

# Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



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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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Sincerely,

Jay K. Carlson  
District Manager

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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## 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 Co., Reciprocal Right-of Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 965 feet of surfaced new road across BLM lands in NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 7, T. 30 S., R. 7 W., W.M. to access company lands in the same section. The action will occur in an early-seral stand on lands allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of Way Agreement R-851** – Construction of 539 feet of surfaced new road across BLM lands in Government Lot 3, Section 26.5, T. 29 S., R. 7 W., W.M. to access company lands in Section 26, T. 29 S., R. 7 W., W.M. The action will occur in an early-seral stand on lands allocated as General Forest Management Area.

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

- **Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735** --- Construct 420 feet of road on BLM lands located in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 18, T. 24 S., R. 7 W., W.M. And improve 394 feet of the 24-7-17.2 road in Section 13, T. 24 S., R. 8 W., W. M., and, also, improve 2,290 feet of the 24-7-17.2 road in the NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Section 18, T. 24 S., R. 7 W., W. M. These actions occur in early to mid 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 CRR 1508.4).

### *South River Field Office*

- **Salvage Associated with Road Maintenance** – Salvage of dead, dying and leaning trees that pose a danger to traffic along roads 29-8-20.0 and 28-9-25.1 where they pass through Matrix land use allocations. (OR-105-08-08)

- **Temporary Haul Permit** – Issuance of a temporary haul permit to Christian Futures, Inc. authorizing the hauling of logs from private land in Section 26 & 35, T. 31 S., R. 5 W., W.M. over BLM Road Nos. 31-5-35.1, Segment A1; 32-5-3.0 Segment AR; and 31-5-35.0 Segment F. (OR-105-08-09)
- **Manual Maintenance** – Manual brushing of approximately 1,800 acres of young, recently planted conifers to remove competing vegetation. (OR-105-08-10)
- **South Camas Pump Chance Maintenance** – Dredging, replacing drainage structures and armoring the retaining wall of a water impoundment in Section 29, T. 29 S., R. 8 W., W.M. (OR-105-08-11)

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

- **Little Wolf Quarry Rock Extraction.** – Permit to extract up to 30,000 cubic yards of high quality sandstone aggregate from the Little Wolf Quarry in February 2008. (OR-104-08-04).
- **McClellan B. Mills Temporary Haul Permit.** – Permit allowing 10 MBF of private timber to be transported on the 26-2-17.0 road, located in Section 17, T. 26 S., R. 2 W., W.M. (OR-104-08-06).
- **Right-of-Way for legal access to home site; OR 064510** – Authorizes the legal access to the home site of Mr. Robert Huelson on Road No. 27-3-14.1, Segment A, under exclusive easement No. RE-R-282C. (OR-104-08-03).

## New Projects

### *South River Field Office*

None this quarter.

### *Swiftwater Field Office*

#### **Adams Apple Commercial Thinning and Density Management**

**Description:** Commercial thinning (CT) and density management (DM) in the General Forest Management Area, and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 333 acres of young managed stands (58 years old) and density management of 40 acres in Riparian Reserve.

**Location:** Section 19, T. 23 S., R. 4 W., W.M.

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

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment will be completed under Elkhead CT and DM Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Will be completed under Elkhead CT and DM Environmental Assessment.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated April, 2008.

#### **Slow Lane Commercial Thinning and Density Management**

**Description:** Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 128 acres in the Matrix, Connectivity, and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 24 acres of young managed stands (42-58 years old) in the General Forest Management Area, 104 acres of young managed stands (38-41 years old) in the Connectivity/Diversity Block, and 33 acres of density management in the Riparian Reserve.

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

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

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment will be completed under Elkhead CT and DM Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Will be completed under Elkhead CT and DM Environmental Assessment.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated June, 2008.

## Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items

### *South River Field Office*

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

##### **North Berry Creek Unilateral Right-of-Way and Road Construction Permit**

**Description:** The proposed action is issuance of a temporary road use permit for use of BLM-controlled roads and authorization for temporary road construction to Swanson Group, Inc. The road is necessary for access to the western third of a parcel of private timber for which no other suitable alternative access is available. The temporary road would approximately 675 feet in length with an estimated 440 feet on BLM-managed lands. The road would be ripped and blocked after use. Timber hauling would be authorized on BLM Roads 29-8-1.0, 29-7-18.2 and 29-7-7.0

**Location:** Construction would be located in Section 7, T. 29 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Complete.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** January 8 through 23, 2008.

**Decision Date:** February 5, 2008.

##### **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 the 300 foot extension of a single 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 complete.

**Public Comment Period:** June 19, 2007 to July 19, 2007.

**Decision Date:** February 5, 2008.

#### **Timber Management Activities**

##### **South Umpqua 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 increase in the acreage being analyzed, compared to what was listed in the Winter 2007 Quarterly Planning Update, is the 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, Canyon Creek, and Stouts Creek 6<sup>th</sup>-field subwatersheds of the South Umpqua 5<sup>th</sup>-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:** Ongoing.

**Discretionary Scoping:** Comments will be accepted for a period of 30 days beginning sometime in March, 2008.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Unknown at this time.

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

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

**Description:** Commercial thinning and density management is proposed on approximately 722 acres.

Commercial thinning in the Matrix allocations in conjunction with density management in associated Riparian Reserves would total 402 acres. Density management in Late-Successional Reserves would total 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:** February 5, 2008 through March 6, 2008.

**Decision Date:** Multiple decisions 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 first of three decisions to be generated from the assessment, Deep Six Density Management, was issued in February, 2008. Remaining decisions are anticipated in the spring and summer of 2008.

### **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 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:** The first of three decisions anticipated in fiscal year 2008 was the Olly Cat DM decision issued in February, 2008. Remaining decisions are anticipated in the summer of 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:** Anticipated in April or May, 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. Authorization of the Hi-Yo Silver timber sale is anticipated in April, 2008.

### **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.

#### **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**

##### **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:** Ongoing.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated March, 2008.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated May, 2008.

##### **Rone Access**

**Description:** Issuance of a three year road use agreement for the hauling of approximately 500 MBF of timber on existing roads (24-3-30.0, 24-3-31.0, and 24-4-25.2) and construction of approximately 40 feet of road in NW ¼ of Section 31, T. 24 S., R. 3 W. The Environmental Assessment would also consider tail holds on Bureau of Land Management Lands as part of this project.

**Location:** Sections 31, T. 24 S., R. 3 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated March, 2008.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated in April, 2008.

##### **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 completed.  
**Public Comment Period:** Completed August, 2007.  
**Decision Date:** Signed February 14, 2008.

### **Timber Management Activities**

#### **Elementary Watson Commercial Thinning and Density Management**

**Description:** Commercial thinning and density management in the Adaptive Management Area, General Forest Management Area, and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 370 acres of young managed stands (40-78 years old) and density management of 30 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:** Anticipated to begin in January, 2008.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated July, 2008.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated August, 2008.

#### **Dog Bone Commercial Thinning and Density Management**

**Description:** Commercial thinning and density management in the Matrix and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations. It involves the commercial thinning of approximately 191 acres of young managed stands (48-52 years old) in the General Forest Management Area and 24 acres of density management in Riparian Reserve.

**Location:** Section 24, T. 26 S., R. 8 W.; 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:** Anticipated July, 2008.

#### **O.M. Hubbard II Density Management Study (DMS)**

**Description:** The proposed action is the continuation of the DMS project on O.M. Hubbard II site which includes approximately 135 acres in Section 19 of T. 25 S., R. 7 W. and Section 24 of T. 26 S., R. 8 W., Willamette Meridian. O.M. Hubbard II is located within the General Forest Management Area and Riparian Reserve land-use allocations. Approximately 135 acres of O.M. Hubbard II would have harvest activities in accordance with the study design. O.M. Hubbard II is expected to yield 763 MBF of timber available for auction.

**Location:** Section 24, T. 26 S., R. 8 W.; Sections 19, T. 26 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

**Issue Identification:** Ongoing.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated January, 2008.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated March, 2008.

#### **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 a total of 152 acres comprised of commercial thinning of approximately 33 acres of young managed stands (35-45 years old) in the General Forest Management Area, approximately 27 acres of density management in Riparian Reserve, and approximately 92 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:** Signed February 21, 2007.

### **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. Four sales (i.e. Adams Apple, Cedar Shingle, Slow Lane, and Lurch) are expected to yield approximately 13.6 MMBF of timber. Cedar Mill and Shingle Bells have been combined into a single sale called Cedar Shingle since the publication of the Spring 2007 Planning Update.

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

**Issue Identification:** Scoping Period completed.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated March, 2008.

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

### **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 were selected from the following 10 parcels.

**Location:** *Parcel 1* – SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 32, T. 20 S., R. 6 W., WM. (40 ac.);

*Parcel 2* – Govt. Lot 7 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 6, T.21 S., R.6 W., WM. (64.54 ac.);

*Parcel 3* – NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 10, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., WM. (40 ac.);

*Parcel 4* – NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 26, T. 22 S., R. 7 W., WM. (80.45 ac.);

*Parcel 7* – NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 4, T. 23 S., R. 4 W., WM. (40 ac.);

*Parcel 8* – NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 24, T. 23 S., R.7 W., WM. (40 ac.);

*Parcel 9* – SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 32, T. 25 S., R.3 W., WM. (40 ac.); and/or

*Parcel 10* – SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 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:** The classification decision of the Roseburg District was completed June 28, 2007. The State Director issued his decision of intent to clearlist these lands to the State of Oregon on September 28, 2007. This decision was appealed; the Interior Board of Land Appeals affirmed the State Director's decision on January 30, 2008. The State Director issued the clearlist, effectively transferring Parcels 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 to the State and concluding this project on February 8, 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:** Ongoing.

**Analysis:** Environmental Assessment anticipated Spring, 2008.

**Public Comment Period:** Anticipated Spring, 2008.

**Decision Date:** Anticipated Spring, 2008.

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

**Description:** Planning the 2008 forage plot project has begun and is ongoing. Also, planning for Stream and Oak restoration is ongoing.

**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](http://volunteer.gov/gov). Please call District Volunteer Program Coordinator Chip Clough (acting) at 464-3369 for further details.

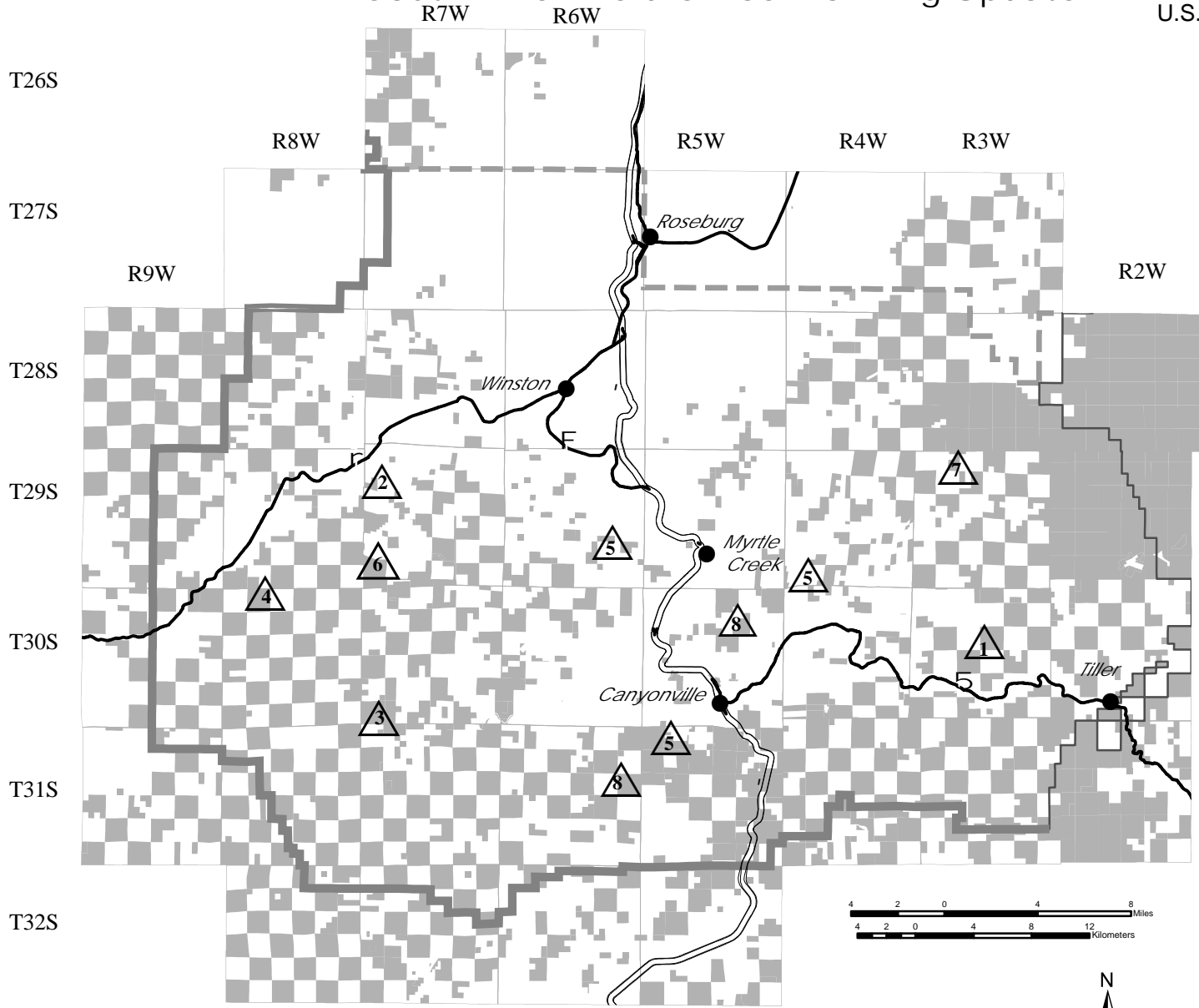


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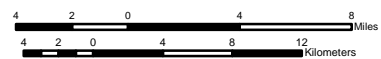
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| 4 Middle Fork Coquille 2007 Commercial Thinning and Density Management | 8 Can-Can Regeneration Harvest Plan                               |



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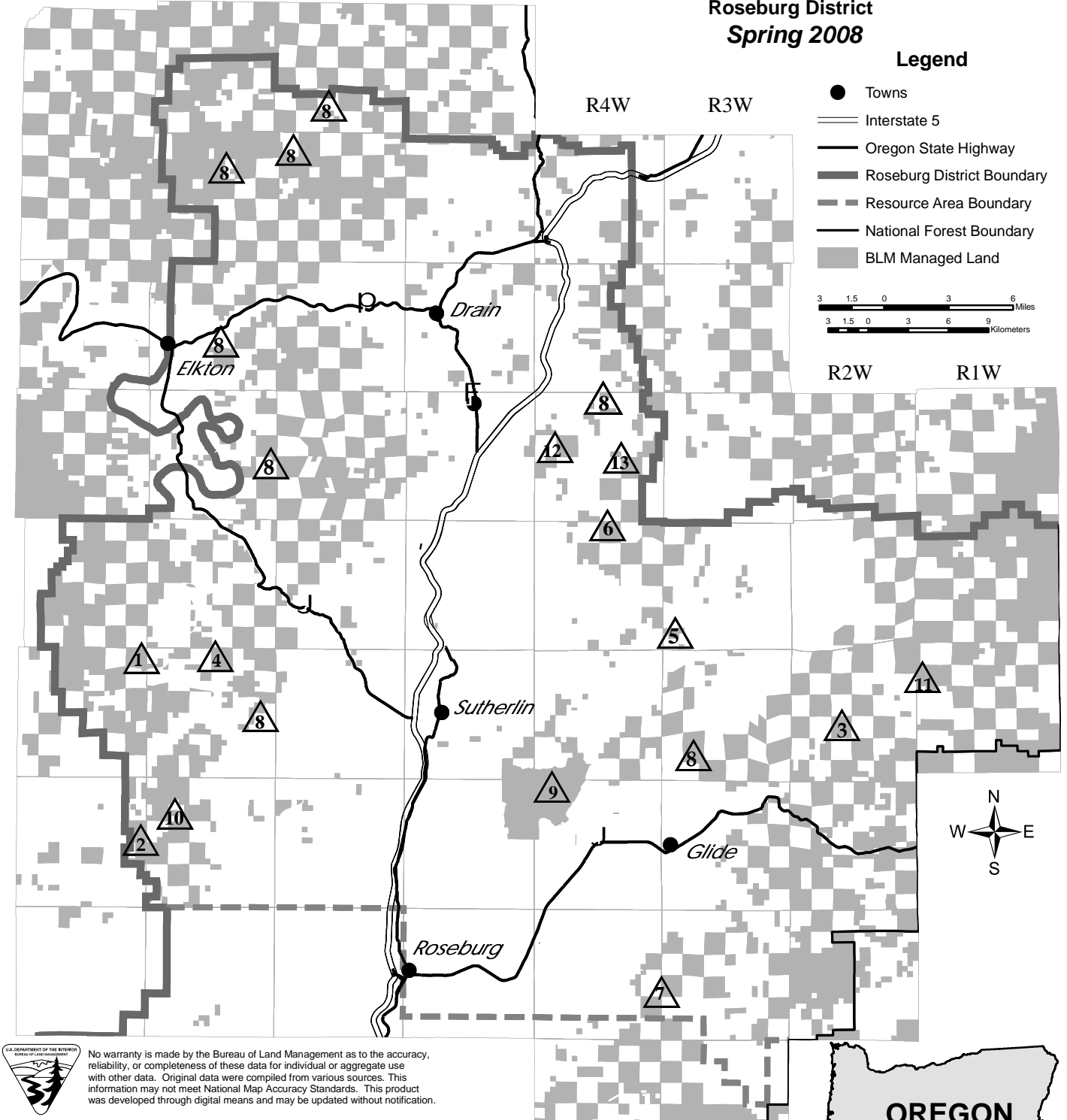
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- 1 Little Wolf Quarry Expansion
- 2 O.M. Hubbard Density Management Study
- 3 Millpond Recreation Maintenance Shop
- 4 Powell's Bottle Commercial Thinning & Density Management
- 5 Jeffers Creek (also known as - Rone Access)

- 6 Elk Head Commercial Thinning & Density Management
- 7 Elementary Watson Commercial Thinning
- 8 State of Oregon In-Lieu Selection
- 9 North Bank Habitat Management Area
- 10 Dog Bone Commercial Thinning

- 11 Darth Raider Density Management
- 12 Adams Apple Commercial Thinning and Density Management
- 13 Slow Lane Commercial Thinning and Density Management

# 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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