pacific Lamprey. The project includes instream habitat improvements (placing up to 250 logs in 26 structures, restoring historic side channels and alcoves, and installing up to 10 beaver dam analogues), legacy structure removal, and bank stability treatments.	T. 11 S., R. 8 W., Sections 23, 25, 26, 35; T. 12 S., R. 8 W., Sections 1 and 12, W.M.	DNA in progress	Tony Spitzack <u>aspitzack@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5960
Lobster Tributary Helicopter Project (NEPA Number TBD) The BLM is collaborating with ODFW and Oregon Wildlife Foundation to improve approximately a mile of aquatic habitat in East Fork Lobster Creek and South Fork Lobster Creek. The BLM is proposing to tip whole trees along roadsides in the Lobster Creek drainage and place by helicopter into the creeks.	T. 15 S., R. 8 W., Sections 13-15, 23-26, 36	DNA to be completed spring 2024	Douglass Fitting <u>dfitting@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5918

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Mill Creek Phase II (NEPA Number TBD) The BLM is partnering with multiple partners to implement an aquatic restoration throughout the Mill Creek watershed. This phase will involve cutting and tipping trees along Mill Creek Road and placing those trees along 0.5 miles of Mill Creek. Trees will also be directionally felled into 0.75 additional miles of Mill Creek that are inaccessible to ground based equipment. In addition, BLM will provide technical guidance for LWD placement, bank pull backs for stabilization and levy removal on private lands.	T. 13 S., R. 8 W., Sections 27, 35; T. 14 S., R. 8 W., Sections 2 and 3	DNA to be completed spring 2024.	Tony Spitzack <u>aspitzack@blm.gov</u> (503) 315-5960
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. Siuslaw Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project(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.	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
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	HLB land within the Siuslaw Field Office	Decision issued on April 1, 2022. Litigation pending complaint challenging Project filed in U.S. Dist. Court for the Dist. of Oregon on September 9, 2022.	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
across the analysis area.			
King Congdon Density Management ProjectDNA(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2023-0011-DNA)	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Sections 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21	Decision issued December 2023.	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
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).			
Power Down Timber Sale DNA	T. 18 S., R. 6 W., Section 7	In progress. The decision is	Amber Lamet alamet@blm.gov
(NEPA number TBD)	Section 7	expected in 2024.	(541) 683-6407
The BLM designed an 86-acre timber sale to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the <u>Siuslaw HLB Landscape Plan</u> (DOI-BLM- ORWA-N030-2020-0002-EA).		Public review period anticipated spring 2024.	
Wild Penn Timber Sale DNA	T. 18 S., R. 7 W.,	In progress. The	Amber Lamet
(NEPA number TBD)	Section 1	decision is expected in 2024.	alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
The BLM designed a 173-acre timber sale to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the <u>Siuslaw HLB Landscape Plan</u> (DOI-BLM- ORWA-N030-2020-0002-EA).		Public review period anticipated spring 2024.	
Hemlock Hill Density Management Project	T. 15 S., R. 8 W.,	In progress. The	Amber Lamet
(NEPA number TBD)	Section 35; T. 16 S., R. 7 W.,	decision is expected in 2024.	alamet@blm.gov (541) 683-6407
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.	Section 7; T. 16 S., R. 8 W., Section 3	The public review period is anticipated in spring 2024.	

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Electric Crossing Density Management Project DNA (NEPA number TBD)	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Sections 25, 26, 35;	Project planning will begin in fall 2023. The public	Amber Lamet <u>alamet@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6407
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. 16 S., R. 7 W., Section 1	review period is anticipated in summer of 2024. The decision is expected in 2024.	
Public Safety			
Hult Reservoir and Dam Safety EnvironmentalImpact Statement(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2018-0010-EIS)	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Section 26	In progress. Draft is complete. Decision expected in 2024.	Amber Lamet <u>alamet@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6407
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			

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
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	Amber Lamet <u>alamet@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6407
West Eugene Wetlands Actions			
WEW Integrated Herbicide Use and Prairie Restoration DNA(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. Decision expected 2024.	Amber Lamet <u>alamet@blm.gov</u> (541) 6830-6407

## Table 5. Tillamook Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
Coast Creek Timber Management Project	Coast Creek	EA complete with	Landon Rhodes
(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2020-0001-EA)	subwatershed of the Willamina	FONSI signed in October 2020. The	<u>lrhodes@blm.gov</u> (503) 815-1460
The BLM completed an EA for the Coast Creek	Creek watershed,	second timber sale	
Timber Management Project which includes	Yamhill County,	decision was issued	
regeneration harvest and commercial thinning in	Oregon	in June 2023 and	
the HLB LUA. This project includes thinning		the timber sale was	
within the RR LUA, and road construction and		sold at auction in	
maintenance including the replacement of several		September, 2023.	
fish passage culverts. The timber management		The third timber	
project includes approximately 1,015 acres and		sale decision is	
would result in multiple timber sales.		expected to be	
		issued in December	
		2024.	

Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
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 third timber sale decision was issued in December 2023 with an expected sale in February 2024.	Landon Rhodes <u>Irhodes@blm.gov</u> (503) 815-1460
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 to be issued for public review in the winter of 2024.	Landon Rhodes <u>Irhodes@blm.gov</u> (503) 815-1460

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Restoration Actions			
<b>Raymond Creek Large Woody Debris and</b> <b>Riparian Planting Project</b> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2023-0007-DNA)	T. 3 N., R. 2 W., Sec. 21 and 29.	DNA in progress.	Landon Rhodes <u>lrhodes@blm.gov</u> (503)815-1460
The BLM is collaborating with partners on an aquatic restoration project that would add in- stream large woody debris along 1.5 miles of Raymond Creek to improve habitat for the ESA- listed Lower Columbia Coho and Lower Columbia steelhead and the Bureau Sensitive Pacific Lamprey. The proposed action would include cutting and removing approximately 20 Douglas-fir trees from BLM-managed lands in T. 3 N., R. 2 W., Sec. 29, haul of harvested logs, and in-stream placement of logs along the BLM- managed portion of Raymond Creek in T. 3 N., R. 2 W., Section 21.			
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.	Tillamook Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Landon Rhodes <u>lrhodes@blm.gov</u> (503) 815-1460

## Table 6. Upper Willamette Field Office Projects

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	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 E.	FONSI withdrawn in December 2023. Revision in progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (541) 683-6967
Backcourt Timber Sale DNA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0013-DNA)	T. 14 S., R. 2 W., Sections 25, 34, 35;	Following withdrawal of Big League FONSI,	Andrea Slusser <u>aslusser@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6967
A 450-acre timber sale, designed to implement a portion of the actions analyzed in the <u>Big League</u> <u>EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 15 S., R. 2 W., Section 3	revision of DNA in progress.	

Name and Project Description	Location	<b>Planning Status</b>	Contact
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</u> <u>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	Following withdrawal of Big League FONSI, revision of DNA in progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (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 <a href="mailto:BigLeague_BigLeague_BigLeague_BLA">BigLeague</a> EA(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 14 S., R. 1 E., Sections 33, 35; T. 15 S., R 1 E., Section 1	Following withdrawal of Big League FONSI, revision of DNA in progress.	Andrea Slusser aslusser@blm.gov (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</u> <u>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	Following withdrawal of Big League FONSI, revision of DNA in progress.	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</u> <u>EA</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 15 S., R. 1 W., Sections 10, 13, 15, 23	Following withdrawal of Big League FONSI, revision of DNA in progress.	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 <a href="mailto:Big League">Big League</a> EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 15 S., R. 1 W., Sections 17, 21, 22, 27	Following withdrawal of Big League FONSI, revision of DNA in progress.	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 Big League EA (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA).	T. 15 S., R. 2 W., Sections 11, 13	Following withdrawal of Big League FONSI, revision of DNA in progress.	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 collapsed culvert that provides fish passage in Nelson Creek.	T. 19 S., R. 1 E, Section 11	In progress.	Abigail Jones amjones@blm.gov (541) 683-6961
McKenzie Fire & Rescue Water Tank CX (NEPA number TBD) McKenzie Fire & Rescue proposed constructing a 15,000 gallon water tank on BLM-administered	T. 16 S., R. 2 E., Section 33	In progress.	Lee Templeman <u>ltempleman@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6234

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
land adjacent to Goodpasture Road in Vida, Oregon for fire suppression.			
Fallback Timber Management Project EA(NEPA number TBD)The BLM proposes to implement forest management actions and related activities under an EA. Actions include regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, snag creation, road work, 	T. 18 S., R 1 W., Sections 23, 25 T. 18 S., R 1 E., Sections 19, 21, 23, 25, 29, 31	In progress. The public scoping period closed January 26, 2024.	Abigail Jones <u>amjones@blm.gov</u> (541) 683-6961
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

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

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	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 on-going with USFWS .	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 mid- 2024.	Charity Glade <u>cbglade@blm.gov</u> (503) 375-5678
2024-2025 Sample Tree Falling CX (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N000-2024-0001-CX) 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- administered lands across all five Field Office of the Northwest Oregon District	CX in progress, to be completed winter 2024.	Stefanie Winfree <u>swinfree@blm.gov</u> (503) 375-5601

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact		
<b>Restoration Actions</b>					
The BLM is not currently planning any District-wide restoration actions.					
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests					
The BLM is not currently planning any District-wide land use requests.					

#### **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.