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Re: South Fork McKenzie River Enhancement Project  
Environmental Assessment

To: Interested Public:

The McKenzie River Ranger District has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the South Fork McKenzie River Enhancement Project and it is now available for 30-day public review and comment. The EA can be viewed on the Willamette National Forest web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/). You may also request a copy of the document by contacting the Ranger District at the number listed above.

This EA examines one Action Alternative for implementing aquatic habitat and water quality enhancements, along with and a No Action Alternative. Alternative A, the proposed action, would place in-stream large woody material in an 8.5 mile reach of the South Fork McKenzie River and lower Roaring River. Enhancement activities involve tipping approximately 40 trees adjacent to the stream and importing an additional 300 pieces of woody material. The project would also reposition previously placed restoration materials. To improve water quality, this project also closes 12 native surfaced, non-system road segments that access dispersed camping sites along the river.

This proposal responds to the need to restore habitat and water quality for spring Chinook salmon and bull trout to meet direction in the Willamette National Forest Plan as amended, and move toward recovery of threatened bull trout and spring Chinook salmon. The proposed action responds to recommendations from the South Fork McKenzie River Watershed Analysis to improve aquatic habitat in the South Fork McKenzie and Roaring River upstream of Cougar Reservoir. It is a continuation of the stream enhancement work conducted during 1996 and 1998. Project implementation would begin in FY 2007.

The project is located within and adjacent to the South Fork McKenzie River reach immediately upstream (east) of Homestead Campground, ending just west of the confluence of Elk Creek. The project includes the lower ½ mile of Roaring River. The legal description of the project area: T.18S., R.5E., Sec. 25, 26, 36; T.18S, R.5 ½ E, Sec. 31, 32, 33; T.19S, R.5E, Sec. 1 and 2; Willamette Meridian.

Reviewers should provide the Forest Service with their comments during the 30-day comment period. Comments must be submitted to Mary Allison, District Ranger, McKenzie River Ranger District, 57600 McKenzie Highway, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413, (541) 822-3381, fax (541) 822-7254. The Ranger District Office is open from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted to: [comments-pacificnorthwest-willamette-mckenzie@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificnorthwest-willamette-mckenzie@fs.fed.us). As the Responsible Official, I will accept



oral, electronic, and written comments during the comment period, which ends 30 days from the date this notice is published in the Register-Guard, Eugene, OR, the Forest's official newspaper of record. This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Only individuals or organizations who submitted comments or expressed an interest in the project during the comment period may appeal. 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 names and addresses.

Additional information about the project may be obtained by contacting Fishery Biologists Dave Bickford or Ray Rivera, at 541-822-3381, (by email at [dbickford@fs.fed.us](mailto:dbickford@fs.fed.us) or [rrivera@fs.fed.us](mailto:rrivera@fs.fed.us)). Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary Allison

**MARY ALLISON**  
District Ranger