

Coos Bay District BLM Planning Update



Spring 2005

Dear Citizen:

Planning Update is published to provide current information about specific projects and future events planned on the Coos Bay District of the Bureau of Land Management. Please send written comments, including the specific project and field office name, to 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459, during the public comment period. If you wish to save paper and postage, and you have access to the internet, you can find *Planning Update* at www.or.blm.gov/coosbay.

Please remember to ask us to remove your name from our mailing list if you no longer wish to receive *Planning Update*. For your convenience, you can also find a copy of *Planning Update* at the Coos Bay and North Bend Public Libraries. Your comments and concerns are welcome and may influence the final decision on these projects.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

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Watershed Restoration Projects

The Coos Bay District Resource Advisory Committee, as provided in the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393), will be reviewing and recommending restoration and maintenance projects that beneficially influence public lands to the BLM totaling approximately one million dollars in the coming months.

Local citizens have an opportunity to propose projects. In order for projects to be presented to the Resource Advisory Committee, projects should be submitted to Sue Richardson, District Manager at the BLM – Coos Bay District Office by April 1, 2005. The Resource Advisory Committee is expected to finalize funding recommendations by mid August, and the BLM will approve projects for funding by September 30, 2005.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 establishes a six-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds derived from the harvest of timber on federally managed lands, which have dropped dramatically over the past 10 years. The Act creates a new mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federally managed lands or that will benefit resources on federally managed lands using O&C/County funds under Title II of the Act. Pages three and four of this document contain a list of the current projects and their status.

A copy of the Act, project submission forms, and additional information can be found on the BLM – Coos Bay District's web site (www.or.blm.gov/coosbay) or can be obtained by calling one of the District Contacts below.

Glenn Harkleroad, District Restoration Coordinator – 541-751-4361, or
Sue Richardson, District Manager, - 541- 756-0100

OTHER PROJECT UPDATES AND NEW PROJECTS PROPOSED

Pages five through eleven summarize upcoming projects on the Coos Bay District. Some projects were previously listed and are still being worked on, while other projects have been proposed since the last printed copy of *Planning Update* was mailed to you. Projects that have been dropped from consideration or that have a signed decision will not be listed in future issues.

This publication allows you to see a brief explanation of newly proposed projects and you can decide if you wish additional information about any of them. If you previously requested to be put on a specific mailing list, it is not necessary to repeat the request.

The electronic version of *Planning Update* on the District's web page will be kept current; however, this printed copy is only mailed out a few times per year. Projects started and completed between mailed copies of *Planning Update* will have gone through the full analysis process. Legal notices published in *The World* newspaper of Coos Bay provides details on public involvement and the public comment process for these projects. These projects will also be listed and tracked on the District's web page and can be viewed at any time at: http://www.or.blm.gov/coosbay/plan_upd.htm.

The contact people are familiar with their projects and are able to answer questions and provide more details on the projects. They are interested in information you wish to share concerning any of the projects or project areas. These people may be contacted either by mail, or by telephoning our office at 541-756-0100.

Title II Project Status for Douglas County

Projects	Completed	Proponent	Current Status 3/9/05
Drainage Improvement and Road Resurface	Yes	BLM	Culvert replacements were completed by BLM and through contract.
South Sister 13 Culvert Replacement	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
South Sister 8 and 18 Culvert Replacement	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Church Creek Culvert Removal	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
North Sister 10 Culvert Replacement	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Carpenter Creek Tributary Culvert Replace.	Dropped	BLM	Project dropped from consideration. More engineering review needed.
Dean Creek Culvert Replacement	Yes	BLM	Project completed by BLM road maintenance.
Natural History Books for Library - D.C.	Yes	BLM	Project completed. Books have been delivered to the Reedsport Library.
County Road Right-of-Way Weed Control	Dropped	BLM	Project dropped from consideration. More planning and coordination with partners needed.
Black Creek Tide Gate	Yes	Smith River WC	Project completed by the Smith River Watershed Council
Bum Cr. & So. Sister Cr. Instream	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Windy Cr. Culvert Replacement	No	BLM	Old culvert removed through contract. New culvert will be placed during the summer of 2005.
So. Sister 13B Culvert Replacement	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Cedar Creek Culvert Replacement	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Soup Cr. 23-9-19.0 Culvert Replacement	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
West Fork Mosestown Cr. Culvert Repl.	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
W. F. Smith River Salmonid Trapping I	Yes	BLM	Project completed by ODFW.
Aerial Photos for Umpqua Basin WC	Yes	BLM	Project completed.
Umpqua Riparian Reserve & Enhance.	Dropped	USWCD	Project dropped by Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District.
Harvey Cr. Habitat Enhancement P. I	Dropped	USWCD	Project dropped by Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District.
Fishery Biologist Support	No	Umpqua Basin WC	Task Order has been issued to the Umpqua Basin Watershed Council. Work is on-going
Information Repository & Development	No	Umpqua Basin WC	Task Order has been issued to the Umpqua Basin Watershed Council. Work is on-going
Impl. & Effectiveness Monitoring	No	Umpqua Basin WC	Task Order has been issued to the Umpqua Basin Watershed Council. Work is on-going
Coos Bay District Organic Weed Con.	Cancelled	BLM	Project unfunded as a result of RAC recommendation
Big Creek Habitat Restoration	Yes	BLM	Project completed by the Umpqua Basin Watershed Council.
Dean Creek Weed Treatment	Yes	BLM	Project completed by Shutter Creek Inmate Crew.
Halfway Creek Aquatic Restoration	No	BLM	Project postponed until summer 2005..
Heddin Creek Fish Passage	No	Umpqua Basin WC	Task Order issued to Umpqua Basin Watershed Council.
Koapke Slough Culvert Replacement	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Marsh Creek Culvert Replacement	No	BLM	Contract awarded. Project work will occur during the summer of 2005.
North Sisters / Bum Cr. Road Renovation	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Smith River Noxious Weed Control	No	Smith River WC	Task Order issued to Smith River Watershed Council. Project work with private land owners has begun.
Technical Support - UBWC	Yes	Umpqua Basin WC	Project completed.
Vincent Creek Culvert Replacement	No	BLM	Contract awarded. Project work will occur during the summer of 2005.
West Fork Smith River Salmonid Trap II	Yes	BLM	Project completed by ODFW.
NYC and Coos Bay District Maintenance	Yes	NYC	Project completed by Northeast Youth Corps.
Childrens Forest Accessibility Project	No	ACCF	Draft agreement being reviewed
Coastal Science Zones	No	UDC	Assistance Agreement is finalized. Umpqua Discovery Center has begun working with local schools.
Dean Creek Culvert Installation	No	BLM	Design work completed. Contact being sent to BLM State Office contracting
Dean Creek Culvert Repair	No	BLM	Design work completed. Contact being sent to BLM State Office contracting
Dean Creek Noxious Weed Treatment	No	BLM	Shutter Creek Inmate crews will do the work during the summer of 2005
Dean Creek Tidegate Replacement	No	ODOT	Assistance Agreement has been sent to ODOT for review.
Information Repository - Phase II	No	Umpqua Basin WC	Draft Task Order complete. Sent to Watershed Council for review
Koepke Creek Channel Restoration	No	BLM	Design work completed. Contact being sent to State Office contracting
Mast Creek Culvert Replacement	No	BLM	Design work completed. Contact being sent to State Office contracting
Smith River Bacteria Source Tracking	No	Smith River WC	Task Order issued to Smith River Watershed Council. Work on-going
Umpqua Eden Site Gorse Control	No	BLM	Task Order issued to Umpqua Soil and Water Conservation District
Waterfowl Basin Structure Repairs	No	BLM	Design work completed. Contact being sent to BLM State Office contracting
W. F. Smith River Salmonid Trapping III	No	BLM	Purchase order will be issued to ODFW to complete project
Line in the Sand	No	OYCC, Inc	Assistance Agreement is in place. BLM working with OYCC to establish program of work.
NYC and Coos Bay District Maintenance	No	NYC	Task Order will be issued once new State Office Assistance Agreement is in place.
Federal Land Protection - Weeds III	No	Coos Co	Original Task Order Modified for FY05 project work.
Brewster Rock Helipond Maintenance	No	BLM	Contract will be prepared and awarded by BLM.

Title II Project Status for Coos County

Projects	Completed	Proponent	Current Status 3/9//05
Park Creek Culvert Repair	Yes	BLM	Project completed by BLM.
Hantz Creek Culvert Replacement	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Yankee Run RF Culvert Replacement	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Sandy Creek Instream	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Aquatic Passage Evaluation	Yes	BLM	Project completed.
Natural History Books for Library	Yes	BLM	Project completed. Books have been delivered to Coos County libraries.
Federal Land Protection/Weeds	No	Coos Co.	Task Order issued to Coos County. County Weed Advisory Board helping to prioritize project work
NYC Youth Employment and Trail	Yes	NYC	Project completed by the Northwest Youth Corps.
Steele Creek Culvert Replacement	Yes	Coquille WSA	Project completed by Coquille WSA.
Swayne Creek Culvert Replacement	No	Coquille WSA	Task Order issued to Coquille WSA. Work delayed until the summer of 2005, insufficient funding.
Aerial Photos for Coos Co. Planning Dept.	Yes	BLM	Project completed by BLM.
Catching Slough Rd Maint. & Fish Pass.	No	Coos WSA	Culvert work has been completed. Road fill failure repair and paving will be completed by summer, 2005.
Federal Land Protection - Weeds II	No	Coos Co.	Task Order issued to Coos County. County Weed Advisory Board helping to prioritize project work
Coos Bay District Organic Weed Con.	Cancelled	BLM	Project unfunded as a result of RAC recommendation
Paving of Sandy Creek Road	Yes	Coos Co.	Project completed by Coos County Road Department.
Daniels Creek Road Rehabilitation	Yes	Coos Co.	Project completed by Coos County Road Department.
New River Health / Breaching	Yes	BLM	Project completed through contract.
Noxious Weeds Control Coquille Forest	Yes	CIT	Project completed by Coquille Indian Tribe.
NYC and Coos Bay District Maintenance	Yes	NYC	Project completed by Northeast Youth Corps.
Catching Slough Tide Gate and Fish Habitat	No	Coos WSA	Task Order sent to Coos Watershed Association for review.
Federal Land Protection - Weeds III	No	Coos Co.	Original Task Order Modified for FY05 project work.
Noxious Weeds Control Coquille Forest	No	CIT	Task Order issued to Coquille Indian Tribe.
Powers Native Species and Trades	No	Powers School	Assistance Agreement is in place.
Weekley Creek County Road Project	No	Coos Co.	Draft Task Order sent to County for review.

Title II Project Status for Curry County

Projects	Completed	Proponent	Current Status 3/9//05
New River Large Wood	Yes	So Coast WC	Project work completed by local land owners and South Coast Watershed Council.
Edson Creek Stream Restoration	Yes	BLM	Project completed by Coquille Watershed Association.
Sixes/Edson Recreation Site Trails	Yes	BLM	Project completed by the Northwest Youth Corps.
Coos Bay District Organic Weed Con.	Cancelled	BLM	Project unfunded as a result of RAC recommendation.
Emergency Communication System	No	Curry Co.	Task order has been issued to Curry County and the towers have been ordered.
White Mountain Storm Proofing	Yes	BLM	Project completed by BLM.
NYC and Coos Bay District Maintenance	Yes	NYC	Project completed by Northeast Youth Corps.
Rocky Peak Storm Proofing	No	BLM	Project sent to engineering for design.
Rogue/S.Coast Monitoring & Assessment	No	L. Rogue WC	Task Order issued to Watershed Council.
White Rock Creek Bridge Abutments	No	BLM	Project has been designed. Construction will occur before July 1, 2005.
Belloni Boys Youth Project	No	Coos Co.	Draft agreement being reviewed
Line in the Sand	No	OYCC, inc	BLM working with OYCC to establish program of work.
New River Health and Breaching	No	BLM	Contract will be written this summer for work in the Fall of 2005.
New River Noxious Weed Control	No	BLM	Project implementation planning on-going.
NYC and Coos Bay District Maintenance	No	NYC	Task Order will be issued once new State Office Assistance Agreement is in place.

Umpqua Field Office

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

Beaman Soup DM

EA OR125-04-06

Analysis could produce approximately 1600 acres of density management treatments.

This project is currently planned in T23S, R9W, Sections 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20,& 21.

Scoping for this document has been completed, and analysis has begun. The document is expected to be released to the public for their review and comment in the spring of 2005.

Decision Documentation is planned in the summer of 2005.

Implementation is planned for FY 2005 thru 2007.

For further information, please contact T. Evans.

Middle Creek CT - II

EA OR125-04-17

Analysis could produce approximately 2400 acres of commercial treatments such as thinning conifer and converting red alder stands to conifer.

The project is currently planned in T27S, R11W, Sections 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35.

Scoping for this document has been completed, and analysis is expected to begin in the early spring of 2005.

The document is expected to be released to the public for their review and comment in the summer of 2005.

Decision Documentation is planned for the winter of 2005-06.

Implementation is planned for FY 2006 thru 2008.

For further information, please contact T. Evans.

Umpqua River – Sawyer Rapids DM/CT

EA OR125-05-01

Analysis could produce approximately 2000 acres of density management treatments.

This project is located in the Umpqua River-Sawyer Rapids 5th Field Watershed.

Scoping for this project will be announced in the spring of 2005, with analysis, public review and comment, and the Decision Documentation expected later in 2005 and early 2006.

Implementation is planned for FY 2007 and 2008.

For further information, please contact P. Fontaine.

FISH HABITAT MANAGEMENT

Paradise Creek Instream Restoration

EA OR125-05-06

This project involves placing large logs and boulders in streams to increase cover and channel complexity, create pool habitat, and retain channel substrate. Methods include machine and helicopter placement of logs. The project is currently planned in T22S, R8W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 11, & 12; T 21S, R 8W, Sections 25, 26, 33, 34, 35, & 36; T 22S, R7W, Section 6.

Scoping will be announced in the late winter of 2005, with analysis, public review and comment.

The Decision Record is expected in the summer of 2005.

Implementation is planned for the summer of 2006.

For further information, please contact D. VanSlyke.

Mosetown Creek Instream Restoration

EA OR125-05-03

This project involves placement of logs and boulders in the streams, and providing fish access to an off-channel pond.

The project is currently planned for T21S, R8W, Sections 9, 15, & 16.

Scoping will be announced in the winter of 2005 and analysis will begin in the spring of 2005; public review and comment is planned in the late spring of 2005.

The Decision Record is expected in the summer of 2005.

Implementation is planned for the summer of 2006.

For further information, please contact D. VanSlyke.

Culvert Replacements (FY 06)

DNA #8 to EA OR 120-02-12

This project is planned to replace or modify existing culverts which are rusted and/or block fish passage.

The project is currently planned for Bum Creek Trib culvert replacement in T20S, R8W, Section 13; Upper Camp Creek Trib culvert replacement (CFER) in T23S, R8W, Section 19; Lower Moon Creek culvert replacement (Bridge) in T26S, R11W, Section 34; Russell Creek culvert replacement in T20S, R8W, Section 18.

Analysis documentation will be a Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy. No public review period will be provided.

The Decision Record is expected in the spring of 2005.

Implementation is planned for the summer of 2006.

For further information, please contact D. VanSlyke.

Halfway Creek Crossing

EA OR125-05-07

This project involves installing a low-water crossing in place of previously removed culverts. The project is currently planned for T21S, R8W, Section 1. Scoping for this project will be announced in the spring of 2005; followed by analysis, and public review and comment in the late spring and early summer of 2005. The Decision Record is expected in the summer of 2005. Implementation is planned for the summer of 2006. For further information, please contact D. VanSlyke.

Alder / Cherry Riparian Silviculture

DNA 1 to EA OR125-02-06

This project is planned to restore conifers to riparian areas through hardwood conversion, conifer release, and density management treatments. The project is currently planned in T26S, R10W; T26S, R11W; and T27S, R11W. Analysis documentation will be a Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy. No public review period will be provided. The Decision Record is expected in 2005. Implementation is planned for 2005. For further information, please contact R. Petock.

Lower Smith River Riparian Silviculture

DNA 2 to EA OR125-02-06

This project is planned to restore conifers to riparian areas through hardwood conversion, conifer release, and density management treatments. Layout is on-going; specific locations are unknown at this time. Analysis documentation will be a Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy. No public review period will be provided. The Decision Record is expected in 2005. Implementation is planned for 2006. For further information, please contact R. Petock.

RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Coos Bay Shorelands Management Plan

This will be an update of the existing management plan to reflect changes over time. The Coos Bay Shorelands are located in T25S, R12W and T25S, R13W. The scoping period for this plan update has been completed and the analysis phase is on-going at this time. The public's review and comment opportunity is expected in the spring of 2005. The revised plan is expected to be published in the summer of 2005. Implementation is expected in the summer of 2005. For further information, please contact N. Zepf.

Vincent Creek Guard Station Management Plan

This project will look at future management options for the Guard Station building.
 The project is located in T20S, R9W, Section 33.
 Scoping for this project has been completed; analysis is expected to begin in the summer of 2005.
 Public review and comment is expected in the fall of 2005.
 A Decision Record is planned for the fall of 2005.
 Implementation is planned for Fiscal Year 2006.
 For further information, please contact S. Samuels.

OCEAN Trail System (R&PP Application)

EA OR125-04-14

This proposal would construct a trail system at Coos Head.
 This project is located in T26S, R14W, Section 2 & 3.
 Scoping for this project will be announced in the spring of 2005; followed by analysis in the summer of 2005.
 Public review and comment is planned for the summer of 2005.
 A Decision Record is planned for the summer of 2005.
 Implementation is planned in the spring of 2006.
 For further information, please contact L/ Petterson.

Dean Creek EVA Slough Management

EA OR125-05-04

This proposal is planned to maintain / improve the drainage of two sloughs to the Umpqua River.
 The project is located at the Dean Creek Elk Viewing Area in T21S, R11W, Section 32 & 33.
 Scoping for this project will be announced in the late winter of 2005, followed by analysis in the spring of 2005.
 Public review and comment is planned for the spring of 2005.
 A Decision Record is expected in the summer of 2005.
 Implementation is planned for the summer of 2006.
 For further information, please contact K. Wright.

REALTY ACTIONS

North Spit Land Disposal

Addendum 1 to EA OR125-93-07

This action is proposed by the International Port of Coos Bay as a land exchange or outright sale.
 The tract of land is located in T25S, R13W.
 The scoping period for this project has been completed.
 Analysis is on hold until the specific land tract can be described and/or surveyed.
 For further information, please contact L. Petterson.

Myrtlewood Field Office

TIMBER MANAGEMENT

East Fork Coquille EA

EA OR128-03-17

This project could produce multiple timber sales including regeneration harvests, commercial thinning, and hardwood conversion in the matrix land use allocation.

This proposed project is located in T27S, R9W, Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, 35; T27S, R11W, Section 35; T28S, R8W, Section 7; T28S, R9W, Sections 1, 3, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17; T28S, R10W, Sections 15, 17, 23, 25; T28S, R11W, Sections 13, 15, 17, 19, 23, 27, 29, 32, 33, 35; T29S, R11W, Sections 1, 3.

The scoping period for this project as well as the analysis is complete.

The public review and comment period is expected in the spring of 2005.

The Decision Documentation is expected in the summer of 2005.

The project is planned to be implemented in the fall of 2005.

For further information, please contact P. Leman.

New Ed White EA

This project could produce multiple timber sales including regeneration harvests, commercial thinning, and hardwood conversion in the matrix land use allocation.

The proposed project is located in T30S, R13W, Sections 32, 34; T30S, R14W, Sections 12, 23; T31S, R12W, Section 19; T31S, R13W, Sections 6, 25; T31S, R14W, Sections 1, 7 thru 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22 thru 26, 28 thru 34; T32S, R14W, Section 18; T32S, R15W, Section 4.

Scoping for this proposed project will be announced in the fall of 2005.

Analysis, public review and comment, Decision Documentation, and implementation will follow in Fiscal Year 2006.

For further information, please contact C. Schumacher.

HABITAT RESTORATION

Brummit Creek Restoration

EA OR128-03-24

This project consists of density management, hardwood treatments, habitat improvements, and road decommissioning.

The proposed project is located in T27S, R9W; T 27S, R10W; T28S, R9W; T28S, 10W.

The scoping period, analysis, and public review and comment periods are complete for this project.

The Decision Documentation is expected in the spring 2005.

The project is planned for implementation in the summer of 2005.

For further information, please contact J. Guetterman.

Historic Community Habitat Restoration EA

EA OR128-04-07

This project seeks to restore the historic conditions of Oregon white oak woodlands, upland meadows, and naturally occurring balds.

The project is located in T19S, R9W; T22S, R8W; T27S R10 & 11W; T30S, R9 & 11W; T31S, R12W; and T37S, R14W.

The scoping and analysis phase of this EA are complete.

The public review and comment period is planned for the spring of 2005.

The Decision Documentation is expected in the spring of 2005.

The project is planned for implementation in the spring of 2005.

For further information, please contact S. Langenstein.

RECREATION MANAGEMENT

Edson Creek Recreation Site

This proposed project could produce a low-water crossing as well as stabilizing the stream bank upstream from the proposed crossing.

The proposed project area is located in T23S, R14W, Section 6, SE¼ SW¼.

Scoping for this proposal is expected in the Spring-Summer of 2005.

Analysis is planned during the Fall-Winter of 2005, followed by a public review and comment period in the spring of 2006.

A Decision Record and implementation is planned for the spring of 2006.

For further information, please contact R. Pullen.

Doerner Fir Loop Trail

This proposal could develop a loop trail from the parking area, out to the Doerner Fir and back to the parking area.

The proposal is located in T 28S, R9W, Section 31.

Scoping for this project is expected in the spring of 2005.

Analysis is planned for the Spring-Summer of 2005, followed by a public review and comment period in the summer of 2005.

A Decision Record could be made in the fall of 2005, followed by implementation in the Spring-Summer of 2006.

For further information, please contact R. Pullen or Tom Sill.

China Wall ACEC Management Plan

This proposed action could determine the management of the China Wall ACEC.

The China Wall ACEC is located in T27S, R10W, Section 29.

Since this is a management plan for an existing ACEC, and the format and structure of this kind of plan is mandated by regulation, no formal scoping period is planned.

Analysis is planned for the fall of 2005, followed by a public review and comment period in the winter of 2005-2006.

A Decision Record is planned for the spring of 2006.

For further information, please contact C. Church.

REALTY ACTIONS

Hunter Creek Land Exchange

This proposed project could result in an exchange of lands which would block-up ownership and benefit the Hunter Creek ACEC.

The proposal is located in T37S, R14W; T38S, R14W; T39S, R14W.

This project is on hold pending approval of the Feasibility Assessment by our Washington D.C. headquarters office.

For further information, please contact P. Rodriquez.