

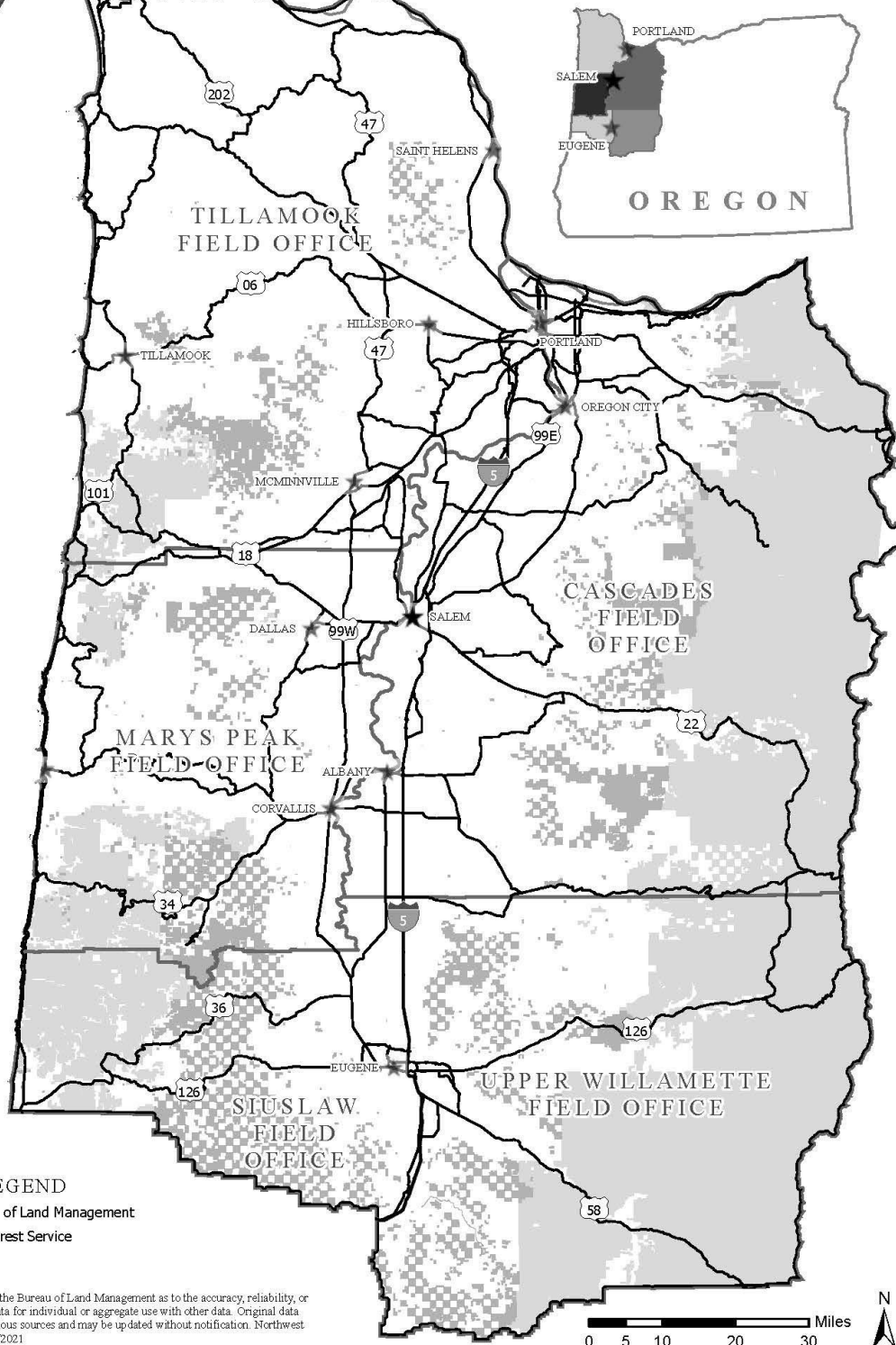
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# **Bureau of Land Management Northwest Oregon District Planning Update Summer 2024**

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## Projects Described in this Document

Below, **Tables 1 - 6** list and describe the planning status of current projects within the BLM 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: <https://eplanning.blm.gov>. 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 1–6, 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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**Table 1. Cascades Field Office Projects**

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<b>Vegetation Management Actions</b>			
<a href="#"><u>Outlaw Ridge Timber Management Project</u></a> (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 Harvest Land Base – Moderate Intensity Timber Area (HLB – MITA) land use allocation (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 <a href="mailto:tohartman@blm.gov"><u>tohartman@blm.gov</u></a> (503) 315-5966
<a href="#"><u>Cascades FY 2024 Manual Maintenance CX</u></a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0016-CX) The project proposes manual maintenance for the Cascades Field Office (CFO) in Fiscal Year 2024. This includes pre-commercial thinning (PCT), brushing, and pruning. PCT would occur on HLB, while brushing activities may occur on any LUA. The objective is to adjust stand density for more robust tree survival.	Throughout the Cascades Field Office	Planning and Preparation	Cole Weekly-Wilson <a href="mailto:rweeklywilson@blm.gov"><u>rweeklywilson@blm.gov</u></a> (503) 375-5633
<a href="#"><u>Cascades FY 2025 Manual Maintenance CX</u></a> (NEPA # TBD) The project proposes manual maintenance for the Cascades Field Office (CFO) in Fiscal Year 2025. This includes pre-commercial thinning (PCT), brushing, and pruning. PCT would occur on HLB, while brushing activities may occur on any LUA. The objective is to adjust stand density for more robust tree survival.	Throughout the Cascades Field Office	Planning and Preparation	Cole Weekly-Wilson <a href="mailto:rweeklywilson@blm.gov"><u>rweeklywilson@blm.gov</u></a> (503) 375-5633
<a href="#"><u>Mr. Walton's Opus Timber Management Project EA</u></a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2020-0013-	T. 4 S., R. 4 E., Sections 23 and 35;	EA in analysis stage. Projected draft EA and	Tanner Hartman <a href="mailto:tohartman@blm.gov"><u>tohartman@blm.gov</u></a> (503) 315-5966

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EA) This project proposes thinning and variable retention harvest on approximately 708 acres under multiple timber sales within the HLB LUA. Also proposed are treatments within a 4-acre Riparian Reserve (RR) LUA to improve fish and aquatic habitat.	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	FONSI anticipated September 30, FY 2024.	
<u><a href="#">Horning Seed Orchard 2025-2027 Integrated Pest Management (IPM) DNA</a></u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0014-DNA) BLM proposes to implement integrated pest management (IPM) activities within the Horning Seed Orchard boundary (760 acres) during calendar years 2025-2027. This would include insecticide and herbicide applications, fertilization and associated limitations, protections and mitigation measures.	Horning Seed Orchard, T. 4 S., R. 3 E., Sections 13 and 23, Colton, Clackamas County, Oregon, Willamette Meridian	DNA drafted, under review. Signature pending in FY 2024.	Jay Torland <a href="mailto:jtorland@blm.gov">jtorland@blm.gov</a> (503) 630-8410
<b>Facilities Management Actions</b>			
<u><a href="#">Quartzville Culvert Replacement and Road Repair Project</a></u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N010-2024-0015-DNA) The BLM proposes to replace four culverts. Currently the Quartzville Corridor route is heavily used for both industry and BLM timber haul, as well as providing access to various recreation opportunities. Culverts and drainage have deteriorated with heavy use and age, necessitating maintenance and replacement. This proposal is consistent with the Quartzville Wild and Scenic River (WSR) and Recreation Corridor Management Plans which cite maintaining road conditions and safe access as one of the management objectives of the WSR.	T. 11 S., R. 4 E., Section 19; T. 12 S., R. 3 E., Section 9, Linn County, Oregon, Willamette Meridian	DNA under specialist review; signature pending in FY 2024.	Mike Mathews <a href="mailto:mmathews@blm.gov">mmathews@blm.gov</a> (503) 375-5711
<b>Recreation Actions</b>			

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<a href="#">Elkhorn Creek Wild and Scenic River Comprehensive River Management Plan</a> (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 <a href="mailto:chand@blm.gov">chand@blm.gov</a> (917) 375-3984
Abiqua Falls Acquisition EA (NEPA # TBD)  The BLM has an opportunity to acquire 40 acres from The Abbey Foundation of Oregon, an Oregon nonprofit public benefit corporation (The Abbey Foundation of Oregon) that contains Abiqua Falls along the Abiqua Creek. In 2023, the BLM Oregon Washington (OR/WA) received Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) funding to acquire this parcel and manage this popular recreational area.	T.7 S., R. 2 E., Section 28, Marion County, Oregon, approximately six miles south of Scotts Mills Oregon, Willamette Meridian	Planning and Preparation.	Daniel Ford <a href="mailto:dkford@blm.gov">dkford@blm.gov</a> (971) 294-0427

**Table 2. Marys Peak Field Office Projects**

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<b>Vegetation Management Actions</b>			
Aloha Trout Forest Management EA (NEPA # TBD)  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 variable retention harvest, thinning, transportation management actions, 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 2024.	Anthom Weaver <a href="mailto:aweaver@blm.gov">aweaver@blm.gov</a> (503) 315-5980
<a href="#">Central Boulder Forest Management EA</a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2022-0004-EA)	T. 7 S., R. 8 W., Sections 27, 35; T. 8 S., R. 8 W., Section 1. Polk County	In progress. EA and unsigned FONSI published for 30-day public	Macrina Lesniak <a href="mailto:mlesniak@blm.gov">mlesniak@blm.gov</a> (503) 315-5963

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
The BLM is planning a forest management project within lands allocated to the HLB LUA. Actions being considered include but are not limited to variable retention harvest, thinning, transportation management actions, snag creation, and post-harvest fuel reduction treatments.		comment period: July 26, 2024 – August 26, 2024.	
<u>Laurel Mountain Salvage</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0005-  The BLM made a decision on a salvage harvest project in the HLB-MITA. Actions include salvage harvest, post-harvest tree planting, road maintenance, and post-harvest fuel management	T. 7 S., R. 7 W., Section 29. W.M. Polk County	Completed. CX and DR signed May 2024.	Kevin Foster <a href="mailto:kwfoster@blm.gov">kwfoster@blm.gov</a> (971) 600-7227
<u>Teal Creek Forest Management EA</u> DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2018-0010-EA  The BLM completed an EA and FONSI in 2020 for timber harvest on approximately 320 acres of mid-seral forest in the Harvest Land Base. Post-harvest fuel reduction treatments, snag creation, new road construction, and renovation and improvement of existing roads were also proposed.	T. 8 S., R. 6 W., section 31; T. 9 S., R. 6 W., Section 5. W.M. Polk County.	The first decision record issued from this EA was in February 2020. The BLM expects to issue a decision record for the final timber sale from this EA in fall 2024.	Andy Frazier <a href="mailto:afrazier@blm.gov">afrazier@blm.gov</a> (503) 315-5979
<b>Recreation Actions</b>			
<u>Lobster Creek Wild and Scenic River</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2023-0007-  The BLM is developing a Comprehensive River Management Plan (CRMP) for the			Cara Hand <a href="mailto:chand@blm.gov">chand@blm.gov</a> (917) 375-3984
<u>Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area Fence Replacement</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0007-CX)	Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, Newport, Oregon.	CX and DR signed August 2024. Appeal period runs August 19, 2024	Thomas Linegar <a href="mailto:tlinegar@blm.gov">tlinegar@blm.gov</a> (541) 574-3147

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The BLM is proposing to replace fencing and fenceposts within a portion of YHONA to address public safety and resource concerns. Much of the fence infrastructure within the site was built in late 1990s and has been weathered to the point of failure.	T. 10 S., R. 11 W., Sections 29, 30. W.M.	– September 19, 2024.	
<p>YHONA Water Tank Trail Extension (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0002-EA)</p> <p>The YHONA 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.</p>	Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area, Newport, Oregon. T. 10 S., R. 11 W., Sections 29, 30. W.M.	Cancelled. The BLM is not pursuing the project in this form at this time. The BLM will consider revisions to the project scope and offer a public scoping period when such details are available.	Thomas Linegar <a href="mailto:tlinegar@blm.gov">tlinegar@blm.gov</a> (541) 574-3147
Restoration Actions			
<p><u>Lobster Creek and Mill Creek Phase II Aquatic Restoration Projects</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N020-2024-0006-DNA)</p> <p>The BLM planned two aquatic habitat restoration projects within the Marys Peak Field Office. 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 proposed to tip whole trees along roadsides in the Lobster Creek drainage and place by helicopter into the creeks. Additionally, the BLM is partnering with multiple partners on a project that would cut and tip trees along Mill Creek Road and place those trees into Mill Creek.</p>	T. 13 S., R. 8 W., Sections 27, 35; T. 14 S., R. 8 W., Sections 2, 3; T. 15 S., R. 8 W., Sections 13-15, 23-26, 36	DNA completed June 2024.	Douglass Fitting <a href="mailto:dfitting@blm.gov">dfitting@blm.gov</a> (503) 315-5918
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			



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<p>Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA)</p> <p>For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.</p>	Marys Peak Field Office-wide	Ongoing	<p>Matthew Betenson</p> <p><a href="mailto:mbetenso@blm.gov">mbetenso@blm.gov</a></p> <p>(503) 315-5968</p>

**Table 3. Siuslaw Field Office Projects**

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<b>Vegetation Management Actions</b>			
<p><u><a href="#">N126 LSR Landscape Plan Project</a></u></p> <p>(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2018-0022-EA)</p> <p>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.</p>	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.	<p>Amber Lamet</p> <p><a href="mailto:alamet@blm.gov">alamet@blm.gov</a></p> <p>(541) 683-6407</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Siuslaw HLB Landscape Plan</a></u></p> <p>(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2020-0002-EA)</p> <p>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.</p>	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.	<p>Victoria Coraci</p> <p><a href="mailto:vcoraci@blm.gov">vcoraci@blm.gov</a></p> <p>(971) 707-0372</p>
<p><u><a href="#">Thunder Cat Forest Management EA</a></u></p> <p>(DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0015-EA)</p> <p>The BLM Siuslaw Field Office is beginning the planning process on the Thunder Cat Forest Management Project (Project or Thunder Cat Project) through the development of an EA.</p> <p>The areas BLM is proposing for</p>	<p>T. 18 S., R. 6 W., Sections 7, and 35;</p> <p>T. 18 S., R. 7 W., Section 1;</p> <p>T. 19 S., R. 6 W., Sections 9 and 11; W.M.</p>	Scoping for this project has been completed and the BLM is beginning to draft the EA. The draft EA is expected to be available for public comment	<p>Victoria Coraci</p> <p><a href="mailto:vcoraci@blm.gov">vcoraci@blm.gov</a></p> <p>(971) 707-0372</p>

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treatments are located approximately 8-11 miles west and southwest of Veneta, Oregon. The Thunder Cat project area includes approximately 640 acres of forest that span 5 sections of BLM managed lands in Lane County, Oregon. The Thunder Cat Project area is located in the central part of the Siuslaw Field Office where lands within the Harvest Land Base (HLB) are arranged in a checkerboard pattern of federal, state and private industrial timber lands.		in Spring 2025.	
<a href="#">Hemlock Hill Density Management Project</a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0010-DNA) The BLM is planning a density management plan 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	Decision published on August 5, 2024.	Amber Lamet <a href="mailto:alamet@blm.gov">alamet@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6407
Electric Crossing Density Management Project DNA (NEPA # TBD) The BLM is planning a density management plan 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 began in fall 2023. The public review period is anticipated in late summer of 2024. The decision is expected in winter 2024.	Amber Lamet <a href="mailto:alamet@blm.gov">alamet@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6407
Dueling Elk Density Management Project DNA (NEPA # TBD) The BLM is planning a density	T. 15 S., R. 8 W., Section 35; T. 16 S., R. 7 W., Section 7;	Project planning began in summer 2024.	Amber Lamet <a href="mailto:Alamet@blm.gov">Alamet@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6407

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management plan 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. 8 W., Section 3		
<u>Young Stand Management Categorical Exclusion</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0016-CX) Siuslaw Field Office is proposing young stand management treatments in two areas that were reforested after timber harvest salvage; the first unit, Salvage Sam was a windthrow salvaged by removing and selling windthrown trees in 2009, the other unit, High Pass, was a fire salvage in 2016, where trees killed by fire damage were removed and sold. Both units were planted within three years after salvage and are currently still in the early successional structural stage. The proposed actions would facilitate the continuation of development of the stands to meet the desired objectives of their land use allocations.	T. 16S., R. 8W., Section 1  T. 15S., R. 6W., Section 33	Decision published August 2, 2024. Appeal period August 2, 2024 - September 1, 2024	Amber Lamet <a href="mailto:Alamet@blm.gov">Alamet@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6407
<b>Public Safety</b>			
<u>Hult Reservoir and Dam Safety Environmental Impact Statement</u> (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 BLM is beginning the planning process for how to mitigate for the change in recreational opportunities that will result from the dam's removal. The BLM is in the process of planning at least 2 public meetings to solicit input from the public on what recreation the community	T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Section 26	In progress. The final EIS was published on July 26, 2024. The Northwest Oregon District Manager will finalize the BLM's selected alternative by signing the Record of Decision this fall.	Victoria Coraci <a href="mailto:BLM_OR_NO_SIU_Hult_Dam_EIS@blm.gov">BLM_OR_NO_SIU_Hult_Dam_EIS@blm.gov</a> (971) 707-0372

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would like to see developed. The BLM will develop an EA to analyze the impacts for the mitigation efforts for both recreation and restoration.			
<p>Letz Creek Shaded Fuel Break (NEPA # TBD)</p> <p>The January 2024 ice storm in Lane County caused significant damage to BLM managed lands around the Letz Creek rural community, creating a need for fuels reduction and debris removal in order to reduce the risk of wildfire. If left untreated, the debris from the storm could lead to extreme fire behavior, posing a serious threat to the surrounding community. As a designated Wildland Urban Interface (WUI), the Letz Creek Community is particularly vulnerable to wildfire, and the BLM has responsibilities as a neighboring landowner to manage fuel loads and reduce wildfire threats.</p>	T 20 S., R. 5 W. Section 19	In progress. Public review period anticipated late summer/fall, 2024. Decision anticipated fall/winter 2024.	Amber Lamet <a href="mailto:alamet@blm.gov">alamet@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6407
<p><u>Windy Peak Temporary Road Closure</u> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0017-CX)</p> <p>The BLM is preparing a categorical exclusion document to temporarily close the Windy Peak Road. This road is currently impassable due to a landslide that occurred in early 2024. This closure will be a short-term solution while the office determines a how to reroute the road.</p>	<p>BLM Road 17-8-3.1</p> <p>T. 16S., R. 07W., Sections 24, 35</p> <p>T. 16S., R. 08W., Sections 2, 3</p>	In progress. The CX is expected to be published by winter of 2024.	Victoria Coraci <a href="mailto:vcoraci@blm.gov">vcoraci@blm.gov</a> (971) 707-0372

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<a href="#"><u>Little Elk Mountain Road Seasonal Closure</u></a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0006-CX) The BLM is preparing a categorical exclusion document to seasonally close the Little Elk Mountain Road. This road intersects the Lamb Creek landslide and has already been rerouted once. This closure will apply to all traffic except for BLM administrative access from November until April while the office determines the longer-term course of action. The longer-term solutions may include rerouting the road or a permanent closure if no viable reroutes can be found.	BLM owned road 16-8-36.0  T. 16S., R. 08W., Sections 25, 36	In progress. The CX is expected to be published by winter of 2024.	Victoria Coraci <a href="mailto:vcoraci@blm.gov"><u>vcoraci@blm.gov</u></a> (971) 707-0372
<b>Recreation Actions</b>			
<a href="#"><u>Whittaker Campground Host Site Improvements</u></a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0012-CX) The field office is beginning the planning process to improve the host site in the Whittaker campground to increase the ability of the office to attract campground hosts. This project will move the location of the host site and include the installation of a black water holding tank as well as electrical connection to the site.	Whittaker Campground. T18S-R08W-Sections 28, 31, 32.	In progress. The CX is expected to be published by spring of 2025	Greg Shiffer <a href="mailto:gshiffer@blm.gov"><u>gshiffer@blm.gov</u></a> (541) 683-6212
<b>Research</b>			
<a href="#"><u>Hult Reservoir Western Pond Turtle Research Study</u></a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N030-2024-0013-CX) Hult Reservoir and the surrounding BLM land is in the Upper Lake Creek Extensive Recreation Management Area (ERMA), the Hult Reservoir Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA), and within land designated under the Late	T. 15 S., R. 07 W., sections 23, 26. W.M.	The CX has been published to ePlanning and will have an appeal period running until 9/12/2024	Chelsea Corning <a href="mailto:ccorning@blm.gov"><u>ccorning@blm.gov</u></a> (458) 209-1783

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Successional Reserve (LSR) Land Use Allocation.			
<b>Miscellaneous Land Use Requests</b>			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as granting rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Siuslaw Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Sarah Bickford <a href="mailto:sbickfor@blm.gov">sbickfor@blm.gov</a> (541) 218-0553
<b>West Eugene Wetlands (WEW) Actions</b>			
WEW Boardwalk Replacement (NEPA # TBD)  The WEW hosts a set of boardwalks around the BLMs Redhouse administrative building. The twenty-five-year-old boardwalks connect several existing trails that wind through many BLM managed lands within the WEW. The existing boardwalks receive heavy year-round use, especially during the school year as this trail system is an important part of local environmental education programs. Wildfires have structurally damaged the boardwalks and completely consumed one of the viewing platforms. In some locations, construction materials and methods no longer comply with accessibility requirements. For these reasons, the existing boardwalks are in serious need of repair and replacement to ensure safe public access.	West Eugene Wetlands – Balboa and Danebo parcels	Project in process. Decision expected late summer 2024.	Amber Lamet <a href="mailto:alamet@blm.gov">alamet@blm.gov</a> (541) 6830-6407

**Table 4. Tillamook Field Office Projects**

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<b>Vegetation Management Actions</b>			
<a href="#"><u>Coast Creek Timber Management Project</u></a> (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.	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 June	Landon Rhodes <a href="mailto:lrhodes@blm.gov">lrhodes@blm.gov</a> (503) 815-1100

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
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.		2023 and the timber sale was sold at auction in September 2023. The third timber sale decision is expected to be issued in December 2025.	
<a href="#"><u>Upper Willamina Forest Management Project</u></a> (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 fourth timber sale decision was issued July 15, 2024. The fifth timber sale decision is expected to be issued in February 2025.	Landon Rhodes <a href="mailto:lrhodes@blm.gov"><u>lrhodes@blm.gov</u></a> (503) 815-1100
<a href="#"><u>McKay Creek Forest Management Project</u></a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2023-0003-EA)  The BLM has analyzed 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 includes 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 EA and unsigned FONSI have been completed and the 30-day comment period was completed June 9, 2024. A signed FONSI is expected to be issued in the fall of 2024.	Landon Rhodes <a href="mailto:lrhodes@blm.gov"><u>lrhodes@blm.gov</u></a> (503) 815-1100
<a href="#"><u>Dairy Creek Forest Management Project</u></a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2024-0001-EA)	Upper East Fork Dairy Creek and Lower East Fork Dairy Creek subwatersheds of	Scoping period planned for fall 2024.	Hilary Chittom <a href="mailto:hchittom@blm.gov"><u>hchittom@blm.gov</u></a> (503) 815-1100



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The BLM is planning a 700-acre forest management project on lands allocated to the HLB and RR in the Dairy Creek watershed north of Banks, Oregon. Actions being considered include regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, road work, post-harvest fuel reduction treatments, riparian tree felling, and snag creation.	the Dairy Creek watershed, Washington County, Oregon.		
<b>Restoration Actions</b>			
<a href="#">Raymond Creek Large Woody Debris and Riparian Planting Project</a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N040-2023-0007-DNA) 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 selected action will include cutting and removing approximately 20 Douglas-fir trees from BLM-managed lands in T. 3 N., R. 2 W., Section 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.	T. 3 N., R. 2 W., Sections 21, 29.	DNA was completed, decision was issued May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024. Implementation will occur in late-summer, 2024.	Landon Rhodes <a href="mailto:lrhodes@blm.gov">lrhodes@blm.gov</a> (503) 815-1100
<b>Miscellaneous Land Use Requests</b>			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Tillamook Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Landon Rhodes <a href="mailto:lrhodes@blm.gov">lrhodes@blm.gov</a> (503) 815-1100

**Table 5. Upper Willamette Field Office Projects**

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<b>Vegetation Management Actions</b>			
<a href="#">Big League Timber Management Project EA</a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2022-0003-EA)	T. 14 S., R. 2 W.; T. 14 S., R. 1 W.; T. 14 S., R. 1 E.; T. 15 S., R. 2 W.;	FONSI withdrawn in December 2023.	Andrea Slusser <a href="mailto:aslusser@blm.gov">aslusser@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6967



Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
The BLM proposes to analyze the environmental effects of forest management actions, including eight timber sales that were previously being examined for NEPA adequacy, under a single EA. The actions and alternatives have been adjusted and include variable retention regeneration harvest, commercial thinning, road work, fuels management, snag creation, and reforestation. Approximately 2,710 acres are being analyzed for timber harvest.	T. 15 S., R. 1 W.; T. 15 S., R. 1 E.	Revision in progress.	
<u><a href="#">Nelson Creek Culvert Project EA</a></u> (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.	Andrea Slusser <a href="mailto:aslusser@blm.gov">aslusser@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6967
McKenzie Fire & Rescue Water Tank CX (NEPA # TBD)  McKenzie Fire & Rescue proposed constructing a 15,000 gallon water tank on BLM-administered land adjacent to Goodpasture Road in Vida, Oregon for fire suppression.	T. 16 S., R. 2 E., Section 33	In progress.	Andrea Slusser <a href="mailto:aslusser@blm.gov">aslusser@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6967
<u><a href="#">Upper Willamette 2024 Ice Storm Salvage Harvest CX</a></u> DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2024-0008-CX  The BLM proposes to conduct salvage harvest of approximately 250 acres of fallen timber and dead and dying standing timber in the Harvest Land Base – Moderate Intensity Timber Area land use allocation (HLB-MITA), across the Upper Willamette Field Office	T. 16 S., R. 1 W., Section 31; T. 16 S., R. 2 W., Section 23; T. 17 S., R. 1 W., Sections 3, 5; T. 17 S., R. 2 W., Section 7; T. 18 S., R. 1 W., Sections 5, 21; T. 19 S., R. 1 W., Sections 5, 33	Decision published June 2024.	Andrea Slusser <a href="mailto:aslusser@blm.gov">aslusser@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6967
<u><a href="#">Upper Willamette Hazard Tree Management CX</a></u> DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2024-0006-CX  The BLM plans to cut, remove, and dispose of downed material and hazard trees from roadways and other developed sites within the Upper Willamette Field	All BLM-administered lands and BLM-administered rights-of-way within the Upper Willamette Field Office	Decision published March 2024.	Andrea Slusser <a href="mailto:aslusser@blm.gov">aslusser@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6967

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Office that resulted from an ice storm that occurred in January 2024.			
<a href="#">Upper Willamette Aquatic Restoration DNA 2024</a> DOI-BLM-ORWA-N050-2024-0007-DNA The BLM proposes aquatic restoration projects on BLM-administered lands in the Upper Willamette Field Office. Individual projects would include removal of an unauthorized recreation trail, rock weir installation, off-channel pond habitat development, placement and manipulation of large woody debris in stream channels, culvert repair and replacement, and road decommissioning.	T. 15 S., R. 1 W., Sections 21, 30; T. 16 S., R. 2 W., Section 29; T. 16 S., R. 3 E., Section 23; T. 17 S., R. 3 E., Section 09, 17; T. 18 S., R. 1 W., Section 21; T. 21 S., R. 2 W., Section 21; T. 22 S., R. 2 W., Sections 15, 16; T. 23 S., R. 2 W., Section 18; T. 23 S., R. 1 W., Section 07; and T. 23 S., R. 2 W., Section 12	Decision published May 2024.	Andrea Slusser <a href="mailto:aslusser@blm.gov">aslusser@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6967
<b>Miscellaneous Land Use Requests</b>			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA) For various land uses such as rights-of-way and special use permits.	Upper Willamette Field Office-wide	Ongoing	Andrea Slusser <a href="mailto:aslusser@blm.gov">aslusser@blm.gov</a> (541) 683-6967

**Table 6. Northwest Oregon District – District-wide Projects**

Name and Project Description	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<b>Vegetation Management Actions</b>			
<a href="#">Northwest Oregon District Invasive Plant Management and Habitat Restoration EA</a> (DOI-BLM-ORWA-N000-2022-0003-EA) The BLM Northwest Oregon District prepared an EA to evaluate a range of alternatives for a proposed update and revision to its existing botany and invasive plants management program to protect, enhance, and restore native conditions in degraded habitats in a cost-effective and environmentally sound	BLM lands across all five Field Offices of the Northwest Oregon District	The BLM signed the FONSI and Decision Record in July 2024.	Charity Glade <a href="mailto:cbglade@blm.gov">cbglade@blm.gov</a> (503) 375-5678

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

**W.M.:** Willamette Meridian