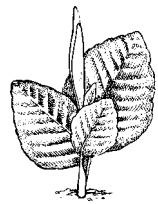
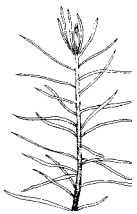


Sprouts

New plans for the Mt. Hood National Forest

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- Collawash Watershed Analysis
- Columbia Gorge Tribs East Watershed Analysis

- Eagle Watershed Analysis
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- Mile Creeks Watershed Analysis
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- Upper Clackamas Watershed Analysis
- Upper Sandy Watershed Analysis

- West Fork Hood River Watershed Analysis
- White River Sub-basin Watershed Analysis

- Zigzag River Watershed Analysis

- Forest Plan

- Clackamas River Wild and Scenic River Plan
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- Salmon River Wild and Scenic River EA and Plan
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- White River Wild and Scenic River EA and Plan

40/60 – Project may create opening(s) larger than the 40 or 60 acre limitations stipulated by the National Forest Management Act, 36 CFR 219.27. Such creation requires 60 day public notification and approval of the Regional Forester.

CCF – 100 cubic feet

CE – Categorical Exclusion

EA – Environmental Assessment

EIS – Environmental Impact Statement

MBF – 1,000 board feet

MMBF – 1,000,000 board feet

NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act

VEG – This symbol indicates a project that may include treatment of unwanted vegetation. When a site-specific project to prevent or treat unwanted vegetation is being considered, the official responsible for that project is to notify the public.

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Projects for Fall 2001

Forest-wide

Restoration 2001 Environmental Assessment

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The Mt. Hood National Forest has conducted a Forest-wide analysis of fish habitat and water quality restoration opportunities.

At this time we have a completed environmental assessment. The 30-day comment period will end on November 1. After responding to public comments, a decision notice will be issued.

If you would like a copy of the environmental assessment or other documents, an email inquiry would be the quickest way to get it. The environmental assessment can be downloaded from the Forest web site at www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/pubs.htm.

Upcoming ODOT Construction Projects

ODOT has several Mt. Hood area construction projects in the works for the next few years. Motorists in the Mt. Hood National Forest can expect minor delays during some of these construction activities.

Current Construction

For more information, please call ODOT project leader *Dave Simpson* at (503) 731-8236, or Email to: David.R.SIMPSON@odot.state.or.us

Rockfall Protection Project

M.P.49.1—between Kiwanis camp turnoff and the runaway truck ramp on Hwy 26.

Construction begins mid to late July 2001, this will be a two-year project. Work will be shut down during the winter due to nesting issues (owl).

The rock cliff will be blasted to remove loose material, and the highway will be realigned further away from the cliff.

2001—The climbing lane will be closed Monday through Thursday. Intermittent highway closures for blasting. No lane closures Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

2002—Intermittent lane closures of all lanes for paving, Monday through Thursday.

Future Construction

For more information about any of the following projects, please call ODOT project leader *Kevin Bracy* at (503) 731-4850, or Email to: Kevin.BRACY@odot.state.or.us

Timberline Road — Timberline Lodge to the Hwy 26 junction

Goes to bid in February 2002, construction begins in the summer of 2002.

This is a preservation project. Timberline Road will be ground to an even layer and inlaid with two inches of asphalt. There will be intermittent lane closures with flaggers and cones. Motorists can expect 10-15 minute delays.

Zigzag to Rhododendron, Phase 1—Hwy 26 from Lolo Pass Road to Road 9

Goes to bid in July 2002, construction begins in the autumn of 2002.

This modernization project will widen the highway to four lanes with turn pockets, replace the culvert at Bear Creek with a 16' long bridge, and alter some accesses to the highway. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained throughout the project.

Zigzag to Rhododendron, Phase 2—Road 9 to Rhododendron

Goes to bid in July 2003, construction begins in the autumn of 2003.

This modernization project will widen the highway to four lanes with turn pockets. A major aspect of this project will be the replacement of the Zigzag River Bridge with a new 68' wide bridge. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained throughout the project.

Palmer Quarry Environmental Impact Statement

ODOT and the USFS will research and develop an environmental impact statement to examine the continued use of the site as a rock quarry. No impact to motorists.

Mineral Creek Culvert—Highway 35, just south of White River

Bid in the summer of 2003, construction begins in the autumn of 2003.

During the White River flood in October '00, the White River overflowed its channel and partially flowed into the Mineral Creek channel. This project will construct a new eight foot diameter culvert next to the existing four foot culvert to help avoid a catastrophic failure of Highway 35. Shoulder closures only, minimal impact to traffic.

Future Projects

These projects are several years from construction:

2004—Multorpor U-xing to Timberline Highway

2005—West Ski-Bowl to Government Camp Loop.

Both projects improve safety at the Hwy 26 junctions with the Government Camp Loop.

2004—Salmon River Fish Passage

The existing culvert under Hwy 35 at the Hwy 26 junction will be replaced with a fish-friendly culvert.

Barlow Ranger District

Juncrock Planning Area, Douglas Cabin Planning Area, Stroud and Mill Creek Buttes Planning Areas

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- **Juncrock Planning Area**
The team has developed the Proposed Action which provides required habitat for C3 species and treats existing health conditions. The scoping letter and map have been sent out. Comments are due the middle of September. The EA will be completed during the fall of 2001.
- **Douglas Cabin Planning Area**
Will be reviewed for ways to treat fuels in stands already identified for vegetation treatment. The design team has been identified and the early design work will be completed dur-

ing the fall of 2001. All necessary mollusk and salamander surveys have been completed. Treatment will address both forest health and fuels reduction issues. The Environmental Analysis will be completed in 2002.

- **Mill Creek Buttes Planning Area** has been added to the **Stroud Planning Area**
Planning both areas at the same time will enable the district to better utilize fuels reduction dollars in the future. Stroud Planning Area and Mill Creek Buttes are located in The Dalles City Watershed. They are included in the Surveyors Ridge LSR. The Surveyors Ridge LSR Plan was signed in 1997. These planning areas have high mortality due to stress and insect attack. Mortality has been occurring for 20 years or longer, resulting in a high load of natural fuels. Stroud and Mill Creek Buttes will focus on identifying and treating stands with a high natural fuel load and restoring forest health. Stands will be better protected from a stand replacing fire if the existing fuel load is reduced. Recon on the Stroud and Mill Creek Planning Areas will begin during the fall of 2002.

Eightmile Creek Culvert Replacement

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Planning for replacement of four culverts along Eightmile creek has been completed. These culverts, one on the 4430 Road, two in Upper Eightmile Campground and one on the

4440 Road, will replace existing culverts, which do not meet the Aquatic Conservation Strategy and are barriers to up stream fish passage. This project will require that both the Upper and Lower Eightmile Creek Campgrounds be closed at different times. The EA has been completed and the comment period ended September 5, 2001. The Decision Notice will be signed during the fall of 2001, with work scheduled for 2002.

Kenable Spring Trail Reconstruction

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The District is proposing to relocate 1 ½ miles of the Knebal Springs trail and construct two crossings on the Middle Fork of Five Mile Creek. The existing trail is open to horses, mountain bikes, and hikers. Relocation will move the user created trail out of an existing plantation with minimal shading back under a denser tree canopy. Relocation will minimize trail maintenance and provide a better recreation experience. The crossings will be constructed on the existing trail. One will be a two stringer decked bridge and the other will consist of cobble placed in the streambed itself. Both of these stream crossings will reduce the amount of sedimentation into Fivemile Creek

Snowmobile Trail Groomer and Snow Cat Shelter

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The District proposes to issue a 10 year Special Use permit (use code 522) to the Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club for an area 1 acre in size to construct a 32' X 60 foot storage building. This old landing is approximately 100 yards east of Skyline Sno-

park. The building will be constructed of wood with a poured cement floor and brown steel roof. The building will house a snow cat, trail groomer, and a 2000 gallon diesel storage tank. A 6-foot high chain link security fence may also be erected around the building if additional security is needed. The Mt Hood Snowmobile Club will be responsible for all maintenance.

Ramsey Underburn

T.22 S, R. 11 E., Sec. 13,14, and T.2 S., R.12E, sec. 7 & 9. (700 acres)

Swisher/West Gobbler Underburn

(1480 acres)

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Analysis of the underburns is continuing. The Barlow Ranger District is proposing to burn approximately 2,200 acres in two different areas during the fall of 2001 and spring of 2002. The objective is to introduce fire back into the ecosystem, reduce the natural accumulation of litter, prevent the ark build up around the base of large ponderosa pine, and enhance the fire dependent native grasses, forbs, and shrub species. Underburning will enhance deer and elk forage quantity and quality, reduce risk of a stand replacing fire, and protect large ponderosa trees from the effects of future underburning. Required surveys for these projects have been completed. Final field verifications are being completed.

East of 27 Underburn

T.3 S. R. 12 E., sec. 7, 9, 17, & 29, and T.3 S., R.11 E., sec. 12, 13, & 24 (1500 acres)

This EA has been completed and a portion of the project has been underburned. The remaining 150 acres will be underburned in the spring of 2002.

Highland Irrigation Ditch Fish Screen and Diversion Structure Refurbishment

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The project site is located in T.3S, R.11E, SW ¼ Sec. 29. This site is within the existing easement issued to Badger Improvement District, Inc. for the operation and maintenance of Badger Lake dam and Highland ditch. A preliminary design for this project was completed in August. Final design and the Decision Memo are expected by mid September. Implementation will begin in October. The project involves installation of a fish screen, ladder, and diversion structure refurbishment on the Highland Irrigation Ditch in the Badger Wilderness. A senate committee report accompanying H.R. 1149 specified that this 1984 wilderness designation would not "restrict necessary management of the reservoir nor the maintenance of existing irrigation ditches". Project tools and materials will be hauled to the site along the existing ditch bed, using a tractor, ATV's, and foot travel. The project will meet Oregon State requirements for screening fish bearing streams and Forest Service direction under the Northwest Forest Plan. Expected results are increased redband/inland trout populations in Badger Creek.

Clackamas River Ranger District

Thinning Program

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Second-growth stands across the District are being examined for thinning opportunities. This analysis should be completed before winter. We expect to have proposed actions sent out to our mailing list in early 2002 to help us scope out issues for alternative development. Final analysis and decisions are expected before October 2002.

Special Forest Products Program

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The Special Forest Products Program for the District consists of the offer and administration of various permits and contracts for the harvest of a variety of forest products. Products would be offered for both commercial and personal use, and would include but are not limited to: firewood, cedar products, Christmas trees, boughs, shrubs, poles, posts, beargrass, mushrooms, ferns and cones. A decision memo will be signed in December 2001 for the calendar year 2002 program.

Zigzag Ranger District

Timber Stand Improvement CE

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The Zigzag Ranger District is planning a 3,400 acre timber stand improvement project for the next 5 years in managed plantations ranging from 10-25 years of age. Precommercial thinning promotes tree species diversity, growth, wood quality and forest health. It reduces the susceptibility to insect and disease attacks and enhances wildlife habitat. This project is planned throughout the district. The primary areas will be Wildcat Mountain, Lolo Pass, Trillium Lake, Timothy Lake, and the High Rocks area. We anticipate a decision in the spring of 2002.

Reed College Swallow Research Project

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This research proposal would involve issuing a three year special use permit to install a total of 115 nesting boxes in Salmon River Meadows (R9E, T4S, section 7) and 25 nesting boxes in the Multorpor Fen (R8E, T3S, section 24) as part of a long term research project on tree and violet tree swallows. The purpose is to study the population and reproductive behavior of these birds. Nesting boxes would be installed on metal fence stakes. The boxes would be checked every 1-3 day period during the nesting season.

Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp Improvements

*Contact: Paul Koehler
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The Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp proposes to upgrade existing facilities and construct new facilities as approved in their Master Development Plan to allow the Camp to better serve its primary client base (children and adults with mental and physical challenges), as well as other appropriate groups on a year round basis. Specifics include:

- Construct 5 camper/councilor cabins.
- Construct a health care/office building.
- Relocate a campfire assembly area/amphitheater.
- Create a new pedestrian entryway.
- Complete in-stream restoration and stream bank rehabilitation of the Little Zigzag River in the vicinity of the Camp's base area.
- Renew the Camp's long term special use permit

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Maupin, OR 97037

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Closed on weekends during winter months.

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Mt. Hood - Parkdale, OR 97041

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Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, M-F

Summer Hours: May 30 - Sept. 6

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, 7 days a week

◆ Zigzag Ranger District

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65000 E. Highway 26

Welches, OR 97067

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Winter Hours: Dec 1 - Feb 28, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, 7 days a week (Closed Dec 25)

Zigzag Ranger Station

70220 E. Highway 26

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