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Beginning with this issue, you will notice a big change in the appearance of the *Sprouts* Newsletter.

Sprouts is being replaced with the Planning, Appeals, and Litigation System (PALS), a nationwide, web-based, database application that captures key planning information for internal and external use. It is the Agency's first web-based application of its kind. We look forward to the benefits PALS will bring to the Forest Service and the public. PALS currently automates production of the quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) (FSH 1909.15, 07) and facilitates biannual reporting of Cooperating Agency information to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). PALS will also improve our ability to respond to internal and external data requests.

All National Forests will use PALS for tracking/reporting of projects whose decisions are expected to be documented in a Decision Memo, Decision Notice, or Record of Decision under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

We are now updating our mailing list for those wishing to receive a quarterly printed PALS reports. If you wish to remain on the mailing list, please return the form on the back of this issue, or contact us by phone at 503-668-1675, or by email at syork@fs.fed.us. If we do not receive a response from you by September 15, 2004, your name will be taken off the mailing list.

PALS reports will also be available online. You can view the most current report on the Mt. Hood National Forest Website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood> Look under Publications for PALS Reports.

40/60 – Project may create openings-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.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment on these projects, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Parts 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27 (d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality.

Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified timeframe.



Project Summary Report

Mt. Hood National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time the data was published. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Projects Occurring on more than one Forest					
3582 - Sub-regional Control of Invasive Weeds EIS Last Updated By : Cynthia Henschell : 07/01/04 Last Approved By : Cynthia Henschell : 06/25/04	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 01/01/2004	Exptd:03/01/2005	04/01/2005	Carol Chandler (360)891-5106 cachandler@fs.fed.us
	Description Site-specific analysis of various methods of control of invasive weeds in the Gifford Pinchot, Olympic, Mt. Hood NFs, and the Columbia River Gorge NSA.				
	Location: UNIT- Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Unit, Olympic National Forest Units. STATE- Washington, Oregon. COUNTY- Hood River, Multnomah, Wasco, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Skamania. Various, throughout the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, as well as 3 other administrative units..				



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Projects Occurring on more than one District					
5561 - Mill Creek and South Mill Creek Planning Area EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/02/04	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping start 09/12/2001	Exptd:05/01/2005	06/01/2005	Rich Thurman 541-467-5120 rthurman@fs.fed.us
	Description The project will be a collaborative approach to fuels reduction in The Dalles Watershed. Projects may include timber harvest, noxious weed control, road closures, aquatic and wildlife habitat restoration, prescribed burning, grazing allotment enha.				
	Location: UNIT- Barlow Ranger District, Hood River Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Hood River, Wasco. The Mill Creek planning area includes the North Fork of Mill Creek and small portions of Mosier and Neal Creeks, approx 5 miles southeast of the community of Mt. Hood..				



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Barlow Ranger District		Mt. Hood National Forest		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
5522 - Bear Knoll Thinning EA and Regeneration EA EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/02/04	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping start 01/08/1999 Estimated Scoping start 01/01/2002	Exptd:08/01/2004	04/01/2005	Becky Nelson 541-467-5155 bnelson01@fs.fed.us
	Description Two EA's are proposed for the Bear Knoll Planning Area. One EA proposes to thin overstocked immature stands through commercial timber sales. The other EA proposes to treat over-mature stands with a regeneration harvest.				
	Location: UNIT- Barlow Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Wasco. LEGAL- T.4S., R.9E., Sections 23-29, 33-36, and T.5S., R.9E., Sections 2-4, 10. In southern portion of District in the White River Watershed. Bounded on west by US Hwy 26 & on the east by Forest Road 43..				
5238 - Knebal Sprints Trail Reconstruction EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 08/01/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	06/01/2005	Dennis Beechler 541-467-2291 dbeechler@fs.fed.us
	Description New trail construction and construction of two crossing structures.				
	Location: UNIT- Barlow Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Wasco. Knebal Springs Trail.				
5573 - Sportsman's Park Fuel Modification DM Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004			Joel Pomeroy 541-352-6002 x637 jpomeroy@fs.fed.us
	Description Increase fire fighter effectiveness and reduce the probability of damage from a wildfire to the community of Sportsmans Park.				
	Location: UNIT- Barlow Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Wasco. Sportsman Park.				
5233 - The Dalles Watershed Road Maintenance DM Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/02/04	- Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 10/01/2004			Chris Rossel 541-467-5119 crosse1@fs.fed.us
	Description Construct fuel breaks and do fire fuels reduction along roads in the City of The Dalles Watershed.				
	Location: UNIT- Barlow Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Hood River, Wasco. Within the City of The Dalles Watershed.				
5576 - Wildlife Guzzlers on the Ramsey Creek Parcel DM Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/02/04	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:11/01/2004	09/01/2005	Rich Thurman 541-467-5120 rthurman@fs.fed.us
	Description Install two wildlife guzzlers on the Ramsey Creek Parcel.				
	Location: UNIT- Barlow Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Wasco. LEGAL- T2S, R12E, Sec. 16 & 17. Ramsey Creek.				



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Clackamas River Ranger District		Mt. Hood National Forest		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
5269 - Cloak EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping start 05/06/2002 Estimated 215 comment 07/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	09/01/2004	James Roden 503-630-8722 jroden@fs.fed.us
	Description Thinning of second-growth stands.				
	Location: UNIT- Clackamas River Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Clackamas. LEGAL- T. 6S., R. 7E.; T. 6S., R. 8E.; T. 7S., R. 7E.; T. 7S., R. 8E.; Willamette Meridian.. On the Clackamas River Ranger District.				
5316 - Collawash Thinning EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping start 05/06/2002 Estimated 215 comment 11/01/2004	Exptd:01/01/2005	06/01/2005	James Roden 503-630-8722 jroden@fs.fed.us
	Description Thinning of 340 acres of second-growth stands.				
	Location: UNIT- Clackamas River Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Clackamas. LEGAL- T. 6S., R. 6E.; Willamette Meridian. On the Clackamas River Ranger District in the Collawash watershed..				
5268 - Nohorn Creek Trail Bridge DM Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 06/01/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004		Jacquelyn Oakes 503-630-8815 joakes@fs.fed.us
	Description Design and construction of a new timber truss pedestrian bridge, 115' in length over Nohorn Creek. Trail goes to Bagby Hotsprings. Includes removal of old bridge.				
	Location: UNIT- Clackamas River Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Clackamas. LEGAL- Sec. 23 T. 7 S., R. 5 E. WM. Nohorn Creek and Bagby Hotsprings Trail.				
5267 - Pint Creek Culvert Replacement DM Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 06/01/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004		Tom Horning 503-630-8798 thorning@fs.fed.us
	Description Design and construction of a new culvert inside Ripplebrook Campground, where a campground access road crosses Pint Creek. Existing culvert blocks fish passage.				
	Location: UNIT- Clackamas River Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Clackamas. LEGAL- Sec. 2 T. 6 S., R. 6 E. WM. Ripplebrook Campground.				
5305 - Southfork Thinning EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping start 05/06/2004 Estimated 215 comment 11/01/2004	Exptd:01/01/2005	06/01/2005	James Roden 503-630-8722 jroden@fs.fed.us
	Description Thinning of 590 acres of second-growth stands.				
	Location: UNIT- Clackamas River Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Clackamas. LEGAL- T. 5 S., R. 5 E.;				



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Hood River Ranger District		Mt. Hood National Forest		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
5556 - Log Stringer Bridge Removal and Possible Replacement EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Road management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:07/01/2004	09/01/2004	Ken Huskey 541-467-5111 khuskey@fs.fed.us
	Description Klinger Bridge on Forest Road 4300221 was destroyed due to advanced rot in structural members and the road has been closed for safety concerns. Analysis is ongoing to determine if there is a need to replace the bridge or close the road permanently.				
	Location: UNIT- Hood River Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Wasco. LEGAL- T4S, R9E, Section 11, Willamette Meridian. The Klinger Bridge is on Forest Development Road 4300221 located on the South side of the District next to the Barlow Creek Campground..				
5570 - Long Prairie Grazing Allotment EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 10/01/2004	Exptd:04/01/2005	07/01/2005	Linda Cartwright 541-467-2291 lcartwright@fs.fed.us
	Description The EA will determine the level and intensity of grazing management within this allotment.				
	Location: UNIT- Hood River Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Hood River, Wasco. LEGAL- T1N, R10E, T1S, R10E, R11E. Mt. Hood National Forest, Hood River Ranger District.				



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Zigzag Ranger District		Mt. Hood National Forest		R6 - Pacific Northwest Region	
5681 - Bull Run Road Decommissioning EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/02/04	- Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 07/01/2004	Exptd:12/01/2004		Mike Malone 503-622-3191 ext 608 mmalone@fs.fed.us
	Description Proposed Action and Preliminary Analysis				
	Location: UNIT- Zigzag Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Clackamas, Multnomah. Bull Run Watershed.				
4965 - French's Dome Rock Climbing Site DM Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start : 06/01/2004			MaryEllen Fitzgerald 503-622-3191ext 625 mfitzgerald@fs.fed.us
	Description Build retaining walls that will double as belay platforms and construct short segments of trail & steps on the NE side of the rock.				
	Location: UNIT- Zigzag Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Clackamas. LEGAL- T2S, R8E, Section 8, 9. French's Dome is a rock-climbing site off Lolo Pass Road..				
4898 - Government Camp Trails Plan Environmental Assessment EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping start 03/31/2004	Exptd:10/01/2004	05/01/2005	Kathleen Walker (503) 622-3191 x641 kwalker@fs.fed.us
	Description Environmental Assessment for projects proposed in Master Plan & additional trails proposed since Master Plan was completed. EA completed fall of 2004.				
	Location: UNIT- Zigzag Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Clackamas. LEGAL- T.3S.,R.8E.,Sec 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, and T.4S.,R.8 1/2E., Sec 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, 36, and T.4S.,R9E.,Sec 7, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30. The project area includes existing and proposed trails in and around Government Camp from Timberline Lodge, south to Trillium Lake, and from Enid Lake, east to Snowbunny area..				
5664 - Lady Creek Water System EA Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/01/04	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping start 08/01/2003	Exptd:08/01/2004	08/01/2004	Mike Malone 503-622-3191 ext 608 mmalone@fs.fed.us
	Description Proposed action and preliminary analysis.Web-link: http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood				
	Location: UNIT- Zigzag Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Clackamas. LEGAL- Sec 11, 13, 14 & 24, T.3S., R.7E., & Sec. 16, 17, 18, 19, & 20, T.3S., R8.E., WM, Clackamas County, Oregon. National Forest System Lands near Rhododendron, Oregon.				



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5115 - Tamarack Rock Quarry Expansion EIS EIS Last Updated By : Shelley York : 07/07/04	- Special use management - Road management - Minerals and Geology	In Progress: NOI in FR 01/15/2002 Estimated 215 comment 08/01/2004	Exptd:09/01/2004	10/01/2004	Mike Redmond 503-668-1776 mredmond@fs.fed.us
	Description Expansion of existing rock quarry.				
	Location: UNIT- Zigzag Ranger District. STATE- Oregon. COUNTY- Clackamas. LEGAL- Sec 2, T.4S, R.8-1/2E, Willamette Meridian, Clackamas County, OR. 4 miles south of Government Camp, Oregon.				

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