

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,

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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

There are 140 individual agreements and easements that were executed prior to implementation of the Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP p. 71). These agreements are subject to regulations in effect at the time they were executed or assigned. Discretion on the part of the BLM regarding road construction is limited.

South River Field Office

- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-769** – Construction of 3,080 feet of road and improvements to 3,537 feet of an existing road on BLM-administered lands located in the N½ of Section 31, T. 27 S., R. 3 W., W.M. allocated as Connectivity/Diversity Block and Adaptive Management Area.
- **Lone Rock Timberland Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-678** – Construction of 100 feet of road on BLM-administered lands in Lot 1, Section 33, T. 27½ S., R. 8 W. allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-656** – Construction of 646 feet of road on BLM-administered lands in the NE¼NE¼ of Section 17, T. 30 S., R. 3 W. allocated as Connectivity/Diversity Block.
- **Moore Mill & Lumber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement C-364** – Construction of 67 feet of road BLM-administered lands in the NE¼NE¼ of Section 7, T. 30 S., R. 8 W. allocated to the General Forest Management Area.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-656** – Construction of 609 feet of road and improvements to 420 feet of existing road on BLM-administered lands in the N½NW¼ of Section 19, T. 30 S., R. 2 W. allocated to the General Forest Management Area.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-656** – Construction of 167 feet of new road and improvements to 300 feet of existing road on BLM-administered lands in the NE¼SE¼ of Section 9, T. 30 S., R. 5 W. allocated as Connectivity/Diversity Block.

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-617** – Construction of approximately 1218 feet of new road across BLM administered lands in the SW¼ SE¼ Section 13, T. 25 S., R. 2 W., W.M. allocated to the General Forest Management Area.

- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-646** – Construction of approximately 200 feet of new road, improvement of approximately 320 feet of existing road, and removal of approximately 1400 cubic yards of slide material across BLM administered lands in Lots 13 and 14, Section 19, T. 25 S., R. 1 W., W.M. allocated as Connectivity/Diversity Block.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-645A** – Construction of two spurs approximately 570 feet spur 1 and approximately 760 feet spur 2 of new road across BLM administered lands in the E1/2 NE1/4 Section 19, T. 21 S., R. 6 W., W.M. allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-645A** – Construction of approximately 337 feet of new road and approximately 517 feet of renovation on existing road across BLM administered lands in the NW1/4 NE1/4, Section 13, T. 21 S., R. 7 W., W.M. allocated to the General Forest Management Area.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-880** – Construction of approximately 1897 feet of new road and approximately 3232 feet of improvement on existing road across BLM administered lands in Lot 5, Section 27, T. 23 S., R. 7 W., W.M. allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Roseburg Resources Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735** – Construction of approximately 729 feet of new road across BLM administered lands in the SW1/4 SW1/4, Section 23, T. 24 S., R. 7 W., W.M. allocated as Late-Successional Reserve.
- **Juniper Properties, Reciprocal Right-of-Way R-645A** – Construction of approximately 170 feet of new road across BLM administered lands in the NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 27, T. 22 S., R. 7 W., W.M. allocated to the General Forest Management Area.
- **Lone Rock Timber Company, Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-767** – Realign existing BLM road in two locations approximately 200 feet across BLM lands in the SW1/4 SW1/4 and the NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 29, T. 25 S., R. 3 W., W.M. allocated to the General Forest Management Area.

Categorical Exclusions

This is a category of actions that federal agencies have determined not to significantly affect the human environment, individually or cumulatively. Neither an EA nor an EIS is required (40 CFR 1508.4). BLM categorical exclusions are not subject to the ruling of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California in *Earth Island Institute v. Ruthenbec* (03-6386-JKF). In that ruling, the court ruled that certain U.S. Forest Service categorical exclusions were subject to Forest Service appeals regulations as revised in 2003. These Forest Service regulations and the related court ruling do not apply to BLM or BLM categorical exclusions.

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- **Timber Salvage and Fuels Reduction** – Removal of trees felled on lands administratively withdrawn for a utility corridor on BLM-administered lands in Section 31, T. 30 S., R. 4 W. and Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24 in T. 31 S., R. 5 W. (OR-105-06-17)
- **Timber Salvage and Fuels Reduction** – Removal of trees felled on lands administratively withdrawn for a utility corridor on BLM-administered lands in Section 33, T. 29 S., R. 3 W. (OR-105-06-19)
- **Timber Salvage** – Removal of blown down trees on Matrix lands by endlining or swing yarding to existing roads. Salvage locations are in Section 27, T. 29 S., R. 2 W.; Section 7, T. 30 S., R. 8 W.; and Section 1, T. 30 S., R. 9 W. (OR-105-06-20)
- **Temporary Haul Permit** – Temporary hauling permit issued to Brushy Butte LLC authorizing the hauling of logs from private land across BLM Roads 28-4-5.0 Segment A and 28-4-8.4 Segments A, B and C allocated to the General Forest Management Area. (OR-105-06-21)

- **Temporary Haul Permit** - Temporary hauling permit issued to Roseburg Resources Company authorizing the hauling of logs from private land across BLM Road 28-4-5.0 Segment A allocated to the General Forest Management Area.(OR-105-06-22)
- **Temporary Haul Permit** - Temporary hauling permit issued to PAB Limited Partnership authorizing the hauling of logs from private land across BLM Road 29-3-33.0 Segments A, B, C, D, E and a portion of F allocated to the General Forest Management Area and Connectivity/Diversity. (OR-105-06-23)
- **Dam Removal** – Removal of an unauthorized impoundment dam composed of sheet metal, rebar, steel posts and plastic pipe located in the NW¼NE¼ of Section 1, T. 30 S., R. 9 W., W.M., allocated to the General Forest Management Area. Removal will be accomplished by winching the material to an existing road. (OR-105-06-25)
- **Temporary Haul Permit** - Temporary hauling permit issued to Patricia Toombs authorizing the hauling of logs from private land across BLM Road 28-8-12.0 Segments A. located on private lands. (OR-105-06-26)
- **Amendment to Road Right-of-Way** – Amendment of an existing right-of-way agreement for use of BLM Road 28-4-27.0 for legal domestic access located on General Forest Management Area LUA. The amendment extends the termination date of the right-of-way from December 31, 2021, to December 31, 2036. (OR-105-06-27)
- **Road Right-of-Way** – Issuance of a road right-of-way to Steven and Denise Scott for use of BLM Roads 29-8-29.2, 29-8-31.0, 29-8-31.1 and 29-8-31.3 (Connectivity/Diversity LUA) to access a private residence. (OR-105-06-32)
- **Water Line Right-of-Way** – Issuance of a right-of-way for a domestic waterline that provides water to a rural home site. The line crosses BLM-administered lands in Section 33, T. 30 S., R. 3 W., W.M. (District Designated Reserve LUA) (OR-105-06-33)
- **Road Right-of-Way** – Issuance of a road right-of-way to Robert Conley for a road across the top of an old livestock watering dam constructed in 1979. The road will cross approximately 105 feet of BLM-administered land in Section 33, T. 30 S., R. 3 W., W.M., (District Designated Reserve) providing domestic access. (OR-105-06-34)

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Right-of-Way for Legal Access to Home Site: OR 063093.** Allows legal access to private property via BLM controlled road No. 26-2-17.0, Segments B and C. Sec. 16, NW¼SW¼NW¼ (BLM Controlled Easement); Sec. 17, SE¼NE¼ (O&C Revested Grant Lands), T. 26 S., R. 02 W. (OR-104-06-06). Located in Riparian Reserve land use allocation.
- **Wolf Creek Job Corps Waterline and Storm Ditch Project.** Allows the removal of five small trees along the county road in Sec. 9, T.27 S., R.02W. and the construction of two ditch lines on BLM property leased to the Wolf Creek Job Corps. (OR-104-06-18) The project is within the AMA land use allocation.
- **Right-of Way Grant OR 62722; Domestic Water System.** Allows the installation of a water system. The electric line will be buried in conduit and installed to State Electrical Code. (OR-104-06-24) Located in Lot 5, sec. 9, T.26S., R.3W. in the Riparian Reserve land use allocation.
- **Ivan Gagner Temporary Haul Permit.** Temporary hauling permit issued to Ivan Gagner to transport private timber from SW¼, Sec. 18, T. 21 S., R. 5. W., W.M. over .75 miles of BLM Road 21-5-18.0 Seg. A (Part). The road is on private land. (OR-104-06-28).
- **Right-of-Way Grant OR61459; Domestic Water System.** Allows the installation of a water system of which 170 feet is on BLM administered lands. (OR-104-06-29). Located in lot 7, sec. 9, T.26S., R.3W. in the Riparian Reserve land use allocation.

New Projects

South River Field Office

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 Review: Anticipated in October, 2006.

Decision Date: Anticipated in May, 2007.

Swiftwater Field Office

Swiftwater Tie Road Realignment

Description: This is a Title II project. The 26-3-15.0 road is closed due to a small landslide that removed a section of the road in 1996. The road would be repaired by realignment onto stable ground immediately adjacent to the existing location. The landslide and the existing failure would be stabilized on the General Forest Management Area.

Location: Section 11, T.26S., R.03W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Anticipated late Sept. 2006.

Analysis: Anticipated in early FY2007.

Public Review: Anticipated in 3rd quarter 2007.

Decision Date: Anticipated in 3rd quarter 2007.

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.

Olalla-Lookingglass 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 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: Scheduled to begin in June, 2006.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Review: Anticipated in September, 2006.

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: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Anticipated in August or September of 2006.

Decision Date: Decisions anticipated sometime in fiscal year 2007.

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: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: Multiple sale decisions anticipated beginning in the summer of 2006.

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 5th-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: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Review: Completed.

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

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: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: Decisions have been 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 have also

been issued for replacement of a culvert on West Fork Canyon Creek and in-stream habitat restoration in Stouts Creek in the summer of 2006. Additional decisions will be forthcoming in 2007 and beyond.

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: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: A decision for the Myrtle Morgan timber sale was issued on June 27, 2006. Decisions for the Screen Pass and Hi-Yo Silver timber sales are expected in August of 2006 and June of 2007, respectively.

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: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: In-stream work will be completed in the summer of 2006. 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: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: No decisions for projects analyzed in this EA were issued in 2005 or are currently planned in 2006. Additional decisions for road improvements, road decommissioning and slide stabilization will be forthcoming in 2007 and beyond.

South River Commercial Thinning 2000

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 300 acres in GFMA and Riparian Reserve land use allocations. The timber sales would be expected to yield approximately 3.3 MMBF.

Location: East Fork and Middle Fork Coquille River, South Umpqua River, and Middle South Umpqua River watersheds. Thinning units are located in T. 28 S., R. 8 W., Section 19; T. 29 S., R. 3 W., Sections 13 and 24; T. 30 S., R. 3 W., Sections 3 and 4; T. 29 S., R. 2 W., Section 19; and T. 30 S., R. 2 W., Section 9.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: Decisions for Hurricane Ruby Commercial Thinning, Weaver Road Commercial Thinning, and Leave It to Weaver Commercial Thinning were previously issued. Authorization for thinning of the remaining units analyzed (E1, E2 and E4) is anticipated in fiscal year 2007.

Swiftwater Field Office

Mildred Kanipe Park Habitat Restoration

Description: This is a Title II project on non-BLM administered lands. It would upgrade or replace stream crossings in order to reduce potential sedimentation, improve fish passage, open additional stream habitat to Pacific salmonids, improve riparian habitat through stream side plantings, and remove invasive weed species through brush control.

Location: Section 18, T24S, R04W; and Section 13, T24S, R05W, W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed.

Umpqua Basin Tree Revetment

Description: This is a Title II project on non-BLM administered lands. This project provides for the installation of 7 to 10 tree revetments in various streams throughout the County. Willows and other riparian vegetation would be established for long term bank stability and habitat improvement.

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

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Anticipated in late August 2006.

Public Review: Anticipated in August 2006.

Decision Date: Anticipated in late September 2006

Buck Creek Commercial Thinning

Description: Commercial Thinning of approximately 324 acres of second-growth timber, on Matrix lands. This was a previously sold but unawarded timber sale of the same name.

Location: Sections 3, T22S, R4W, W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed. Anticipate award August 2006.

Johnson Creek Commercial Thinning

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

Location: Sections 2, 9, 11, and 15, T21S, R7W, W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed. Anticipate award in late summer or early fall 2006.

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, T21S, R7W, W.M.

Issue Identification: The sale is under protest. If the protest is resolved through negotiated process the sale could be awarded.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: To be determined.

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, T21S, R6W; Sections 25 and 35, T20S, R6W, W.M.

Issue Identification: The sale is under protest. If the protest is resolved through negotiated process the sale could be awarded.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: To be determined.

Yoncalla West Regeneration Harvest

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 27 acres of mature and late-successional forest in the General Forest Management Area Land Use Allocation. This was a previously sold but unawarded sale of the same name.

Location: Sections 33, T22S, R5W, W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Anticipated in September 2006.

Decision Date: Anticipated in late October 2006 and award in February 2007.

Diamondback Regeneration Harvest

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 64 acres of mature and late-successional forest in the General Forest Management Area Land Use Allocation. This was a previously sold but unawarded sale of the same name.

Location: Section 17, T24S, R6W, W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment planned to begin in January 2007.

Public Review: Anticipated in February 2007.

Decision Date: Anticipated in March 2007.

Bare Cupboard Commercial Thinning and Density Management

Description: This project was analyzed as part of the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment. It involves the commercial thinning and density management of approximately 320 acres of young managed stands in the General Forest Management Area and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocations.

Location: Sections 19, T26S, R.7W, W.M.

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

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Review: Anticipated in December 2006.

Decision Date: Anticipated in January 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 440 acres of young managed stands in the Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocation.

Location: Section 1, T24S, R08W, W.M.

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

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed.

Public Review: Anticipated in March 2007.

Decision Date: Anticipated in April 2007.

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32, T20S, R6W, WM. (40 ac.);

Parcel 2 – Govt. Lot 7 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 6, T21S, R6W, WM. (64.54 ac.);

Parcel 3 – NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 10, T21S, R7W, WM. (40 ac.);

Parcel 4 – NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 34, T22S, R4W, WM. (40 ac.);

Parcel 5 – Govt. Lot 1, Section 28, T22S, R7W, 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, T22S, R7W, WM. (80.45 ac.);

Parcel 7 – NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 4, T23S, R4W, WM. (40 ac.);

Parcel 8 – NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 24, T23S, R7W, WM. (40 ac.);

Parcel 9 – SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 32, T25S, R3W, WM. (40 ac.); and/or

Parcel 10 – SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 14, T25S, R7W, WM. (40 ac.)

Issue Identification: 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 and issues in accordance with the 1991 court settlement.”

Analysis: Received an amended application from the State of Oregon in July 2006. Anticipate a completed EA in October 2006.

Public Review: Anticipated in November 2006.

Decision Date: Anticipated in December 2006.

Howling Wolf Density Management

Description: This project was analyzed as part of the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment. This action would result in density management of approximately 128 acres of second-growth (mid-seral) forest within the Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocation.

Location: Sections 23, 25 and 35, T24S, R8W, W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

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

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed April 20, 2006.

Green Butte Density Management

Description: This project was analyzed as part of the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment. This action would result in density management of approximately 390 acres of second-growth (mid-seral) forest within the Late-Successional Reserve Land Use Allocation.

Location: Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, T26S, R7W, W.M.,

Issue Identification: Completed.

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

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: Completed June 22, 2006.

Green Thunder Regeneration Harvest and Commercial Thinning

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 134 acres of mature and late-successional forest, commercial thinning of approximately 170 acres of young, mid-seral forest, and approximately 36 acres of density management of young mid-seral forest on Riparian Reserve Lands. The timber sale is estimated to contain 6.2 million board feet and is located within the Little River Adaptive Management Area and the Connectivity/Diversity Block Land Use Allocation.

Location: Sections 31 and 33, T25S, R2W, W.M.; and Section 25, T26S, R3W; W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment completed. An Addendum to the Environmental Assessment was completed to address issues brought forward in protest of the December 2005 decision.

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: Protest Decision signed August 2006. Appeal period ends September 2006.

Whatagas Regeneration Harvest

Description: Regeneration harvest of mature and late-successional forest totaling approximately 115 acres. The sale is expected to yield approximately 3.3 million board feet and is within the General Forest Management Area and Connectivity/Diversity block Land Use Allocations.

Location: Section 7 and 19; T25S, R3W; and Section 13, T25S, R4W, Section 7, T31S, R3W, W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Completed.

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: Anticipate decision in August 17, 2006.

Broken Buck Regeneration Harvest

Description This project was analyzed and a Decision Document signed in 1997. Operations for this sale have been suspended since 1998 as a result of a series of law suits. One of the law suits resulted in a court order that invalidated the Biological Opinion of the National Marine Fisheries Service that covered this project, which put it out of compliance with the Endangered Species Act. All of the legal issues surrounding this sale have been resolved. A new Environmental Assessment is needed and will be prepared as well as another decision will be made, that may enable BLM to lift the suspension and allow operations to commence on this sale. This project is found in the Connectivity/Diversity Block.

Location: Section 9, 17, T23S, R3W, W.M

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Anticipated in late summer 2007.

Public Review: Anticipated in September 2007.

Decision Date: Anticipated November 2007.

North Bank Habitat Management Area Projects/Implementation Plan

Description: Mowing of roads and trails will be done as soils dry. Development and maintenance of springs and water sources will begin and continue through the summer. Trail signs will be installed across the NBHMA. Planting of willow cuttings and shrubs along streams where blackberries have been removed will continue as the weather permits. Youth crews will be removing noxious weeds at various locations throughout the spring and summer. The main gate will be moved up away from the County Road for public safety. Fuel treatment is planned for approximately 650 acres followed by seeding.

Location: Sections 31, 32, 33, T25S, R4W, W.M.: Sections 35, 36, T25S, R5W, W.M.; Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, T26S, R5W, W.M. and Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, T26S, R4W, W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed

Analysis: Covered under the North Bank Habitat Management Area / ACEC Final EIS (September 2000)

Public Review: 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.

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It is not envisioned that the following timber sale analyses will be resumed. Consequently, reference to these specific proposals will not appear in future planning updates. Individual components of these discontinued analyses may, however, be addressed in future proposals.

N. Olalla-Lookingglass Regeneration Harvest

Middle South Umpqua/Olalla-Lookingglass Regeneration Harvest

Loose Laces

Ragu

South River FY 2001 Regeneration Harvest Project Plan

Swiftwater Field Office

Bear Hill Regeneration Harvest
Bell Mountain Regeneration Harvest
Elk Creek Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment
Powell Creek Regeneration Harvest

Other Assessments

Watershed Analysis Status

South River Field Office

No watershed analysis is being conducted at this time.

Swiftwater Field Office

Rock Creek Region Watershed Assessment

The Swiftwater Field Office partnered with the Partnership for the Umpqua River to develop an assessment and watershed restoration plan for the Rock Creek Region. This included the Rock Creek and Canton Creek fifth-field watersheds and the Middle North Umpqua from the confluence of Steamboat Creek - North Umpqua to the confluence of Rock Creek - North Umpqua. the Assessment was completed in the Spring 2006.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Roseburg District has specific volunteer opportunities listed on-line at volunteer.gov/gov. Also, the following are days when special volunteer events may be planned. Please call District Volunteer Program Coordinator Joe Ross at 464-3248 for further details.

September 16, 2006 International Coastal Cleanup Day www.coastalcleanup.org	October 18, 2006 World Water Monitoring Day www.worldwatermonitoringday.org
September 30, 2006 National Public Lands Day www.publiclandsday.org	October 28, 2006 Make A Difference Day http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday
	November 18, 2006 National Family Volunteer Day http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nfvd

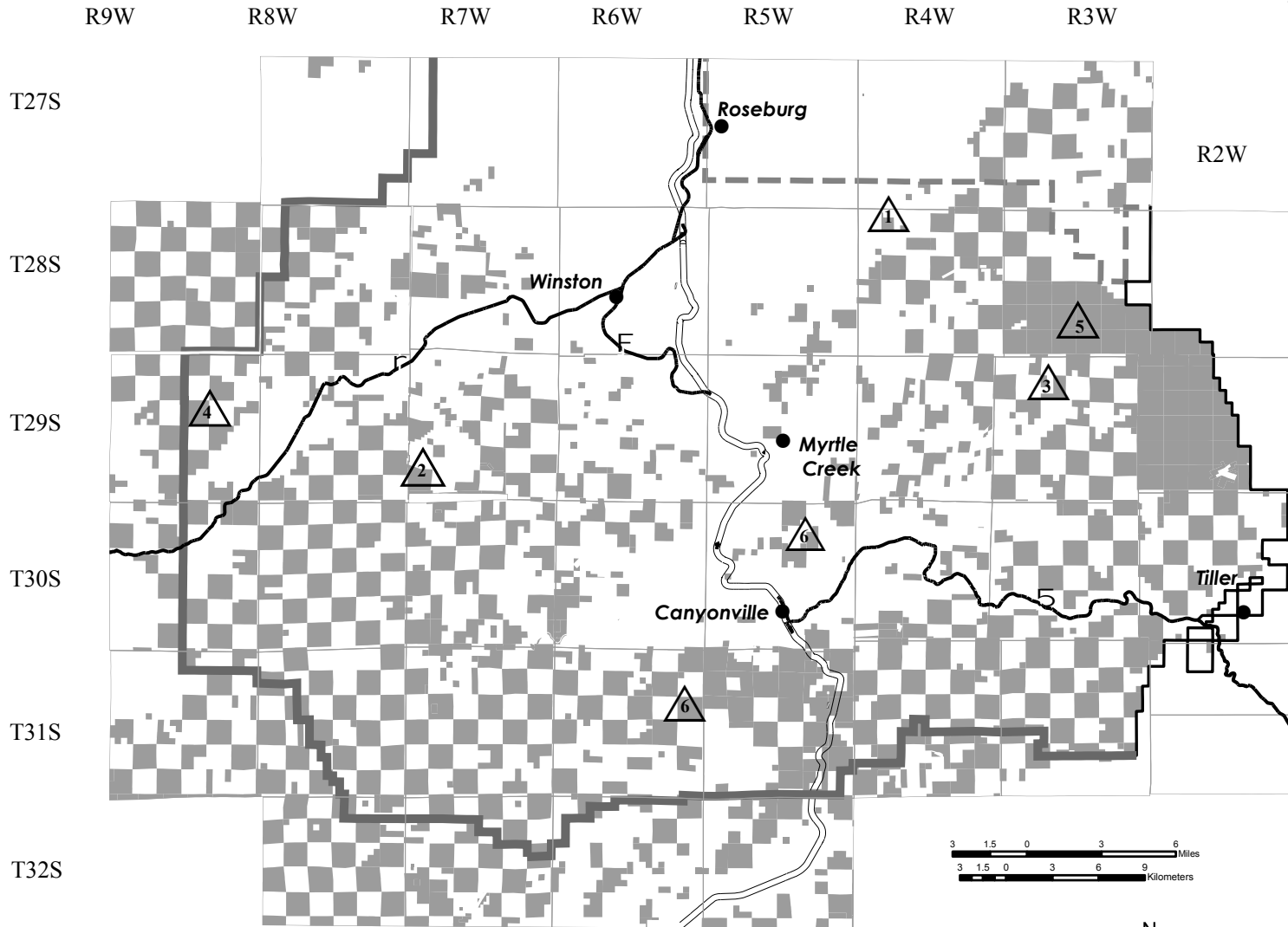


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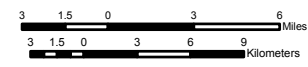
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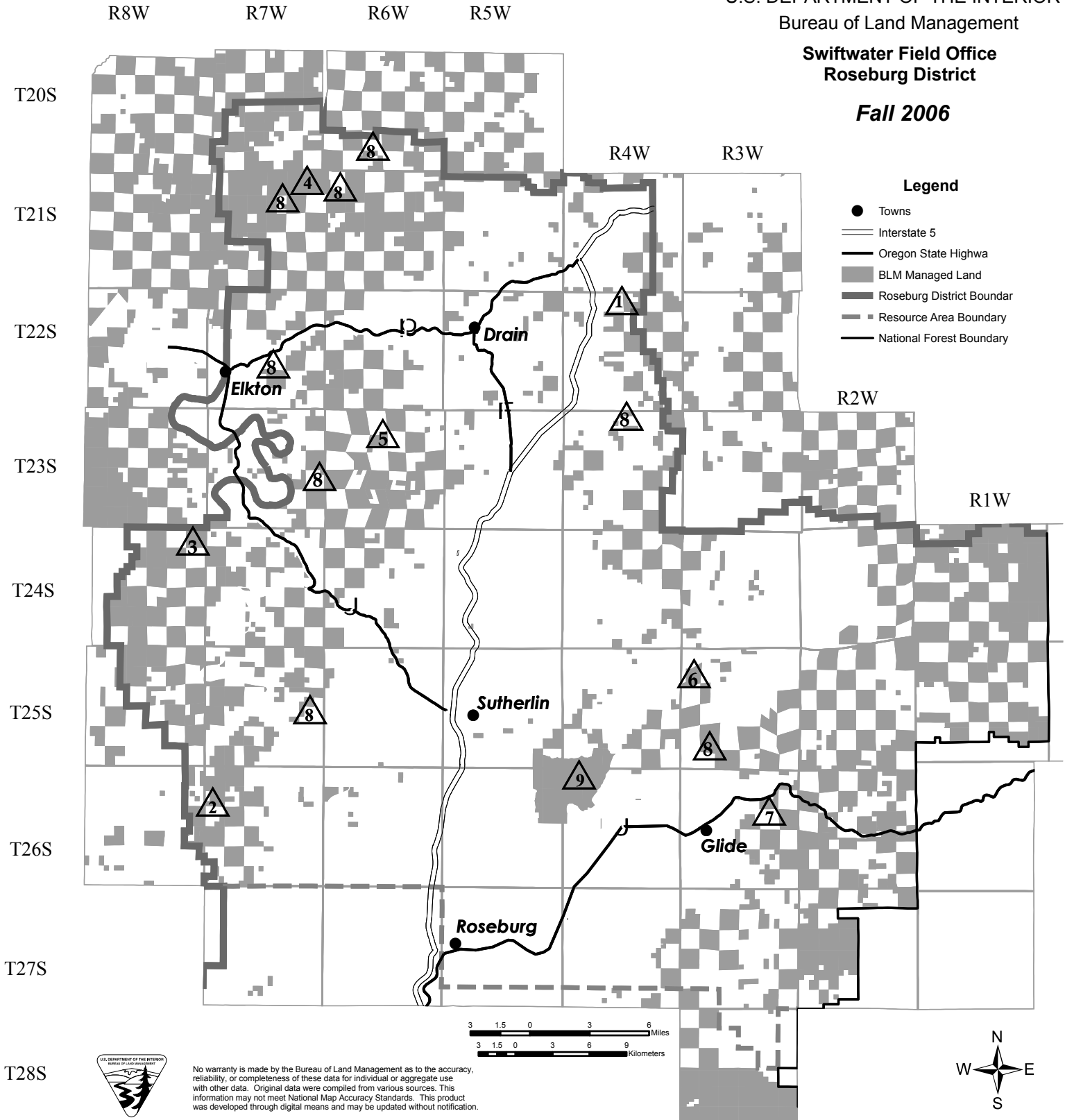
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Abbreviations and Definitions

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).

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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