

Bureau of Land Management Salem District Project Update June 2006

Salem District

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Dear Citizen:

Project Update provides current information about projects planned on the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Salem District lands. It is our intent to increase the public's awareness of BLM issues, activities, and opportunities, as well as generating ideas and comments from those who may be affected by our multiple-use management programs. Your ideas, comments, and participation help us make informed decisions and implement better projects.

Project Update is organized by resource area, and within each resource area, by type of project. Additional information can be obtained from the BLM staff listed as contacts. Please send written comments, including the specific project name, to the appropriate address listed below during the identified public comment period.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Please contact us if you no longer wish to receive Project Update. A copy of Project Update is available at your local public library.

Your comments and concerns are welcome and may influence the final decision on these projects. Thank you for your continued interest!

Sincerely,

Denis Williamson
Salem District Manager

Current projects are described in Tables 1 – 4.
Fiscal Year 2006 timber sales are described in Table 5.

Explanatory comments concerning Tables 1-4:

Projects are organized by project type, project name/description, location, planning status, and contact person. A project may include the following stages:

Developing Proposed Action -A site-specific proposal, called a proposed action, is developed to move the existing condition of an area towards a desired condition or result.

Scoping -Public comment is sought on the proposed action. Comments are used to refine the proposal, or to identify issues which will define the scope of analysis and alternatives to be considered.

Developing Alternatives -A range of alternatives is developed based on the issues raised during scoping, while addressing the purpose and need for the project.

Analyzing Effects - The effects of implementing the alternative(s) are determined and documented in an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), EA (Environmental Assessment), CX (Categorical Exclusion), or DNA (Determination of NEPA Adequacy).

Comment Period - Comments are generally sought for 60 days on a draft EIS, and for 30 days on an EA, and FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact). There are no established comment periods for a CX or DNA. Comment periods are established commensurate with the anticipated level of public interest.

Notice of Decisions - Notice of decisions from an EIS and EA will be published in a newspaper in the area where the lands affected by the decision are located. They will be sent to those who have requested such notices. Notices of decision from an EIS will also be published in the Federal Register. Notice for projects which qualify as a CX or DNA will be available for public review at the appropriate field office.

Abbreviations Used in Tables:

AMA	Adaptive Management Area
AMR	Adaptive Management Reserve
APU	Activity Planning Unit
CON	Connectivity
CX	Categorical Exclusion
DNA	Determination of NEPA Adequacy
EA	Environmental Assessment
ERFO	Emergency Relief for Federally-Owned Roads
GFMA	General Forest Management Area
JITW	Jobs-In-The-Woods
LUA	Land Use Allocation
LSR	Late-Successional Reserves
MBF	Thousand Board Feet
RR	Riparian Reserves
SBA	Small Business Administration
TBD	To Be Determined

Future Opportunities for Public Involvement

The next few months will be a busy time for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Western Oregon Resource Management Planning Team. This is when the effects analysis for each of the proposed alternatives will be done. The alternatives will be refined using input from the public, BLM specialists, and involved scientists. Data will be gathered, organized, and prepared for each alternative. Environmental, social, and economic effects will be described for each alternative.

This extensive effort will become visible to the public with the issuance of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) in early 2007. The EIS will include BLM's "Preferred Alternative" as required by BLM planning regulations. However, this "Preferred Alternative" is not the final decision; rather it is the alternative which the BLM believes best meets all of the laws considering the environmental, social, and economic impacts displayed in the EIS.

As we work through the required three-month public involvement process, we will gather input to help write the proposed resource management plan and final EIS. The BLM will be working with a private consultant over the next few months to design a public process for review and discussion of the draft resource management plan. We are aware that some of these issues are highly polarized and the final decisions will never make everyone happy. However, we are hearing from many of the key players that there are opportunities to reach some common ground within the legal constraints that guide our actions. We are hopeful that we can develop a process to move us in that direction.

If all proceeds as planned, the proposed resource management plan will become the "Final Resource Management Plan" in 2008 with six individual "Records of Decision," one for each of the five western Oregon districts and the Klamath Falls Resource Area.

Stay Involved!

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Table 1: Cascades Resource Area Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions (Additional vegetation management actions are described under the Multiple Projects heading)			
<p>2006 Timber Sale Project (EA# OR080-04-20): The proposed action is to thin approximately 1,880 acres in 4 project areas (<i>Ammie's Cabin, Missouri Ridge, Snakehouse and Round Mountain</i>), and constitutes the Cascades fiscal year 2006 timber sale program. Average stand age ranges from 40 to 70-years old. Thinning would occur in the Matrix (1,504 acres), Riparian Reserve (356 acres), and Late-Successional Reserve (20 acres in the <i>Snakehouse</i> Project Area). Approximately 713 acres of thinning in the Molalla River Recreation Corridor and portions of the Molalla Shared Use Trail System are included in this assessment (<i>Ammie's Cabin</i> project area).</p>	<p>Upper Molalla, Middle North Santiam and Little North Santiam Watersheds near Mill City OR; Rock Creek/Pudding River Watershed near Scotts Mills OR; Crabtree Creek and Hamilton Creek/South Santiam Watersheds near Lebanon OR</p>	<p>Multiple final decisions are expected to be issued late spring 2006-fall 2006.</p>	<p>Rudy Hefter (503) 375-5671</p>
<p>2007 Timber Sale Project (EA# OR080-06-06): Approximately 2,900 acres are being assessed for commercial thinning in three project areas (<i>Gordon Creek, Beeline, and McDowell Creek</i>), and constitutes the Cascades fiscal year 2007 timber sale program. Average stand age ranges from 40 to 70-years old. Thinning would occur in the Matrix and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations (LUA).</p>	<p>Gordon Creek/Lower Sandy Watershed near Corbett OR; Upper Molalla (Pudding River and Upper Clear Creek subwatersheds); Lower Molalla (Canyon Creek subwatershed) near Colton OR; and Hamilton Creek/South Santiam Watershed near Lebanon OR</p>	<p>Scoping</p>	<p>Rudy Hefter (503) 375-5671</p>
<p>Ag47 (EA# OR080-04-08, Project 1): The proposed action is approximately 341 acres of thinning in the Matrix LUA; and 91 acres of riparian thinning.</p>	<p>T8S, R1E, Section 35; T8S R2E, Section 31; T9S R2E, Sections 3 and 5.</p>	<p>Final decision expected to be issued summer 2006.</p>	<p>Keith Walton (503) 375-5676</p>
<p>Clear Dodger Reissue (EA# OR080-03-03): Project 2, riparian restoration is a proposal to girdle trees to create snags without wood removal within the Riparian Reserves.</p>	<p>T4 S, R4, Sections 13, 23-25; T4 S, R 5 E., Section 30; approximately 7 miles southeast of Estacada OR in Clackamas County on the Hillockburn Road.</p>	<p>Final decision expected to be issued late spring 2006.</p>	<p>Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973</p>
<p>Keel Mountain Density Management Study (EA# OR080-06-07): This project is the second phase of the Keel Mountain Density Management Study cooperative resource project initiated in 1996. This phase consists primarily of various thinning densities in the Matrix and Riparian Reserve land use allocations in existing research plots and in newly established research plots.</p>	<p>T.12 S. R. 1E, Section 13, within the Hamilton Creek and South Santiam Watersheds near Lebanon OR.</p>	<p>Scoping</p>	<p>Charley Thompson (503) 315-5966</p>
<p>Roadside Fuels Reduction (CX): A proposal to prune, remove invasive plants and other brush, and pull back slash along roadsides on BLM lands, especially in rural/urban interface areas. This will reduce roadside fuel accumulations to help prevent fire ignitions, or slow fire spread.</p>	<p>Cascades Resource Area-wide</p>	<p>CX to be completed spring/summer 2006</p>	<p>Barbara Raible (503) 375-5687</p>
Watershed Restoration Actions			
<p>Cascades Resource Area Soil Rehabilitation: Formerly the Jackson Creek Off-Highway Vehicle Trail Closure (EA# OR-080-06-08): Rehabilitate areas damaged and eroded by unauthorized off-road vehicle use.</p>	<p>Cascades Resource Area-wide.</p>	<p>Analysis ongoing. Environmental assessment to be completed late spring 2006</p>	<p>Wesley Wong (503) 589-6844</p>
Multiple Projects			
None			
Recreation Actions			
<p>Canyon Creek Recreation Site Water System Upgrade and Host Site Installation (EA# OR080-06-07): The proposed action is to replace the existing water system and install a host site to provide additional safety and security at the Canyon Creek recreation site.</p>	<p>T.9S.,R.3E, Section 7; approximately 28 miles east of Salem OR on the North Fork County Road.</p>	<p>Decision Record issued in May of 2006</p>	<p>Zach Jarrett (503) 375-5610</p>

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Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Larch Mountain Scientific Educational Environment Research Area Management Plan and Environmental Assessment: Will be covered in Sandy River Management Plan (See Watershed Analysis / Other Planning).	T1S, R5E, Section 3; 8 miles east of Corbett OR on the Larch Mountain Road.	See Sandy River Management Plan	Belle Smith (503) 315-5984
Molalla River Recreation Management Plan and Environmental Assessment: Will address long term management of recreation and facility needs along the Molalla River and the Molalla River Shared-Use Trail System.	Final planning area still being determined; general area approximately 10 miles southeast of Molalla OR.	Scoping	Zach Jarrett (503) 375-5610
Silver Falls Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Lease Environmental Assessment: Will address any new recreational facility developments on a 200-acre parcel of BLM-administered land associated with the renewal of a R&PP lease to the State of Oregon adjacent to Silver Falls State Park.	T8S, R1E, Section 3; approximately 15 miles east of Salem OR.	Scoping	Belle Smith (503) 315-5984
Table Rock Wilderness Management Plan Update and Environmental Assessment: The 1984 plan will be updated to address changes in use, access, and resource protection.	T7S, R3 & 4E; approximately 19 miles southeast of Molalla OR.	Scoping	Zach Jarrett (503) 375-5610
Table Rock Wilderness Trail Relocation Project Environmental Assessment (EA# OR 080-06-11): Will address a trail decommissioning and relocation project due to poor surface drainage and misalignment. Project will occur on the Saddle Trail within the Table Rock Wilderness.	T7S, R4E; approximately 19 miles southeast of Molalla OR.	Scoping – Environmental assessment to be completed summer of 2006	Zach Jarrett (503) 375-5610
Wildwood House Replacement and Office Loop Road (EA# OR080-06-05): The volunteer and seasonal mobile home trailer would be replaced due to the age and deteriorating condition. A short maintenance road (approximately 430 feet) would be constructed around the maintenance shop compound to allow for safer turnarounds for vehicle and trailers. An existing host site at the maintenance compound would be moved to the maintenance road to allow for safer access for volunteer vehicles.	T2 S, R7E, Section 31; approximately 12 miles east of Sandy OR.	Decision Record issued in April of 2006	Traci Meredith (503) 315-5991
Transportation System Management Actions			
Road Maintenance and Repair (EA/CX/DNA).	Cascades Resource Area-wide.	Ongoing	Dan Nevin (503) 375-5673
Yellowbottom Box Culvert Replacement (EA): Replace a 52-year old concrete culvert structure.	T11S R4E, Section 19; about 20 miles northeast of Sweet Home OR.	NEPA to be completed late spring 2006.	Dan Nevin (503) 375-5673
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Clackamas County Communication Tower Environmental Assessment (EA# OR-080-05-13): The BLM has received a request from Clackamas County to install a 70-foot communication tower in the Brightwood Communication Site area. This would improve communications for emergency services (police, fire, and rescue).	T2S, R6E, Section 14; approximately 12 miles east of Sandy OR.	Decision Record issued in March of 2006	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA): For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.	Cascades Resource Area-wide	Ongoing.	Carolyn Sands (503) 315-5973
Gordon Creek Watershed Analysis: The BLM has contracted with E&S Environmental Chemistry Inc. of Corvallis to complete an analysis of the aquatic, terrestrial, and social resources in this watershed.	T1S- R4, 5 and 6E	Scheduled for completion by summer 2006	Patrick Howe (503) 315-5974
Milk Creek Watershed Analysis: The BLM is working in partnership with Molalla River Watch to complete an analysis of the aquatic, terrestrial, and social resources in this watershed.	T4S-R3E, T4S-R4E, T5S-R3E, T5S-R4E	Scheduled for completion by summer 2006	Belle Smith (503) 315-5984
Pudding River Watershed Assessment: The BLM is working in partnership with the Pudding River Watershed Council to complete an analysis of the aquatic, terrestrial, and social resources in this watershed.	T6S-R1&2 E, T7S –R1 &2 E, T8S-11E	Completed April 2006	Wesley Wong (503) 589-6844

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<p>Sandy River Watershed Analysis Revision: The BLM is working in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service to complete an update of the Sandy River Watershed Analysis. This analysis is the initial stage of the Sandy River planning effort.</p>	<p>T1S-R4E, T2S-R4E, T2S-R5E, T2S-R6E, T2S-R7E, T2S-R8E</p>	<p>Scheduled for completion by December 2006</p>	<p>Belle Smith (503) 315-5984</p>
<p>Sandy River Management Plan: Will address long term resource protection and management needs for newly acquired lands in the Sandy River Watershed.</p>	<p>Final planning area still being determined; general area located approximately 30 miles east of Portland.</p>	<p>Scoping</p>	<p>Belle Smith (503) 315-5984</p>

Table 2: Marys Peak Resource Area Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<p>Vegetation Management Actions (Additional vegetation management actions are described under the Multiple Projects heading)</p>			
<p>Gleason Thin (EA# OR080-04-14): The project area is approximately 197 acres of 60-year old forest in General Forest Management Areas and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include commercial thinning, density management, road construction, renovation, blocking, and decommissioning.</p>	<p>T13S, R6W, Section 19, Benton County; approximately 12 miles southwest of Philomath, OR; located in the Benton Foothills Watershed.</p>	<p>Decision Record issued in spring 2006.</p>	<p>Dan Schreindorfer (503) 315-5994</p>
<p>Yamaha Stewardship (EA# OR080-06-?): The proposed project area is in Late-Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves. Proposed project activities include density management of approximately 151 acres of 50 to 70-year old forest, culvert replacements, trail maintenance, and large woody debris placement.</p>	<p>South Fork Alsea River Watershed, Benton County; approximately 12 miles southwest of Philomath, OR.</p>	<p>Scoping in progress for issues. The project is proposed for fiscal year 2008</p>	<p>Andy Frazier (503) 315-5979</p>
<p>K-Line Late-Successional Reserve Enhancement (EA# OR 080-05-08): The proposed project area is approximately 304 acres of 50 to 60-year-old forest in Late-Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include density management, road construction, renovation, and decommissioning.</p>	<p>T7S, R7W, Section 31, Polk County; approximately 15 miles west of Dallas, OR in the Rickreall and Upper Siletz Watersheds.</p>	<p>Environmental assessment complete. Decision to be issued in summer 2006.</p>	<p>Gary Humbard (503) 315-5981</p>
<p>Maxfield Creek Density Management and Meadow Restoration (EA# OR 080-04-19): Approximately 268 acres of forest stands aged 35-110 years in Adaptive Management Areas and Riparian Reserves are proposed for density management and restoration to oak and woodland habitat. Approximately 50 acres of upland meadow and Oregon white oak habitat are proposed for restoration. This will be done by removal of encroaching conifers, seeding native species, controlling invasive species, and planting oak trees. After vegetation treatments, approximately 321 acres are proposed for management with prescribed fire.</p>	<p>Maxfield, Berry and Soap Creeks, northwest of Corvallis, OR. T10S, R5W, Sections 19 and 29, and T10S, R6W, Section 22.</p>	<p>Environmental assessment complete. Decision to be issued in summer 2006.</p>	<p>Hugh Snook (503) 315-5964</p>
<p>Condenser Peak Late-Successional Reserve Enhancement (EA# OR 080-05-07): The proposed project area is approximately 275 acres of 50 to 60-year-old forest in Late-Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves within the North Coast Adaptive Management Area. Proposed activities include density management, meadow restoration, CWD enhancement, road construction, renovation, and decommissioning.</p>	<p>T7S, R8W, Sections 13 and 14, Polk County; approximately 18 miles west of Dallas, OR in the Mill Creek and Upper Siletz Watersheds.</p>	<p>Decision to be issued in summer 2006.</p>	<p>Amy Haynes (503) 315-5955</p>

Table 2: Marys Peak Resource Area Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Cold Springs Late-Successional Reserve Enhancement (EA# OR 080-05-12): The proposed project area is approximately 178 acres of 50 to 60-year-old forest in Late-Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include density management, road construction, renovation, and decommissioning.	T9S, R7W, Section 3, Polk County; approximately 9 miles southwest of Dallas, OR in the Luckiamute River Watershed.	Scoping in progress for issues. The project is proposed for fiscal year 2009.	Gary Humbard (503) 315-5981
Neuman Thinning (Project 2 of EA# OR 080-04-05): The proposed project area is approximately 101 acres of 40-55-year-old forest in Late-Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves within the North Coast Adaptive Management Area. Proposed activities include density management, road construction, road renovation, and road decommissioning.	T7S, R7W, Sections 1 and 2, Polk County; approximately 8 miles west of Dallas, OR in the Mill Creek Watershed.	Decision to be issued in fall 2006.	Andy Frazier (503) 315-5979
Parker Bear Density Management (EA# OR 080-04-18): The proposed project area is approximately 253 acres of 50-70-year-old forest in Late-Successional Reserves and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include density management, road construction, road decommissioning, and road renovation.	T12S, R7W, Sections 29, 32 and 33; T13S, R7W, Section 5, Benton County; approximately 11 miles southwest of Philomath, OR in the North Fork Alsea Watershed.	Environmental assessment complete. Decision to be issued in winter 2007.	Gary Humbard (503) 315-5981
Mainline II Thinning (EA# OR080-05-11): The proposed project area is approximately 172 acres of 60-year old forest in General Forest Management Areas and Riparian Reserves. The proposed activities include commercial thinning, density management, and road construction.	T14S, R6W, Sections 17 and 19, Benton County; approximately 5 miles west of Bell Fountain, OR in the Marys River Watershed	Environmental assessment to be completed in fall 2006. The sale is planned for fiscal year 2008	Bill Caldwell (503) 315-5961
Rickard Creek (EA# OR 080-04-16): This proposed project area is approximately 120 acres of 72-year old forest in General Forest Management Areas and Riparian Reserves. Proposed activities include regeneration harvest, density management, and road construction.	T13S, R6W, Section 29, Benton County; approximately 10 miles west of Monroe, OR in the Marys River Watershed.	Developing the proposed action. The project is proposed for fiscal year 2009.	Phil Sjoding (503) 315-5980
Marys Peak Integrated Non-Native Plant Management Plan Revision (EA# OR080-03-10): The existing EA would be amended to include an analysis of chemicals in controlling Oregon State-listed noxious weeds. The Marys Peak Resource Area is considering; i) amending the existing weed EA to include an analysis for the use of chemicals within the Marys Peak Resource Area, or ii) write a new EA for weed treatment, including an analysis for the use of chemicals, and include the Tillamook Resource Area in the analysis.	Westside Salem District, Coast Range.	Analysis and scoping in progress. Environmental assessment to be completed by April 1, 2007.	Ron Exeter (503) 315-5963
Multiple Projects			
McFall Creek Density Management Study (EA# OR080-06-12) The proposed project area is approximately 280 acres of 60-year old forest in Adaptive Management Areas and Riparian Reserves. The proposed activities include commercial thinning, density management, road construction, and road renovation.	T8S, R7W, Section 31, Polk County; approximately 13 miles southwest of Dallas, OR in the South Fork Siletz River Watershed	Scoping in progress. The project is proposed for fiscal year 2008.	Traci Meredith (503) 315-5991
Wooden Lobster (EA# OR080-04-23): Whole trees would be cut and placed in streams in the Lobster and Alsea Basins by helicopter to enhance fish habitat.	T15S, R8W, Sections 15 and 22; T14S, R8W, Sections 31 and 32; Lobster River mainstem, Little Lobster Creek, Briar Creek, and Bummer Creek.	Environmental assessment to be completed in July, 2006. Project planned for fiscal year 2007.	Scott Snedaker (503) 375-5928
Recreation Actions			
Alsea Falls Recreation Site Management Plan: Develop a comprehensive recreation management plan to include operations and maintenance of the Alsea Falls Recreation Site. Construct an equestrian trail and connecting route/byway between Hult Reservoir and South Fork Byway.	T14S, R7W, Section 25; South Fork Alsea River.	Early scoping and assessment ongoing; general comments and concerns welcome.	Traci Meredith (503) 315-5991

Table 2: Marys Peak Resource Area Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
<p>Yaquina Head Outstanding Natural Area Management Plan (EA): Develop a comprehensive management plan to include all aspects of the environment and the operations and maintenance of the site.</p>	<p>T10S, R11W, Section 29 and 30, Lincoln County; 3 miles north of Newport, OR.</p>	<p>Scoping in progress; assessment ongoing. Environmental assessment to be completed in September 2006.</p>	<p>Joe Ashor (541) 574-3142</p>
Transportation System Management Actions			
<p>South Fork Alsea River Byway (Road #14-6-34.1) Hazard Tree Removal: Alleviate risk to public users resulting from hazard trees and excessive buildup of leaf litter.</p>	<p>Removal of hazard trees adjacent to a two lane, paved road. The targeted trees would include: trees leaning into or over the roadway; deciduous trees overtopping the roadway; suppressed trees with hazardous root development.</p>	<p>Environmental assessment to be completed in fall 2006. Project specifics are addressed in the 2006/2007 Road Maintenance Plan DNA.</p>	<p>Steve Cyrus (503) 315-5988</p>
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
<p>Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA): For various land uses such as rights-of-way, tailholds, and special use permits.</p>	<p>Marys Peak Resource Area-wide</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>Randy Gould (503) 375-5682</p>
Watershed Analysis			
<p>None</p>			

Table 3: Tillamook Resource Area

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions (Additional vegetation management actions are described under the Multiple Projects heading)			
None			
Watershed Restoration Actions			
None			
Multiple Projects			
Roaring Creek (EA) The proposed project includes density management thinning, road decommissioning, and wildlife enhancement on approximately 1,150 acres.	Upper Tualatin River Watershed	Scoping to begin in October 2006	Bob McDonald (503) 815-1110
Pig's Puzzle (EA# 086-97-13) This document is a reissue of the environmental analysis first documented in the Pig's Puzzle Project Environmental Assessment (EA# OR-086-97-13), dated February 18, 1998. This EA reissue covers a commercial thinning and regeneration harvest timber sale on 277 acres of federal lands.	The project area is approximately 35 miles northwest of Portland, OR in T4N, R2W, Sections 29 and 31, and T4 N, R3W, Section 25; Willamette Meridian.	Public comment expected in July 2006.	Bob McDonald (503) 815-1110
Hoag Pass (EA# 086-05-03) The proposed project includes: density management thinning on approximately 921 acres of 30-97-year-old Douglas fir; fish and wildlife habitat enhancement encompassing 927 acres, with treatment of up to 8 trees per acre; and removing hardwoods to reduce road maintenance problems along approximately 10 miles of roadway.	The project area is 22 miles southeast of Tillamook, OR in the upper reaches of the Nestucca River Watershed. The project area includes T3S, R7W, Sections 13, 14, 21-28, 34-36; T3S, R6W, Sections 19, 30 and 31; Willamette Meridian.	Public comment period closed on May 19, 2006. A decision is expected in June 2006.	Steve Bahe (503) 815-1123
Recreation Actions			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA): For various actions such as special use permits.	Tillamook Resource Area-wide.	Ongoing	Debra Drake (503) 815-1134
Transportation System Management Actions			
Road Maintenance and Repair (EA/CX/DNA).	Tillamook Resource Area-wide.	Ongoing	Amy Herburger (503) 815-1142
Miscellaneous Land Use Requests			
Process Requests (EA/CX/DNA): For various land uses such as right-of-ways, easements, etc.	Tillamook Resource Area-wide.	Ongoing	Amy Herburger (503) 815-1142
Watershed Analysis			
East Fork Nehalem Watershed Assessment. The BLM is cooperating with the Nehalem Watershed Council to complete a watershed assessment of a portion of the Nehalem Watershed.	Portion of the Nehalem River Watershed	Expected completion in June 2006	Caroline Hooper (503) 315-5927
Salem Resource Management Plan Implementation Strategy Development			
None			
Walker Creek APU. An interdisciplinary team approach to project identification on a watershed-level basis. Potential projects include: wildlife and fish habitat improvement, watershed restoration, and vegetation management.	Walker Creek sub-watershed. Headwaters of the Nestucca River.	Project identification process not subject to National Environmental Policy Act	Carolina Hooper (503) 815-1119

Table 4: District-wide Proposed Projects

Name / Description of Project	Location	Planning Status	Contact
Vegetation Management Actions			
<p>Invasive Weed Management (EA) The objectives are to establish an integrated weed management program for the Marys Peak and Tillamook Resource Areas. All treatment methods would be considered, including herbicide application to certain weed species.</p>	Marys Peak and Tillamook Resource Areas	Scoping fiscal year 2006.	Kurt Heckeroth (503) 815-1132
<p>Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS) Site Maintenance (EA) The objectives are to establish a long term vegetation management plan around three sites. These stations monitor weather data to assist in rating fire danger and are located in areas which represent local forest conditions and weather patterns.</p>	Cascades – Horse Creek , Yellowstone Tillamook - Rye Mountain	Estimated environmental assessment completion in winter 2006	Barbara Raible (503) 375-5687
Multiple Projects			
None			
Recreation Actions			
None			
Transportation System Management Actions			
None			

Table 5: Timber Sales for the Salem District - Fiscal Year 2006

Please note that the authorized officer may subsequently change, alter or amend the information on any of these sales.

Resource Area	Cascades	Cascades	Cascades	Cascades	Cascades	Cascades
Timber Sale Name	Butte Creek	Hillock (Re-offer)	Ag 47	Annie's Cabin	Snake Creek Thinning	Cascades
Probable Location (Township, Range, Section)	T6S, R2E, Sec. 19, 25, 27, 29, 35; T7S, R2E, Sec. 15 and 25	T5S, R4E, Sec. 12, 14, 24 and 26	T8S, R1E, Sec. 35; T8S, R2E, Sec. 31; T9S, R2E, Sec.3 and 5	T 6 S, R 3 E, Sec. 7, 18, 19, 30, 31 T 7 S, R 3 E Sec. 5, 6	T10S, R2E, Sec. 1, 11, and 15; T10S, R3E, Sec. 5	
Land Use Allocation	GFMA	GFMA and Riparian Reserve	GFMA	GFMA and Riparian Reserve	GFMA and LSR	
Proposed Harvest Type	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning	
Anticipated Acreage Involved	523	296	273	622	266	
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	10,399	5,608	7,328	9,000	3,750	
Probable Sale Offering Date	November 30, 2005	November 30, 2005	August 30, 2006	Moved to Fiscal Year 2007	Moved to Fiscal Year 2007	
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No	No	No	No	No	
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	Environmental assessment completed	Environmental assessment completed	Environmental assessment completed	Environmental assessment completed	Environmental assessment completed	
Items of Special Interest	None	None	None	None	None	
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	SOLD	SOLD	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	
Contact Person's Name	Randy Herrin	Keith Walton	Keith Walton	Randy Herrin	Randy Herrin	
Contact Person's Number	(503) 315-5924	(503) 375-5676	(503) 375-5676	(503) 315-5924	(503) 315-5924	

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Table 5: Timber Sales for the Salem District - Fiscal Year 2006

Please note that the authorized officer may subsequently change, alter or amend the information on any of these sales.

Resource Area	Marys Peak	Marys Peak	Marys Peak	Marys Peak	Tillamook	Tillamook	Tillamook
Timber Sale Name	Parker Bear	Maxfield Creek	Gleason Creek	Plenty Agua	Southern Flame II	Powerline Dairy	
Probable Location (Township, Range, Section)	T12S, R7W, Sec. 29, 32, and 33; T13S, R7W, Sec. 5	T10S, R5W, Sec. 19, 22, and 29	T13S, R6W, Sec. 19	T2N, R3W, Sec. 3; T3N, R3W, Sec. 21, and 29; T2N, R2W, Sec. 7	T3S, R7W, Secs 5, 8, 9, and 10	T4N, R3W, Sec. 33	
Land Use Allocation	LSR and Riparian Reserve	AMA and Riparian Reserve	GFMA and Riparian Reserve	GFMA and Riparian Reserve	AMR and Riparian Reserve	GFMA and Riparian Reserve	
Proposed Harvest Type	Density Management	Density Management	Commercial Thinning	Commercial Thinning & Regeneration	Density Management	Commercial Thinning & Regeneration	
Anticipated Acreage Involved	225	268	197	238	400	88	
Anticipated Volume (MBF)	3,350	6,500	5,000	5,100	8,000	1,150	
Probable Sale Offering Date	Moved to 2 nd half of Fiscal Year 2007	Moved to 1 st half of Fiscal Year 2007	August 30, 2006	August 30, 2006	August 30, 2006	Moved to 1 st half of Fiscal Year 2007	
Set-Aside for SBA? (Yes or No)	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	
NEPA Document Type (CX/EA) and Status	Environmental assessment completed	Environmental assessment completed	Environmental assessment completed	Environmental assessment completed	Environmental assessment completed	Environmental assessment completed	
Items of Special Interest	None	Some woodland/meadow restoration	None	Small Business Administration Set Aside	None	None	
Timber Sale Status (In Preparation/ Advertised/Sold)	On Hold	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	In Preparation	
Contact Person's Name	Gary Humbarb	Hugh Snook	Dan Schreindorfer	John Johansen	John Johansen	John Johansen	
Contact Person's Number	(503) 315-5981	(503) 315-5964	(503) 315-5994	(503) 815-1116	(503) 815-1116	(503) 815-1116	

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