RESTORATION 2003 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Mt. Hood National Forest has conducted a Forest-wide analysis of wildlife, fish habitat and water quality restoration opportunities. It also includes some projects in the Oregon portion of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. A copy of the Environmental Assessment can be obtained via mail or email from the address below, or can be downloaded from the Forest web site at www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/ in the Forest Projects section.

Responses to comments will be included as an appendix to the EA. The 30-day comment period ends on June 11, 2003. If you have questions or need clarification prior to submitting comments, feel free to call or email.

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Note: Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who only submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 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.