

Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



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Dear Citizen:

The Planning Update is published to provide current information about specific projects and future events planned on the Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management. Please send written comments, including the specific project and field office name, to 777 N.W. Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97470, during the public comment period.

Since the fall of 2005, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been working on the revision of its resource management plans (RMP) for Western Oregon. The Roseburg District RMP will be revised as part of this effort. The BLM released a draft plan and analysis of the plan (draft RMP/draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)) last August, and the public commented on this Plan until January 2008. The BLM expects to release a proposed RMP/final EIS this fall, with a decision on the Plan in mid-December.

The Final EIS contains a range of alternatives that will comply with all applicable Federal laws. The Proposed RMP, contained within the Final EIS, was created from portions of the alternatives in the draft and remains within the scope of the original analysis. Revision of the existing plans will assure that BLM makes significant contributions to western Oregon Counties. As required by the O&C Lands Act of 1937, BLM will provide a predictable and sustainable flow of timber from lands under the act to support local industry. At the same time, revised plans will assure that BLM management continues to provide clean water, recreation opportunities and a diversity of uses on public lands that are important to the residents of western Oregon.

We will continue to update you on the progress of the Plan revisions in our Quarterly Planning Update, and we thank you for your participation in our planning process!

Lastly, thanks to all of you who provided your email address to receive the electronic link to this update. We appreciate your willingness to help us conserve valuable resources, and we welcome your interest in public lands.

Sincerely,

Jay K. Carlson
District Manager

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Non-Discretionary Actions Under Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreements

A reciprocal right-of-way agreement is a document exchanging access rights between BLM and a permittee pursuant to 43 CFR 2812 regulations. BLM has 140 individual agreements and easements that were executed prior to the implementation of the Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP p. 71). These 140 agreements are subject to regulations in effect at the time the agreements were executed or assigned. The BLM's discretion on activities pursuant to these agreements (such as road construction) is limited to that described in the agreement itself.

South River Field Office

- **Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Improvement of 1572 feet of BLM Road No. 31-3-29.0 in the SW¼NE¼ Section 20, T. 31 S., R. 3 W. and N½ Section 29, T. 31 S., R. 3 W., W.M. A portion of the lands in Section 29 are administered by the Medford District and allocated as General Forest Management Area. Lands in Section 29 administered by the South River Field Office are allocated as Late-Successional Reserve. The forest stands are mid-seral in nature. Lands in Section 20, administered by the South River Field Office are allocated as Late-Successional Reserve and consist of early and mid-seral stands.
- **Lone Rock Timberland Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-543** – Improvement of 555 feet of BLM Road No. 29-4-34.0 in the SE¼SE¼ Section 33, T. 29 S., R. 4 W., W.M. The BLM lands involved are early and late-seral stands in the Connectivity/Diversity Block land use allocation.

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-913** --- Reconstruct 2,467 feet of road on BLM lands located in the SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 20, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W. M. and NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 29, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W.M. This action occurs in mid-seral stands on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-645A** --- Construct 260 feet of road on BLM lands located in the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 9, T. 21 S., R. 6 W., W. M. This action occurs in mid-seral stands on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-913** --- Improve 3,000 feet of road on BLM lands located in the NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 31, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W. M. and NW ¼ NE ¼ of Section 5, T. 27 S., R. 2 W., W.M. This action occurs in mid-seral stands on lands allocated as the Adaptive Management Area.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-646** --- Improve 502 feet of road on BLM lands located in the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 18, T. 25 S., R. 1 W., W. M. This action occurs in mid-seral stands on lands allocated as General Forest Management Area.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-645A** --- Improve 268 feet of road on BLM lands located in the SW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 31, T. 20 S., R. 6 W., W. M. This action occurs in mid-seral stands on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Lone Rock Timber Management Co. (Juniper Properties) R-645P** --- Reconstruct 3,540 feet of road on BLM lands located in the NW ¼ SW ¼, NW ¼ NW ¼ of Section 11, T. 23 S., R. 6 W., W. M. This action occurs in mid-seral stands on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-659** --- Improve 4,220 feet of road on BLM lands located in the NW ¼ SW ¼, NW ¼ of Section 35, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., W.M. This action occurs in late-seral stands on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.

Categorical Exclusions

Categorical Exclusions are categories of actions determined to have no significant effect to the human environment, individually or cumulatively. As such, neither an EA nor an EIS is required (40 CFR 1508.4). For more discussion of Categorical Exclusions, please see page 10 of this Update.

South River Field Office

- **Cow Creek Access Road Realignment** – Realignment of approximately 860 linear feet of the Cow Creek Access Road (BLM Road No. 30-6-32.0) to improve safety and visibility through several curves in W½SW¼, Section 36, T. 30 S., R. 7 W., W.M. (OR-105-08-18).
- **Herbert Lumber Co. Temporary Haul Permit** – Issuance of a temporary haul permit to Herbert Lumber Co. authorizing the haul of logs from private land over Segments A and B1 of BLM Road No. 29-3-33.4 in Section 4, T. 30 S., R. 3 W., W.M. (OR-105-08-21).
- **Road Maintenance/Roadside Salvage** – Salvage of dead, dying and leaning trees that pose a danger to traffic along roads in both Matrix lands and Late-Successional Reserves at various locations in the East Fork Coquille, Middle South Umpqua-Dumont Creek, South Umpqua and Olalla Creek-Lookingglass Creek fifth-field watersheds. (OR-105-08-22).
- **Top Cat Commercial Thinning** – Commercial thinning of two young, overstocked forest stands, approximately 45 years old and 44 acres in area, in General Forest Management Area and Riparian Reserve land use allocations in Section 13, T. 29 S., R. 9 W., W.M. (OR-105-08-25).
- **Christian Futures, Inc. Temporary Haul Permit and Helicopter Log Landings** – Issuance of a temporary haul permit and the use of two helicopter log landings to Christian Futures, Inc. authorizing the haul of logs from private land over Segments B, C, and D of BLM Road No. 31-5-15.0 and No. 31-5-27.1. The two helicopter log landings authorized for use are located in NE¼SW¼, Section 23, T. 31 S., R. 5 W., W.M. (OR 105-08-34).
- **Tri-City Hazardous Fuels Reduction** – Fuels reduction to be conducted by a hand crew using chainsaws and hand tools on approximately 4.5 acres in General Forest Management Area located adjacent to a residential area of Tri-City, Oregon in NW¼NW¼, Section 17, T. 30 S., R. 5 W., W.M. (OR-105-08-35).
- **Road Maintenance/Roadside Salvage** – Salvage of dead, dying and blowdown trees that pose a threat to public safety in both Late-Successional Reserve and Matrix land use allocations at various locations in the South Fork Coos, Middle Fork Coquille and Olalla Creek-Lookingglass Creek fifth-field watersheds. (OR-105-08-36).

Swiftwater Field Office

- **North Bank Archaeological Excavations 2008.** – Limited archaeological testing at site 35DO61 on a river terrace. Excavation of approximately 15 square meters to a depth of 60-70 centimeters, backfilled and seeded upon completion. (OR-104-08-28).
- **Kelly Creek Culvert Replacement.** – Replacement of the undersized culvert on BLM Road No. 25-3-36.0 in Section 23, T. 25 S., R. 3 W., W.M. by installing a new 60 inch diameter culvert designed to pass a 100 year rain event. (OR-104-08-33).
- **Pacificorp 12.5 kV Distribution Line Right-of-Way OROR 065428** – Reauthorizes the right-of-way grant across BLM lands (ORE 05008) for approximately 50 years. The 12.5 kV distribution lines follow Pacificorp, County Road No. 4H across private and BLM managed lands. The line is 7,137 feet long with a width of 40 feet and contains 6.55 acres. No additional ground disturbance is required, although routine maintenance activities, such as pole replacement, hazard tree removal, and vegetation clearing is approved. (OR-104-08-23).

New Projects

Roseburg District

Roseburg District Aquatic & Riparian Restoration

Description: Programmatic analysis of a variety of aquatic and riparian restoration work, including but not limited to, instream placement of logs and boulders, fish passage improvements, and road and culvert improvements, replacement, or rehabilitation.

Location: District-wide

Issue Identification: Anticipated Fall 2008.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated January - February, 2009.

Decision Date: Anticipated March – April, 2009.

South River Field Office

None this quarter.

Swiftwater Field Office

Little Wolf Thrice Density Management

Description: Experimental Thinning in the Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocation. The third phase of the ongoing Density Management Study (DMS) initiated in 1993 involving approximately 20 acres, treated within the same unit boundaries as used previously. The project is located in mid-seral stands within the Late-Successional Reserve land use allocation.

Location: Section 3 & 10, T. 25 S., R. 8 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Anticipated October 2008.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated January 15 – February 12, 2009.

Decision Date: Anticipated March 2009.

Northeast Elk Density Management

Description: Density management of approximately 1645 acres of mid-seral, managed stands located within the Elk Creek/Umpqua River Fifth-field Watershed. Approximately 971 acres are within the Connectivity/Diversity Block and 674 acres are within the Riparian Reserve land use allocations. This project would have multiple decisions, one for each of the following timber sales: Bear Bones, Mr. Bennet, General Lee, Cox Pit, and Bucko.

Location: Sections 27 and 35 of T. 21 S., R. 04 W., Sections 9, 15, 20, 21, 23, and 27 of T. 22 S., R. 04 W., and Section 3 of T. 23 S., R. 04 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Scoping August-September 2008.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated December 2, 2008 – January 2, 2009.

Decision Date: Multiple decisions anticipated in FY2009.

Susan Creek Stew WUI (Wildland Urban Interface)

Description: Fuels reduction on approximately 23 acres along less than one mile of road. The treatment would include removal of standing and down dead trees, hand cutting of brush, and chipping or removal of cut material. The project would increase defensible space within the urban interface as described in the Susan Creek Community Wildlife Protection Plan and would occur in the General Forest Management Area and Riparian Reserve.

Location: Sections 13 and 14 of T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated October 7 through November 4, 2008.

Decision Date: Anticipated December 1, 2008.

Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items

South River Field Office

Timber Management Activities

Middle South Umpqua/Dumont Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 290 acres of mid-seral forest stands allocated as General Forest Management Area, Connectivity/Diversity Block or Riparian Reserves.

Location: Proposed units are located in Sections 21, and 32, T. 29 S., R. 2 W.; and Sections 3, 9, 11 and 15, T. 30 S., R. 2 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated in October, 2008.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

South Umpqua River Watershed Harvest Plan

Description: The proposed action is threefold, consisting of: regeneration harvest of an estimated 236 acres, commercial thinning of an estimated 897 acres of forest lands in the Matrix land use allocations, including density management in associated Riparian Reserves; and density management of an estimated 574 acres in Late-Successional Reserve (LSR). The acreage has increased since the project was listed in the Winter 2007 Quarterly Planning Update, as a result of identification of additional acres suitable for commercial thinning and density management.

Location: The stands proposed for treatment are located in the Days Creek, Coffee Creek, St. Johns Creek, Shively O'Shea Creek, and Stouts Creek 6th-field subwatersheds of the South Umpqua 5th-field watershed. Individual units are located as follows:

Regeneration Harvest - Section 25, T. 29 S., R. 3 W.; Sections 3 and 4, T. 30 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Commercial Thinning and Density Management in Matrix - Sections 8, 17, 18 and 19, T. 29 S., R. 2 W.; Sections 13, 25, 27, 33 and 35, T. 29 S., R. 3 W.; Section 9, T. 30 S., R. 2 W.; and Sections 3, 7, 15, 21 and 23, T. 30 S., R. 3 W., W.M.

LSR Density Management - Sections 29, 30 and 31, T. 30 S., R. 4 W.; Section 25, T. 31 S., R. 3 W., Sections 9, 13, 21, 23, and 30, T. 31 S., R. 4 W.; and Section 25, T. 31 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Discretionary Scoping: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: July 8 through August 7, 2008.

Decision Date: Multiple decisions are anticipated in fiscal years 2009 and 2010.

Lower Cow Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning and density management on approximately 722 acres. Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations in conjunction with density management in associated Riparian Reserves totals approximately 402 acres. Density management in Late-Successional Reserves totals approximately 320 acres.

Location: Section 13, T. 30 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 25, 27 and 35, T. 30 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 7, 13, 15, 17 and 19, T. 31 S., R. 6 W.; and Section 13, T. 31 S., R.7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: A decision for Minnesota Flats Commercial Thinning was issued in August of 2008. Additional decisions are anticipated in fiscal year 2009.

Middle Fork Coquille 2007 Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units, and density management in Late-Successional Reserves. Approximately 835 acres were analyzed for treatment.

Location: Sections 5, 15, 29, 31, 32 and 33 in T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 1, 11, and 35 in T. 29 S., R. 9 W.; Sections 5, 9, 15, 27, and 33 in T. 30 S., R. 8 W.; and Section 3 in T. 30 S., R. 9 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: June 26, 2007 to July 26, 2007.

Decision Date: The final decision from the assessment, Pass the Buck Commercial Thinning and Density Management, was issued in August, 2008.

Olalla-Lookingglass LSR Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units, and density management in Late-Successional Reserves. Approximately 825 acres were analyzed for treatment.

Location: Sections 21 and 27 of T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; Section 31 of T. 29 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 9 and 19 of T. 30 S., R. 7 W.; and Sections 1, 11, 13, 15, and 23 of T. 30 S., R. 8 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: May 7 to June 7, 2007.

Decision Date: Decisions were issued for Olly Cat Density Management in February, 2008 and for Suicide Squeeze Density Management in July, 2008. Suicide Squeeze is the final decision to be issued for this assessment and also contains units that were analyzed in the Middle Fork Coquille EA.

South Myrtle Creek Regeneration Harvest Plan

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 583 acres of mature and late-successional forest comprised of the previously sold but unawarded Buck Fever, Class of 98, Dream Weaver and Sweet Pea timber sales.

Location: Sections 29, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 36, T. 28 S., R. 3 W.; Sections 1, 3, 9 and 11, T. 29 S., R. 3 W.; Sections 15, 17 and 19, T. 29 S. R. 4 W.; and Section 25, T. 29 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Comment Period: Anticipated in the fall of 2008.

Decision Date: Uncertain at this time.

Can-Can Regeneration Harvest

Description: Regeneration harvest on approximately 489 acres within the Matrix. Three sales, Screen Pass, Hi-Yo Silver and Myrtle Morgan would yield an estimated 14-16 MMBF of timber.

Location: O'Shea Creek and Canyon Creek 6th-field subwatersheds in the South Umpqua River 5th field watershed, and the Judd Creek 6th field subwatershed in the Middle South Umpqua River 5th field watershed. Proposed units are located in T. 30 S., R. 4 W., Section 5; T. 30 S., R. 5 W., Sections 9, 10, 11 and 15; T. 31 S., R. 5 W., Sections 23 and 26; and T. 30 S., R. 6 W., Sections 13 and 25.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: A decision for the Myrtle Morgan timber sale was issued on June 27, 2006, and for the Screen Pass timber sale on July 20, 2006. The offering date of the Hi-Yo Silver timber sale is currently uncertain.

Restoration Activities

South River Restoration Programmatic Environmental Assessment

Description: The analysis considered a range of restoration projects that would be reasonably implemented over the next five years or longer. These projects fall into three basic categories: (1) non-commercial riparian vegetation treatments that could include tree girdling to create snags and down wood and conversion/release of alder-dominated stands in favor of a diverse mixture of longer-lived hardwood and conifer species, (2) road improvements and stream crossing replacements, and (3) stream restoration projects to provide grade control and create additional instream habitat structure.

Location: Various locations throughout the eight fifth-field watersheds encompassed by the South River Resource Area.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Decisions were issued for the replacement of stream-crossing culverts on a tributary to Holmes Creek, North Myrtle Creek and Beals Creek in the summer of 2005. Decisions were also issued for replacement of a culvert on West Fork Canyon Creek, and in-stream habitat restoration in Stouts Creek that was completed in the summer of 2006. A decision for the replacement of a stream-crossing culvert on Rice Creek was issued in April, 2007. Additional decisions will be forthcoming in fiscal year 2008 and beyond.

Myrtle Creek Watershed Restoration

Description: The analysis identified a range of watershed restoration projects that include the replacement of stream-crossing culverts that are at risk of failure and/or blocking passage to fish, road decommissioning, road upgrading, slide stabilization, and installation of in-stream structures to promote habitat complexity.

Location: Throughout the Myrtle Creek 5th Field Watershed.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: No decisions for projects analyzed in this EA were issued from 2005 through 2008.

Additional decisions for road improvements, road decommissioning and slide stabilization may be forthcoming in fiscal year 2009 and beyond.

Swiftwater Field Office

Roads and Facilities Management Activities

Little Wolf Quarry Expansion

Description: The proposed action would expand the existing Little Wolf Quarry by approximately four acres. The project would include the development of a quarry restoration plan.

Location: Section 1, T. 25 S., R. 8 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: To Be Determined.

Decision Date: To Be Determined.

Timber Management Activities

Lurch Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 159 acres of young managed stands (39-49 years old) in the Elk Creek/Umpqua River 5th Field Watershed. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 95 acres in the General Forest Management Area and density management of 64 acres in Riparian Reserve.

Location: Section 13, T. 23 S., R. 5 W., Sections 7 and 19, T. 23 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Covered under Elkhead CT and DM Environmental Assessment.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed under Elkhead CT and DM Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed July 29, 2008.

Cedar Shingle Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Involves the commercial thinning and density management of approximately 468 acres of young managed stands 37-53 years old in the Elk Creek/Umpqua River 5th Field Watershed. It involves commercial thinning in General Forest Management Area and Connectivity/Diversity and density management in the Riparian Reserve.

Location: Section 35, T. 23 S., R. 4 W., Section 3, T. 24 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Covered under Elkhead CT and DM Environmental Assessment.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed under Elkhead CT and DM Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed August 19, 2008.

Slow Lane Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 129 acres of young managed stands (37-54 years old) in the Elk Creek/Umpqua River 5th Field Watershed. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 21 acres in the General Forest Management Area, 78 acres in the Connectivity/Diversity Block, and 30 acres of density management in the Riparian Reserve.

Location: Sections 15 and 23, T. 23 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Covered under Elkhead CT and DM Environmental Assessment.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed under Elkhead CT and DM Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed June 24, 2008.

Elementary Watson Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 288 acres in young managed stands (40-64 years old) in the Little River, Lower North Umpqua, and Lower South Umpqua fifth-field watersheds. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 134 acres in the Adaptive Management Area, 73 acres in the General Forest Management Area and density management of 78 acres in Riparian Reserve.

Location: Section 7, T. 27 S., R. 3 W. and Section 13, T. 27 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Comment Period: August 5 through September 4, 2008.

Decision Date: Anticipated September 23, 2008.

Dog Bone Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of 133 acres of young managed stands (46-52 years old) in the Upper Umpqua watershed. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 101 acres in the General Forest Management Area and 32 acres of density management in Riparian Reserve.

Location: Sections 17, 18, and 19, T. 26 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Covered under the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan (EA # OR-104-02-09).

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Comment Period: Completed under Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan.

Decision Date: Completed July, 29, 2008.

Restoration Activities

East Fork Rock Creek In-Stream Restoration

Description: Cooperative project with PacifiCorp and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to place approximately 25 logs into four sites along a 600 foot section of East Fork Rock Creek. Logs were obtained from hazard trees that were cut down along roads on the Umpqua National Forest and would be placed using a road-based cable yarding system.

Location: Section 19, T. 25 S., R. 01 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Completed.

Public Comment Period: May 27-June 26, 2008.

Decision Date: Completed July 29, 2008.

North Bank Habitat Management Activities

Description: Four prescribed burns totaling 358 acres are planned for September and/or October. Burn plans will be written, submitted, and approved prior to ignition. Eighty (80) acres of forage plot installations will be put in place this fall. The Columbian white-tailed deer (CWTD) GPS collar study is ongoing. Lepidoptera (butterfly, moths, etc.) survey is ongoing. Invasive species removal across the Habitat Management Area, targeting Blackberry, Hawthorn, and invasive non-native thistles is ongoing. Comstock day use improvements should be complete in September. Deer hunts are scheduled; contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for more information on hunts.

Location: Sections 31, 32, 33, T. 25 S., R. 4 W., W.M.; Sections 35, 36, T. 25 S., R. 5 W., W.M.; Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, T. 26 S., R. 5 W., W.M. and Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, T. 26 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Completed – these activities are covered by the North Bank Habitat Management Area / ACEC Final EIS (September 2000)
Public Comment Period: Completed in September, 2000.
Decision Date: September, 2000.

Watershed Analysis Status

South River Field Office

No watershed analysis is being conducted at this time.

Swiftwater Field Office

No watershed analysis is being conducted at this time.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Roseburg District has specific volunteer opportunities listed on-line at volunteer.gov/gov. Please call District Volunteer Program Coordinator Ariel Hiller at 464-3356 for further details.



Certain activities within the BLM have been categorically excluded from preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of a categorical exclusion is to eliminate the need for unnecessary paperwork under NEPA. Specifically, Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR §1508.4 state that:

"Categorical exclusion' means a category of actions which do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment and which have been found to have no such effect in procedures adopted by a Federal agency in implementation of these regulations (Sec. 1507.3) and for which, therefore, neither an environmental assessment nor an environmental impact statement is required...Any procedures under this section shall provide for extraordinary circumstances in which a normally excluded action may have a significant environmental effect."

In implementation of the NEPA regulations, the BLM has developed categorical exclusions for certain silvicultural activities, such as reforestation, pre-commercial treatments, brush control, sample tree falling, and salvage, commercial thinning, and hazardous fuels reduction of limited acres. In developing categorical exclusions, the BLM demonstrated through rulemaking procedures how these actions do not typically result in significant environmental effects and set forth the methodology and criteria used to define the categories of actions. These rulemaking procedures included extensive public involvement and input, and CEQ review, regarding appropriate limits on the use of the categorical exclusion to assure that any categorically excluded action would remain within the effects of actions covered in the analysis for the rulemaking.

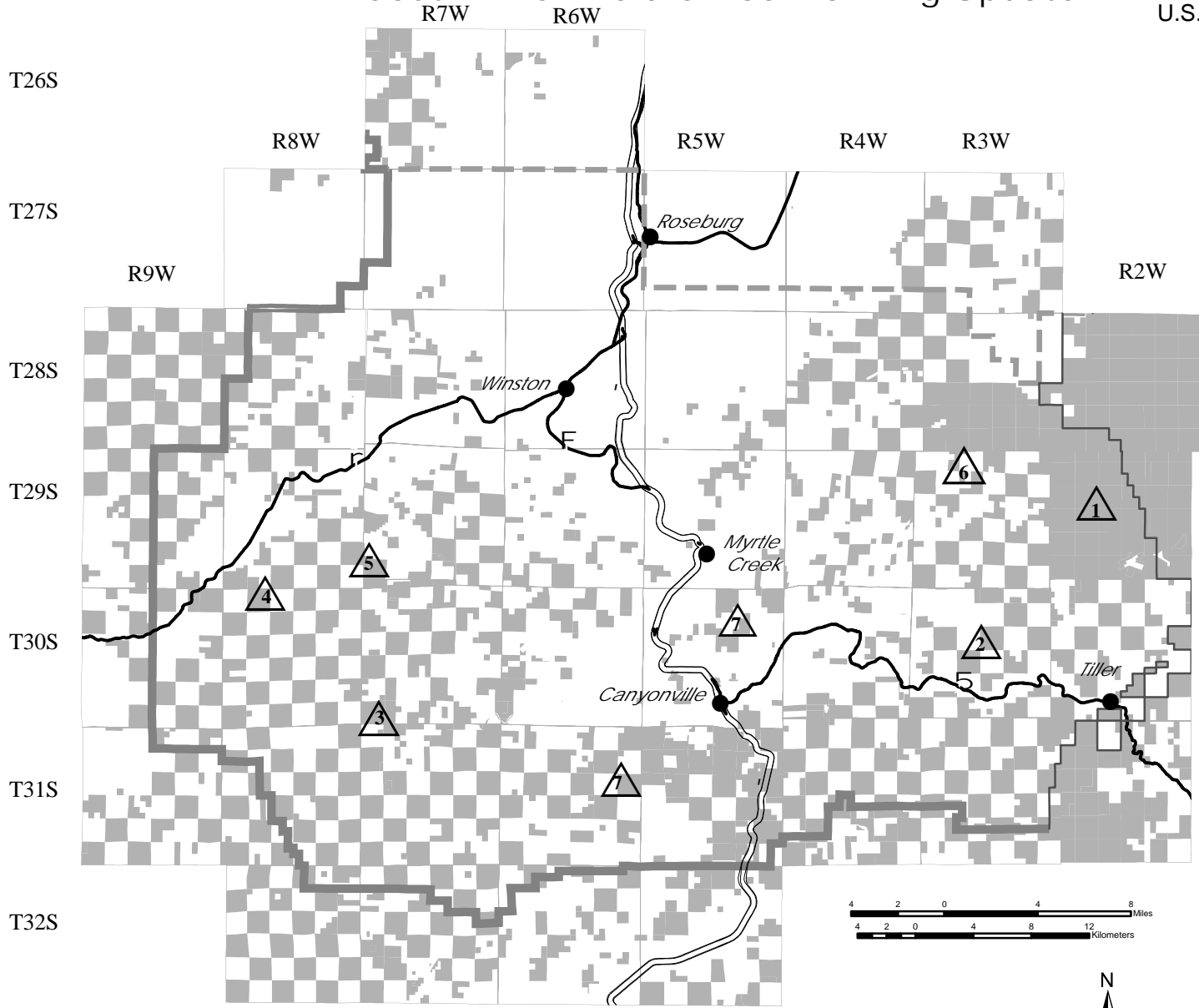
As such, in deciding whether to proceed with such actions, the BLM will review their particular conditions to ensure that no extraordinary circumstances exist, as listed in the Department of the Interior's NEPA Manual at 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 that would preclude the use of a categorical exclusion. The Roseburg District maintains an on-site NEPA register that lists ongoing actions, and seeks information from the public as to whether extraordinary circumstances exist for any of these ongoing actions that are categorically excluded. An "extraordinary" circumstance is one that could have significant environmental effects beyond the "ordinary" circumstances already described and considered as applicable to the excluded actions in the rulemaking procedure. These categorically excluded actions, by regulation, do not require the documentation necessary for an EA or EIS. The public was also provided a formal opportunity to participate in the agency's review and approval of these categorically excluded activities. Given this context, the BLM may choose to proceed with these actions as part of the ordinary course of business in managing forest land with the posting of a notice of decision on the District internet site. This notice would advise the public of the formal administrative review process for these individual actions available under 43 CFR §4.450. Depending on circumstances, however, the BLM may invoke, by publishing a notice in a local newspaper of record, the administrative review process under 43 CFR §5003 for certain individual forest management actions.

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**South River Field Office
Roseburg District**

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Swiftwater Field Office Planning Update

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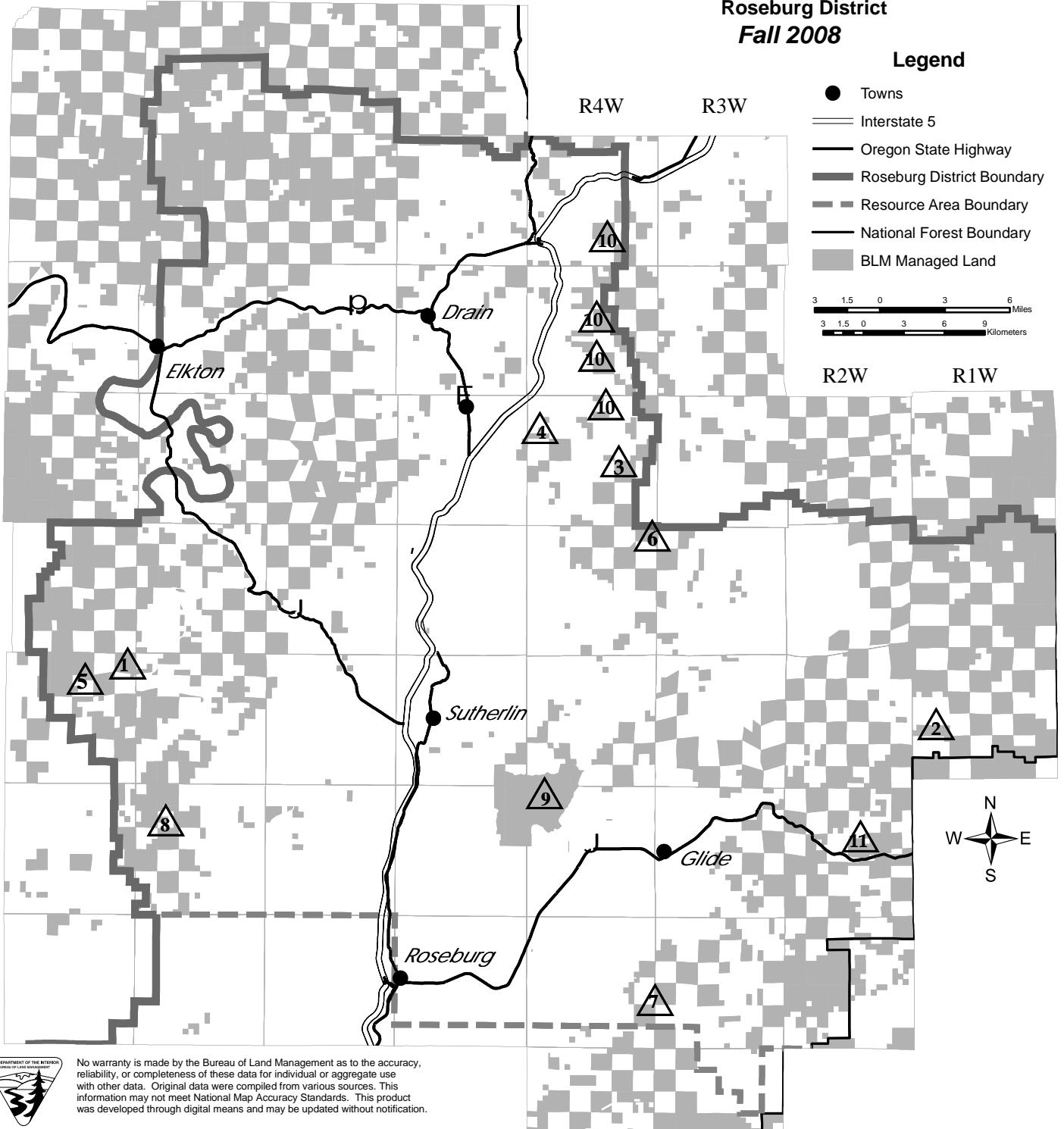
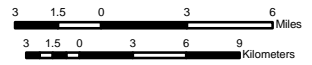
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Legend

- Towns
- Interstate 5
- Oregon State Highway
- Roseburg District Boundary
- Resource Area Boundary
- National Forest Boundary
- BLM Managed Land



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- 3 Slow Lane Commercial Thinning and Density Management
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- 6 Cedar Shingle Commercial Thinning and Density Management
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- 10 Northeast Elk Environmental Assessment
- 11 Susan Creek Stewardship WUI



Abbreviations and Definitions

ACEC/RNA – Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Research Natural Area

BO - Biological Opinion.

CX or Categorical Exclusion - Actions which do not have significant effects on the environment and for which an Environmental Analysis (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

EA - Environmental Assessment – This is a concise public document that briefly provides evidence and analysis of a proposed Federal action. It is used to determine whether further analysis needs to be done for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

ERFO – Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads

FONSI - Finding of No Significant Impact - This is a document that briefly presents the reasons why the implementation of an action will not result in “significant” environmental impacts (effects) beyond those already addressed in the Roseburg District’s *Proposed Resource Management Plan / Environmental Impact Statement* (PRMP/EIS, October 1994).

GFMA – General Forest Management Area.

IDT - Interdisciplinary Team - A team is a group of resource specialists, whose participation is determined by the issues relating to the project proposal, and who conduct environmental analysis.

LSR – Late-Successional Reserves - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. These reserves will maintain a functional, interactive, late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystem. Approximately 81% of the Roseburg District BLM is reserve.

Matrix Lands - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. Most timber harvest contributing to the Allowable Sale Quantity takes place in this area. Approximately 19% of the Roseburg District BLM is matrix.

MBF - Thousand board feet.

MMBF - Million board feet.

NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act - A federal law which sets the systematic interdisciplinary analysis to achieve integrated consideration of physical, biological, economic, and other sciences to provide for an informed decision. The process provides for public participation in the development, review and revision of certain activities on Federal Lands.

NWFP - Northwest Forest Plan - A common name for the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (April 1994). It is also used to refer to the Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species with the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl which accompanies the Record of Decision.

O&C Lands - Revested Oregon and California Railroad Lands.

Resource Management Plan (RMP) - A land use plan prepared by the BLM in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

Scoping - An early and open part of environmental analysis that allows interested public and other Federal, state and local agencies the opportunity to provide issues, concerns and opportunities relative to proposed project actions. Scoping is required by regulation for Environmental Impact Statements.

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