

NOTICE of PROPOSED ACTION

Public comment is invited on the Cascade Crest Fuel Break proposed action and Preliminary Assessment. The project is located in the Mt. Hood National Forest in T.7S., R.8E.; T.8S., R.8E.; T.7S., R.8½ E.; T.9S., R.8E.; WM, Clackamas and Marion Counties, Oregon. The project would create a shaded fuel break by cutting some trees and brush and cleaning up fuels on the ground along roads 4220 and 4230 to aid in the safe suppression of large scale wildfires. The Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon requested this project to protect adjacent tribal resources under the authorities of the Tribal Forest Protection Act. An Environmental Assessment will be prepared after comments are received and considered.

A copy of the Preliminary Assessment can be downloaded from the Forest web site at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/> in the Projects and Plans section. The Responsible Official is Gary L. Larsen, Forest Supervisor.

Comments and/or requests for additional information on the proposed action should be addressed to Jim Roden at –

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Electronic comments must be submitted as part of the actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. E-mails submitted to email addresses other than the one listed above, or in formats other than those listed, or containing viruses, will be rejected.

The legal notice for the 30-day comment period on this project was published in the Oregonian on March 24, 2008. Comments are due on April 23, 2008. Comments must be signed or in the case of electronic or telephone submissions, commenters must verify their identity upon request to be eligible to appeal. This comment period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Only those who submit timely comments or timely expression of interest will be accepted as appellants. The comment and appeal rule 36 CFR 215, 2003 is available on the following web site - <http://www.fs.fed.us/emc/applit/36cfr215.htm>.