

# 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.

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Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

Jay K. Carlson  
District Manager

Dear Citizen:

The Bureau of Land Management would like you to be a part of the development of the new resource management plan (RMP) that will guide BLM management activities in the Roseburg District for the next 10-20 years.

The BLM periodically revises RMPs as new information becomes available and as circumstances or management options change. The current RMP revision stems from several changes, including a settlement agreement to a lawsuit and continuing shortfalls in producing a sustainable flow of timber from BLM land to local communities. A revised RMP will also promote consistency with the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Recovery Plans for the northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet.

The Draft RMP will present four different methods ("alternatives") for managing public resources. BLM welcomes your ideas and comments on these alternatives, and will use public input in the drafting of the final plans, due out in 2008. The Draft RMP will be released in early August, and there will be a 90 day public comment period. Before and after the publication of the RMP, BLM will be providing opportunities for you to learn more about the new plan and become involved in the effort. BLM will be announcing these opportunities through local media and on the BLM Western Oregon Plan Revision website: <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr/index.php>

If you are a member of a local community organization, you may be interested in hosting a discussion of the RMP revision at an upcoming meeting or event. We would be happy to join you at your event to discuss how BLM's planning efforts might affect you, and how you might influence BLM's planning. BLM representatives are available to help local organizations understand the process and to prepare for the large amount of information in this new plan and how the public can become involved and provide meaningful input.

If you are interested in having a presentation for your organization, please give us a call and we can schedule a meeting at your convenience. As always, you may also contact our office directly for more information related to the planning effort or upcoming events at (541) 440-4930.

Thank you for your interest in the management of public lands in Douglas County.

Jay K. Carlson  
District Manager

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## Key Contact

For more information about projects in the Quarterly Planning Update, contact Bob Hall, Public Affairs Officer at (541) 464-3245.

## 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 Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 1,092 feet of new road through early-seral timber on BLM-administered lands in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 23, T. 29 S., R. 8 W. allocated as Connectivity/Diversity Block.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 233 feet of new road through mid-seral timber on BLM-administered lands in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 27, T. 29 S., R. 9 W. allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 345 feet of new road through early-seral forest on BLM-administered lands in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 1, T. 30 S., R. 9 W., allocated as General Forest Management Area.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 701 feet of new road through early-seral forest on BLM-administered lands in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 9, T. 31 S., R. 4 W., allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

- **Seneca Jones Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-645A** – Construction of approximately 1,800 feet of new road across BLM land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 5, T. 22 S. R. 6 W., W.M. allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Lone Rock Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-767** – Reconstruction of approximately 2,950 feet of existing road. This reconstruction will be on BLM lands in the N $\frac{1}{2}$  and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 27, T. 25 S., R. 4 W., W.M. allocated as General Forest Management Area.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-645A** – Reconstruction of approximately 1,500 feet on existing road bed across BLM land in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 23 T. 21 S., R. 6 W., W.M. allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of Way Agreement R-680B** - Construction of approximately 928 feet of new road across BLM land in Lot 6 of Section 5, T. 25 S., R. 3 W., W.M. allocated as General Forest Management Area.

- **Lone Rock Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-767** - Construction of approximately 700 feet of new road and reconstruction of approximately 150 feet of existing road across BLM land in the W1/2, Section 27, T. 25 S., R. 4 W., W.M., allocated as General Forest Management Area.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-645A** – Construction of approximately 180 feet of new road across BLM land in the NE¼NW¼, Section 31, T. 21 S., R. 6 W., W.M. allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-646** – Reconstruction of approximately 1,056 feet on existing road bed across BLM land in the SE¼NW¼, Section 7, T. 25 S., R. 1 W., W.M. 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 CRR 1508.4).

### *South River Field Office*

- **Salvage Logging.** Removal of individual trees or small groups of trees in or near existing roads, and felling and removal of dead, dying, or partially uprooted trees that pose a hazard to traffic using the roads. Various locations throughout the South River Resource Area on lands allocated as Matrix, Late-Successional reserve and Marbled Murrelet reserve. (OR-105-07-07)
- **Silvicultural Treatments.** South River Plantation Pruning. Pruning of the lower 10 to 18 feet of the boles of dominant trees (between 100 and 250 trees per acre) in plantations that were previously pre-commercially thinned. Approximately 1,500 acres in the Matrix and 380 acres in Late-Successional Reserves will be treated, all within the Wildland Urban Interface. In addition to enhancing the quality of bole wood, pruning will reduce fire risk by creating vertical and horizontal breaks in fuel continuity. (OR-105-07-14)
- **Silvicultural Treatments.** South River Pre-commercial Thinning. Pre-commercial thinning of approximately 2,140 acres in the Matrix and Riparian Reserves, and 530 acres in Late-Successional Reserves. Slightly over 1,000 of the acres to be treated are within the Wildland Urban Interface. While thinning will result in a short-term (1-3 years) increase in highly flammable fine fuels, it will reduce the Fire Risk Condition Class from a 3 (high) to a 2 (moderate) by reducing bulk crown density and creating horizontal breaks in fuel continuity. (OR-105-07-14)

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

- **Tioga Trail Access Gate.** Installation of a limited access gate on a trail that leads to the midpoint of the Tioga Segment of the North Umpqua Trail. NE¼, SW¼, Sec. 21, T.26 S., R.02 W. (OR-104-07-09).
- **South Fork Smith River Road Maintenance.** Removal of 20 blown down trees across the road prism of the 21-5-18.0 road. Half of the trees were small (less than 20.0 dbh) and the other half were large (greater than 24 dbh). They were removed from the road right-of-way for safety concerns. Secs. 5, 8, 9, 15, and 16, T.21 S., R.06 W. (OR-104-07-09).
- **Harvest of Special Forest Products (SFP) for calendar year 2007.** Harvest of Special Forest Products: including firewood, beargrass, boughs, burls, etc. in accordance with SFP Handbook 5400-2 and Guidelines provided by District and Field Office Environmental Specialists and Special Provisions for each separate product). Permits are issued for designated locations throughout the Resource Area. (OR-104-07-17).

- **Scotts Valley Road Right-of-Way OR 064180.** Right-of-Way granted to Douglas County for County Road #8 (275 feet by 60 feet) across land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). SW¼, NE¼, SE¼, Sec. 34, T.22 S., R.04 W. (OR-104-07-18).

## New Projects

### *South River Field Office*

#### **Lower Cow Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management**

**Description:** Commercial thinning and density management is proposed on approximately 1,065 acres. Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations in conjunction with density management in associated Riparian Reserves would total 682 acres. Density management in Late-Successional Reserves would total approximately 383 acres.

**Location:** Section 13, T. 30 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 25, 27 and 35, T. 30 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 5, 7, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 23, T. 31 S., R. 6 W.; and Section 13, T. 31 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Scheduled to begin in mid-June, 2007.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated in September, 2007.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in fiscal year 2009.

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

#### **Darth Raider Density Management**

**Description:** Density management is proposed on approximately 110 acres of young managed stands (45-55 years old) in the Late-Successional Reserve.

**Location:** Sections 18 and 19, T. 24 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:** Anticipated at the end of September 2007.

#### **Powells Bottle 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 Reserve. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 134 acres of young managed stands (35-45 years old) in the General Forest Management Area, approximately 21 acres of density management in Riparian Reserve, and approximately 55 acres in the Late-Successional Land Use Allocations.

**Location:** Section 33, T. 24 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 3, 5 and 9, T. 25 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:** Anticipated at the end of December 2008.

### **Callahan Mudaxle Commercial Thinning**

**Description:** Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units and density management in Late-Successional Reserve. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 320 acres of young managed stands (45-55 years old) in the General Forest Management Area and the Connectivity/Diversity Blocks and 35 acres of density management in Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations.

**Location:** Sections 21 and 29, T. 26 S., R. 7 W.; Sections 3, 5 and 9, T. 25 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:** Anticipated at the end of February 2008.

### **Elkhead Commercial Thinning and Density Management**

**Description:** Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations and density management in the Riparian Reserves associated with the Matrix harvest units. Approximately 1,360 acres will be analyzed for treatment. Five sales (i.e. Adams Apple, Cedar Mill, Shingle Bells, Slow Lane, and Lurch) are expected to yield approximately 13.6 MMBF of timber.

**Location:** Sections 7, 15, 17, 19, 23, and 35 in T. 23 S., R. 4 W., W.M.; Section 3 in T. 24 S., R. 4 W., W.M.; and Section 13 in T. 23 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** To begin June, 2007.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment anticipated October, 2007.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated December, 2007.

**Decision Date:** Five separate decisions, one for each sale, are anticipated: Adams Apple (April, 2008), Cedar Mill (May, 2008), Shingle Bells (May, 2008), Slow Lane (June, 2008), and Lurch (July, 2008).

## **Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items**

### *South River Field Office*

**Note:** Differences in 5th-field watershed and 6th-field subwatershed names from those identified in previous planning updates reflect changes in boundaries and naming. These changes do not change the project areas from those previously described.

### **Roads and Facilities Management Activities**

#### **Fruit Growers Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement**

**Description:** Establishment of a new O&C reciprocal right-of-way agreement between the BLM and Fruit Growers Supply Company. The agreement would provide for use of existing roads under the control of the BLM, and construction of additional roads by Fruit Growers Supply Company over BLM-managed lands for the purpose of accessing three parcels of the company's holdings.

**Location:** Section 31 of T. 29 S., R. 4 W.; Section 36, T. 29 S., R. 5 W., Sections 21 and 22 of T. 29 S., R. 6 W.; and Sections 5 and 6 of T. 31 S., R. 5 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** December, 2006.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment in progress.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated in July, 2007.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in August 2007.

### **South Fork Deer Creek O&C Permit**

**Description:** Issuance of a temporary haul permit over BLM Road No. 28-4-5.1 and authorization to extend the existing road by approximately 1,550 feet to access adjoining private timber lands. This proposal was initially analyzed as the South Fork Middle Fork Deer Creek O&C Permit. The analysis was not carried forward, as identified in the Spring 2006 Planning Update, when the original proponent (Glide Lumber) was bought by Swanson Group who declined to pursue the application further. A new party has come forward with an application to build the road as previously proposed.

**Location:** NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 5, T. 28 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Ongoing.

**Analysis:** Environmental assessment in progress.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated in June, 2007.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in July 2007.

### **Timber Management Activities**

#### **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 stands allocated as Late-Successional Reserves. Approximately 835 acres will be 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:** Ongoing.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated in June, 2007.

**Decision Date:** Multiple decisions anticipated in fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

#### **Olalla-Lookingglass LSR Density Management (note title correction)**

**Description:** Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units, and density management in stands allocated as Late-Successional Reserves. Approximately 825 acres will be 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 in progress.

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

**Decision Date:** Three decisions are anticipated in fiscal years 2007 and 2008.

#### **South Myrtle Creek Regeneration Harvest Plan**

**Description:** Regeneration harvest of approximately 585 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.; Section 7, T. 29 S., R. 2 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:** Uncertain at this time.

**Decision Date:** Uncertain at this time.



### **Late-Successional Reserve #261 Density Management Project**

**Description:** Density management on up to an estimated 900 acres of mid-seral forest stands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve, for the purpose of accelerating the development of late-successional forest habitat conditions.

**Location:** Section 17, T. 28 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 3, 15, 23 and 27, T. 29 S., R. 9 W.; and Sections 1 and 2, T. 30 S., R. 9 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment completed.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Power Wagon Density Management was authorized on August 21, 2006, followed by Sherlock's Denn Density Management on September 26, 2006. A decision on Bogey Gap Density Management was released in January 2007. A decision on Camas Heights Density Management, the last project analyzed in the EA, will be issued in June 2007.

### **Myrtle Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management**

**Description:** Commercial thinning in mid-seral stands allocated to the General Forest Management Area, and density management in stands allocated to Connectivity/Diversity Blocks or as Riparian Reserves. Approximately 960 acres would be considered for treatment in the Myrtle Creek 5<sup>th</sup>-field watershed.

**Location:** Sections 17, 21, 33 and 35, T. 28 S., R. 3 W.; Section 21, T. 28 S., R. 4 W.; Sections 9, 11 and 21, T. 29 S., R. 3 W.; and Sections 1 and 3, T. 29 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment completed.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Decisions for the Lucky Louis, Rise and Fall, and Bobbin Weave Commercial Thinning projects will be released in July and August, 2007.

### **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 for the Screen Pass timber sale on July 20, 2006. A date for authorization of the Hi-Yo Silver timber sale is unknown at this time.

## **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. A decision for an in-stream restoration project on North Myrtle Creek is also expected. Additional decisions will be forthcoming in fiscal year 2008 and beyond.

### **Martin Creek Instream Restoration**

**Description:** Placement of instream structures along a two mile stretch of Martin Creek, where it passes through lands owned by Roseburg Resources Company, and lands managed by the BLM. Structures consist of multiple logs and/or boulders, designed to aggrade the stream channel and provide pool habitat for resident and anadromous fish, and other aquatic organisms. The project will also, if funding can be secured, replace a stream-crossing culvert on BLM Road No. 32-7-1.2 that blocks access by fish to approximately one mile of habitat in a side tributary of Martin Creek.

**Location:** T. 31 S., R. 7 W., Section 35, and T. 32 S., R. 7 W., Sections 1 and 2.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment completed.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** All in-stream work is completed. No decision has been made on replacement of a stream-crossing culvert on Road No. 32-7-1.2.

### **Myrtle Creek Watershed Restoration**

**Description:** The analysis identified a range 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 in 2005 or 2006, and none are planned for 2007. Additional decisions for road improvements, road decommissioning and slide stabilization may be forthcoming in fiscal year 2008 and beyond.

## *Swiftwater Field Office*

### **Roads and Facilities Management Activities**

#### **Road Improvement and Repair of Hubbard Creek Road (26-7-19.1 Road) and Long Ranch Road (26-7-20.3 Road))**

**Description:** This is an environmental assessment including both a Title II project and an Emergency Repair Federally Owned roads (ERFO) project. The Title II project would improve the 26-7-19.1 road to reduce sediment risk to aquatic habitat. The improvement would include realignment and resurfacing with rock 0.51 miles of road, rock surfacing an additional 0.72 miles of road, and replacing and/or installing additional culverts. The ERFO project (Long Ranch Road) would repair two fill slope failures, on the 26-7-20.3 road, caused by saturated fills during the January 2006 flood event. The existing road is used by both the BLM and private landowners.

**Location:** Section 19 T. 26 S., R. 07 W.; Section 21, T. 26 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment completed.

**Public Comment Period:** Ended June 6, 2007.

**Decision Date:** June 19, 2007.

#### **Millpond Recreation Maintenance Shop**

**Description:** Construction of a new maintenance facility in the Millpond/Lone Pine recreation complex. The existing Rock Creek maintenance facility will be closed due to continuing problems with vandalism because of its isolated location. The new facility will replace the existing Rock Creek shop facility.

**Location:** Section 21 T. 25 S., R. 02 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment is in progress.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated in July 2007.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in July-August 2007.

### **Timber Management Activities**

#### **Saddle Up To Paradise Commercial Thinning and Density Management**

**Description:** Commercial Thinning in the Matrix (General Forest Management) allocation, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units, and density management in Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocations. Approximately 170 acres will be analyzed for treatment.

**Location:** Section 27, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment in progress.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated in July, 2007.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in August, 2007.

#### **Basin Shield Commercial Thinning and Density Management**

**Description:** Commercial Thinning in the Matrix (General Forest Management) allocation, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units, and density management in Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocations. Approximately 120 acres would be treated.

**Location:** Sections 17 and 18, T. 24 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:** Anticipated at the end of July 2007.

### **Bell Mountain Commercial Thinning and Density Management**

**Description:** Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations, density management in Riparian Reserves associated with Matrix units. It involves the commercial thinning of 132 acres of young managed stands (45-55 years old) in the General Forest Management Area and Connectivity/Diversity Block Land Use Allocations, and 19 acres of density management in Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocation.

**Location:** Sections 14, 23, and 27, T. 22 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment completed.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Completed. Decision signed February 26, 2007.

### **Bare Cupboard Commercial Thinning**

**Description:** This project was analyzed as part of the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 138 acres of young managed stands (approximately 50 years old) in the General Forest Management Area and 71 acres of density management in the Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocation.

**Location:** Section 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. Decision signed February 27, 2007.

### **Boss Day Raider Density Management**

**Description:** This project was analyzed as part of the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment. It involves the density management of approximately 430 acres of young managed stands (30-60 years old) in the Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocation.

**Location:** Section 1, T. 24 S., R. 08 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. Decision signed May 29, 2007.

### **The following timber sales are sold/unawarded.**

#### **Johnson Creek Commercial Thinning**

**Description:** Commercial Thinning of approximately 296 acres of second-growth timber, on Matrix lands. This is a previously sold but unawarded timber sale of the same name.

**Location:** Sections 2, 9, 11, and 15, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment completed.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Completed. Award is pending.

### **Foghorn Cleghorn Commercial Thinning**

**Description:** Commercial Thinning of approximately 386 acres of second-growth timber, on Matrix lands. This was a previously sold but unawarded timber sale of the same name.

**Location:** Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment completed.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Completed. Award is pending.

### **Happy Summit Density Management**

**Description:** Density management of approximately 391 acres of second-growth timber, in the Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocation. This was a previously sold but unawarded timber sale of the same name.

**Location:** Sections 1, 11, and 12, T. 21 S., R. 6 W.; Sections 25 and 35, T. 20 S., R. 6 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment completed.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Completed. Award is pending.

### **Lands and Realty Activities**

#### **State Indemnity Selection (aka – In-Lieu Selections)**

**Description:** The Congress conveyed lands to the State of Oregon, upon its statehood, in 1859. Not all lands were available for conveyance and this project will partially fulfill the United State's obligation to the State of Oregon by conveying approximately 180 acres of public lands to state control. Lands would be selected from the following 10 parcels.

**Location:** *Parcel 1* – SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 32, T. 20 S., R. 6 W., WM. (40 ac.);

*Parcel 2* – Govt. Lot 7 and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 6, T.21 S., R.6 W., WM. (64.54 ac.);

*Parcel 3* – NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 10, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., WM. (40 ac.);

*Parcel 4* – NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 34, T. 22 S., R. 4 W., WM. (40 ac.);

*Parcel 5* – Govt. Lot 1, Section 28, T. 22 S., R. 7 W., WM. (39.06 ac.);

*Parcel 6* – SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 26, T. 22 S., R. 7 W., WM. (80.45 ac.);

*Parcel 7* – NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 4, T. 23 S., R. 4 W., WM. (40 ac.);

*Parcel 8* – NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 24, T. 23 S., R.7 W., WM. (40 ac.);

*Parcel 9* – SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 32, T. 25 S., R.3 W., WM. (40 ac.); and/or

*Parcel 10* – SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 14, T. 25 S., R.7 W., WM. (40 ac.)

**Issue Identification:** Completed. This project was identified by the Oregon State Office as high priority for conveyance to the State of Oregon and the Oregon Division of State Lands to resolve indemnity/in-lieu selections in accordance with the 1991 court settlement.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment completed.

**Public Comment Period:** Completed.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in late June 2007.

## **Restoration Activities**

### **Umpqua Basin Tree Revetment**

**Description:** This is a Title II project on non-BLM administered lands. This project analyzes the effects of installing 7 to 10 tree revetments (clumps of Christmas trees secured to streambanks, positioned to catch sediment, redirect and slow streamflow), and the planting of native vegetation along the streambank and in the riparian area, to improve overall stream conditions and water quality in various streams throughout Douglas County.

**Location:** Various streams on non-BLM administered lands within the Roseburg BLM District boundary.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment Completed

**Public Comment Period:** June 19 – July 5, 2007

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in July 2007.

### **North Bank Habitat Management Activities**

**Description:** Ongoing projects on the Ranch include the following activities: Mowing of roads and trails will be done as soils dry. Maintenance of springs and water sources will begin and continue through the summer. Trail signs will be installed across the North Bank Habitat Management Area/ACEC. Youth crews will be removing noxious weeds at various locations throughout the spring and summer. Crews will be removing old fencing and installing new boundary fencing. A contract for road reconstruction and stream headcut repair work will begin in the East Jackson Creek drainage starting in August, 2007. A well house building will be constructed near the new well head to house a holding tank and solar equipment.

**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

## **Deferred Analyses**

The following projects are not presently considered action items. Further work on the environmental assessments has been deferred. At such time as analysis is resumed, it will be noted in the Planning Update.

### ***Swiftwater Field Office***

The following projects are deferred, but may be resumed at some point in the future.

Broken Buck Regeneration Harvest

Christopher Folley Regeneration Harvest

Diamondback Regeneration Harvest

Emile Regeneration Harvest

Green Thunder Regeneration Harvest

Whatagas Regeneration Harvest

Yoncalla West Regeneration Harvest

Elk Creek Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment

Swiftwater/Lone Rock Tie Road (aka Swiftwater Tie Road Realignment)

## 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](http://volunteer.gov/gov). Please call District Volunteer Program Coordinator Joe Ross at 464-3248 for further details.

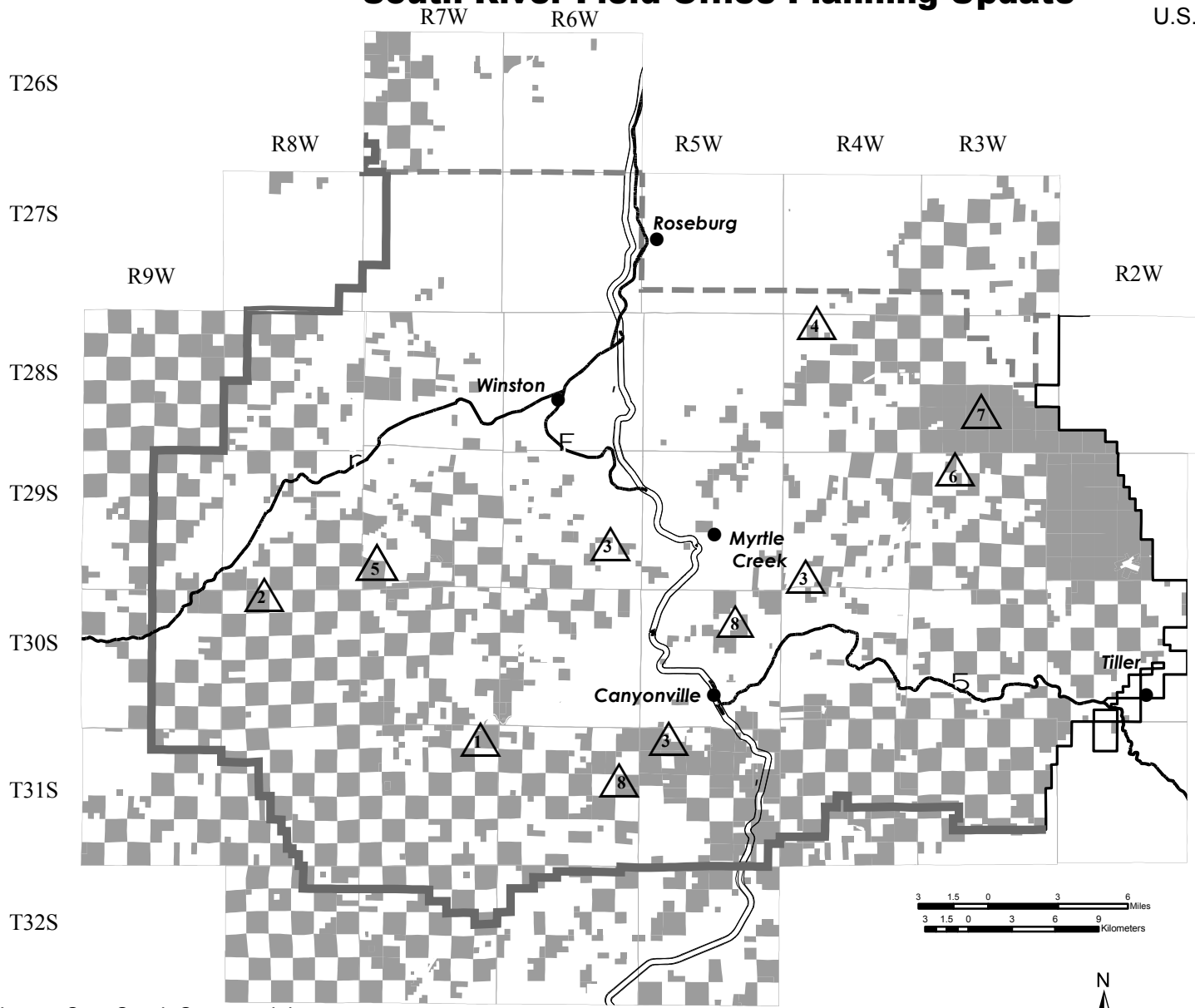


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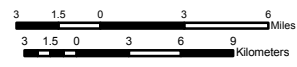
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| ① Lower Cow Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management           | ⑤ Olalla-Lookinglass Late Successional Reserve Density Management |
| ② Middle Fork Coquille 2007 Commercial Thinning and Density Management | ⑥ South Myrtle Regeneration Harvest Plan                          |
| ③ Fruit Growers Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement                      | ⑦ Myrtle Creek Commercial Thinning and Density Management         |
| ④ South Fork Deer Creek O&C Permit                                     | ⑧ Can-Can Regeneration Harvest Plan                               |



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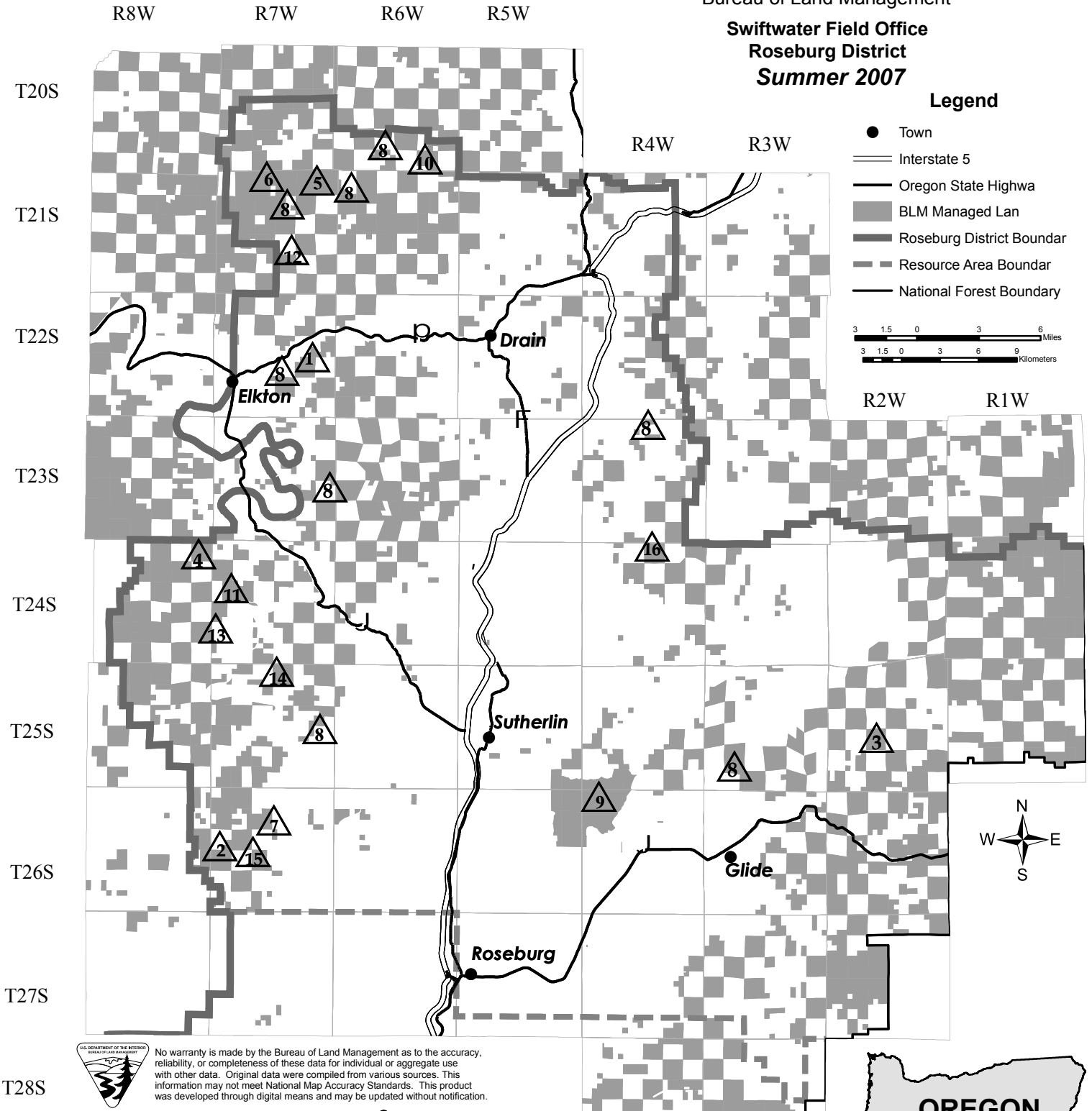
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| ② Bare Cupboard Commercial Thinning                      | ⑨ North Bank Habitat Management Area                             |  |
| ③ Millpond Recreation Maintenance Shop                   | ⑩ Happy Summit Density Management                                |  |
| ④ Boss Day Raider Density Management                     | ⑪ Basin Shield Commercial Thinning & Density Management          | ⑭ Powell's Bottle Commercial Thinning & Density Management |
| ⑤ Johnson Creek Commercial Thinning                      | ⑫ Saddle Up to Paradise Commercial Thinning & Density Management | ⑮ Calahan Mudaxle Commercial Thinning                      |
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| ⑦ Engineering Road and Maintenance Projects              |  |  |



# 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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