

Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



Spring 2006

Dear Citizen:

The Planning Update is published to provide current information about specific projects and future events planned on the Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management. Please send written comments, including the specific project and field office name, to 777 N.W. Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97470, during the public comment period. If you wish to save paper and postage, and you have access to the internet, you can find the Planning Update at www.or.blm.gov/roseburg.

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Thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely,

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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 to one environmental reason - excessive erosion damage.

South River Field Office

None in the past quarter.

Swiftwater Field Office

None in the past quarter.

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.

South River Field Office

- **Communications Right-of-Way** – Issuance of a permit to Pioneer-Net.com for the placement of wireless internet communications equipment on existing facilities on the Canyon Mountain Communication Site. (OR-105-06-02)
- **Communications Right-of-Way** – Issuance of a permit to Tyme-Wyse Internet for the placement of wireless internet communications equipment on existing facilities on the Canyon Mountain Communication Site. (OR-105-06-01)

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Harness Mountain Quarry Operations.** Permit to crush and stockpile aggregate rock from Harness Mtn. Rock Quarry between October and December, 2005. Section 1, T24S, R04W, W.M. (OR-104-05-32).
- **Seneca Jones Timber Co. use of Hotel Quarry.** Permit to crush and stockpile aggregate rock from Hotel Quarry between January and June, 2006. Section 28, T27S, R02W, W.M. (OR-104-06-05).

New Projects

South River Field Office

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: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Anticipated in July or August of 2006.

Decision Date: Decisions would be anticipated sometime in fiscal year 2007.

Swiftwater Field Office

Bare Cupboard Timber Sale

Description: This project was analyzed as part of the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan. It involves the regeneration harvest of approximately 320 acres of mature timber in GFMA.

Location: Sections 17, 18, 19, 21, 29, 32, T. 26 S., R. 7 W.; Section 13, T. 26 S., R. 08 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

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

Public Review: Anticipated in 2007.

Decision Date: Decisions would be anticipated sometime in fiscal year 2007.

Boss Day Raider Density Management

Description: This project was analyzed as part of the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan. It involves the density management of approximately 730 acres of late-successional reserve.

Location: Sections 1, T. 24 S., R. 08 W., Sections 7, T. 24 S., R. 07 W., W.M.

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

Analysis: Anticipated in 2007.

Public Review: Anticipated in 2007.

Decision Date: Decisions would be anticipated sometime in fiscal year 2007.

Bell Mountain Timber Sale

Description: This project involves 55 acres of regeneration harvest on three units within the matrix and harvest of approximately 2.4 MMBF.

Location: Sections 23, 27, 28, T. 22 S., R. 07 W., W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Reanalyze the project EA.

Public Review: Anticipated in 2007.

Decision Date: Decisions would be anticipated sometime in fiscal year 2007.

State Indemnity Selection (aka – In-Lieu Selections)

Description: The national congress approved lands to be conveyed to the State of Oregon, upon its statehood, in 1859. This project will partially or completely fulfill the United States obligation to the State of Oregon by conveying approximately 180 acres of public lands to state control.

Location: Selected Public Domain Lands

Issue Identification: This project was identified in by the Oregon State Office as high priority for conveyance to the State of Oregon to “Meet the long-range management objectives of the BLM and the Oregon Division of State Lands to resolve indemnity/in-lieu selections and issues in accordance with the 1991 court settlement.”

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Anticipated in 2006.

Decision Date: Decisions would be anticipated sometime September 2006.

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.

Middle Fork South Fork Deer Creek O&C Permit

Description: Issuance of a temporary O&C permit to Glide Lumber Products. The permit, if approved, would authorize the construction of an extension of BLM Road No. 28-4-5.1 by approximately 1,550 feet in order to access adjoining private timber. The permit would also authorize hauling over BLM roads. Construction and hauling would be restricted to the dry season. The temporary road would be blocked and winterized when not in use, and decommissioned upon completion of use.

Location: NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, Section 5, T28S, R4W, WM

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Review: Public comment from September 27, 2005 to October 27, 2005.

Decision Date: Swanson Group purchased Glide Lumber, the party originally requesting the permit. Swanson Group has since stated that they have no interest in pursuing the permit.

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, T28S, R8W; Sections 3, 15, 23 and 27, T29S, R9W; and Sections 1 and 2, T30S, R9W, WM.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Anticipated in March of 2006.

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, T28S, R3W.; Section 21, T28S, R4W.; Sections 9, 11 and 21, T29S, R3W; and Sections 1 and 3, T29S, R4W, WM.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Anticipated in March of 2006.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

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. A decision is expected 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 T30S, R4W, Section 5; T30S, R5W, Sections 9, 10, 11 and 15; T31S, R5W, Sections 23 and 26; and T30S, R6W, Sections 13 and 25.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: Decisions are anticipated in fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

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: T31S, R7W, Section 35, and T32S, R7W, 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 T28S, R8W, Section 19; T29S, R3W, Sections 13 and 24; T30S, R3W, Sections 3 and 4; T29S, R2W, Section 19; and T30S, R2W, 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 or later.

Dickerson Heights Timber Sale

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 150 acres allocated to the GFMA and Connectivity/Diversity Blocks. The timber sale would be expected to yield approximately 5.3 MMBF.

Location: Olalla Creek 6th-field subwatershed of the Olalla Creek-Lookingglass Creek 5th-field watershed. Proposed units are located in T29S, R7W, Sections 9, 11, 15 and 21.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment complete.

Public Review: Anticipated in February of 2006.

Decision Date: Uncertain at this time.

Swiftwater Field Office

2006 Density Management Timber Sales

Description: These projects were analyzed as part of the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan. This action will result in the density management (thinning) of 1500 acres of second-growth (mid-seral) stands on three timber sales and one commercial thinning within the Late-Successional land use allocation.

Location: **Mining Days** - Section 35, T24S, R8W; Section 1, T25S, R8W W.M., **Green Butte** - Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, T26S, R7W, W.M., **Wash Basin CT** - Section 9, T24S, R7W; Section 31, T23S, R7W, **Howling Wolf** - 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 in September 2004.

Decision Date: **Mining Days** - Anticipated in February 2006, **Howling Wolf** - Anticipated in February 2006, **Green Butte** - Anticipated in May 2006.

Green Thunder Regeneration and Commercial Thinning Harvest

Description: This project involves 134 acres of regeneration harvest, 170 acres of commercial thinning harvest, and 36 acres of Density Management for an estimated 6.2 MMBF of timber available for auction. The previous EA has been revised to more fully consider cumulative impacts.

Location: T26S, R2W, Sections 31, and 33 W.M. and T26S, R3W, Section 25 W.M. (Little River Watershed) in the Little River Adaptive Management Area and Middle North Umpqua Watershed.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Completed.

Public Review: Completed. This project has been protested.

Decision Date: Completed.

Whatagas Regeneration Harvest

Description: This project involves 125 acres of regeneration harvest on 10 units within the matrix and harvest of approximately 4.2 MMBF.

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

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Complete.

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: Anticipated in February, 2006.

Bear Hill Timber Sale

Description: This project involves 40 acres of regeneration harvest on two units within the matrix and harvest of approximately 1.6 MMBF.

Location: Section 23; T22S, R6W, W.M.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Completed.

Public Review: Moved to 1st quarter FY 2007.

Decision Date Moved to 1st quarter FY 2007

Powell Creek Timber Sale

Description: This project involves 50 acres of regeneration harvest on three units within the matrix and harvest of approximately 1.4 MMBF.

Location: Section 5; T25S, R7W, W.M.

Issue Identification: Public input provided in 1999 will be considered in this analysis. Additional comments will be accepted at this time.

Analysis: In progress.

Public Review: Anticipated in 1st quarter 2007.

Decision Date: Anticipated in 1st quarter 2007.

Broken Buck Regeneration Harvest Timber Sale

Description This sale was analyzed and a Decision Document signed in 1997. Operations for this sale have been suspended since 1998. A new Environmental Assessment will be prepared as well as a new decision that would enable BLM to prepare a decision record, lift the suspension and allow operations to resume.

Issue Identification: unknown at this time

Analysis: unknown at this time

Public Review: Public input is welcome at this time.

Decision Date: unknown

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.

South River Field Office

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

Watson Mountain

Pipeline

Elk Creek Watershed Plan

Other Assessments

None

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 is partnering with the Umpqua Basin Watershed Council to develop an assessment and watershed restoration plan for the Rock Creek Region. This includes 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. 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.



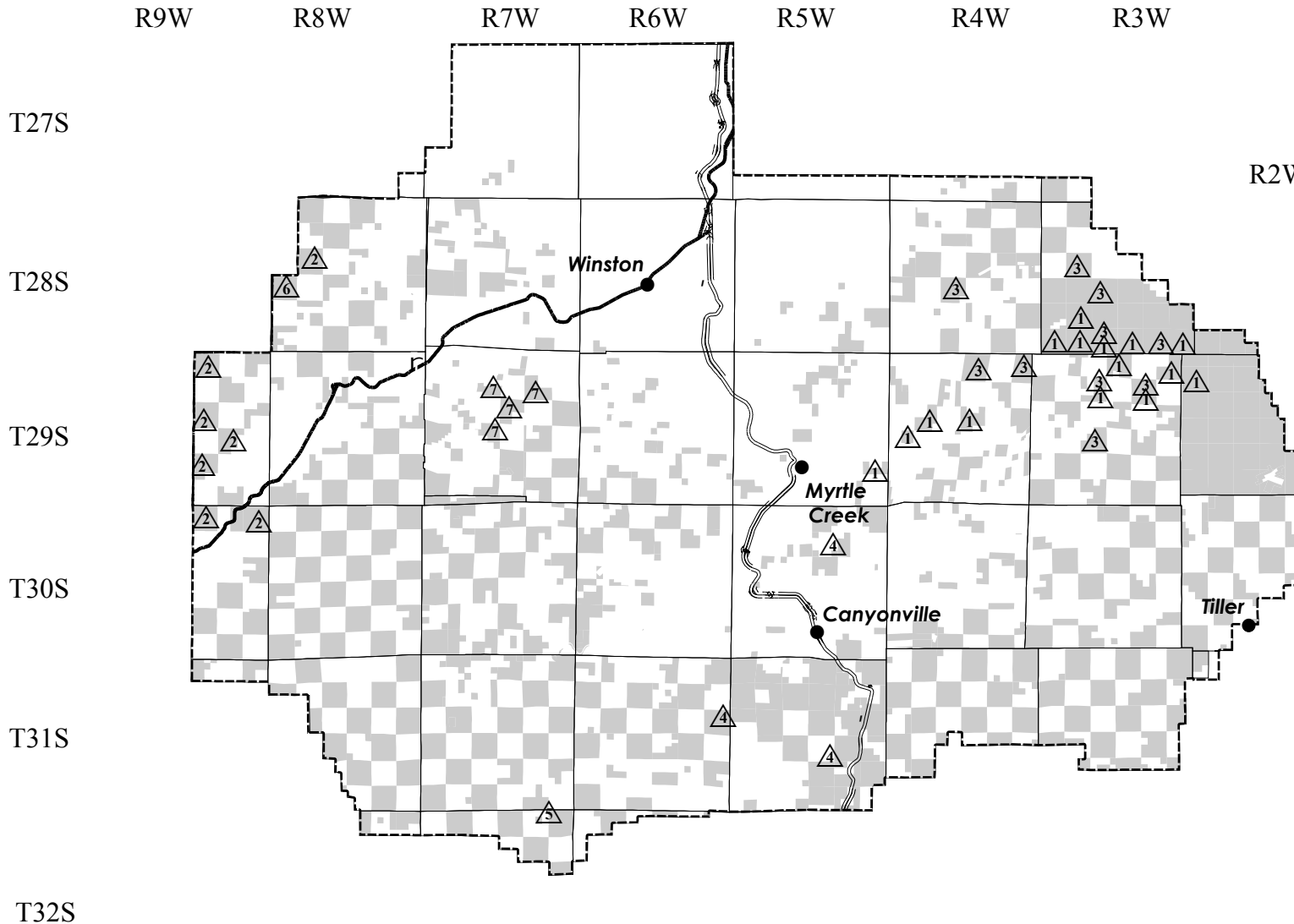
<p>January 16, 2006 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service www.mlkday.org</p> <p>February 17-20, 2006 Great Backyard Bird Count www.birdsource.org/gbbc</p> <p>March 1-May 31, 2006 Great American Cleanup www.kab.org</p> <p>April 21-23, 2006 National Youth Service Day www.ysa.org/nysd</p> <p>April 22, 2006 Earth Day http://www.earthday.gov</p> <p>April 23-29, 2006 National Volunteer Week www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nvw</p> <p>April 28, 2006 National Arbor Day www.arborday.org</p>	<p>May 6, 2006 Join Hands Day www.joinhandsday.org</p> <p>May 13-20, 2006 National River Cleanup Week www.nationalrivercleanup.com</p> <p>May 20-21, 2006 Good Sam Club's National Cleanup Day www.goodsamclub.com</p> <p>June 2006 Great Outdoors Month www.greatoutdoorsmonth.org</p> <p>June 3, 2006 National Trails Day www.americanhiking.org/events/ntd</p> <p>June 3-11, 2006 National Fishing and Boating Week www.nationalfishingandboatingweek.org</p> <p>June 12-16, 2006 Great Outdoors Week www.greatoutdoorsmonth.org</p>	<p>June 29 – July 6, 2006 National Clean Beaches Week www.cleanbeaches.org</p> <p>September 16, 2006 International Coastal Cleanup Day www.coastalcleanup.org</p> <p>September 30, 2006 National Public Lands Day www.publiclandsday.org</p> <p>October 18, 2006 World Water Monitoring Day www.worldwatermonitoringday.org</p> <p>October 28, 2006 Make A Difference Day http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday</p> <p>November 18, 2006 National Family Volunteer Day http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/seasons/nfvd</p>
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South River Field Office Planning Map

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**South River Field Office
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Legend

- Towns
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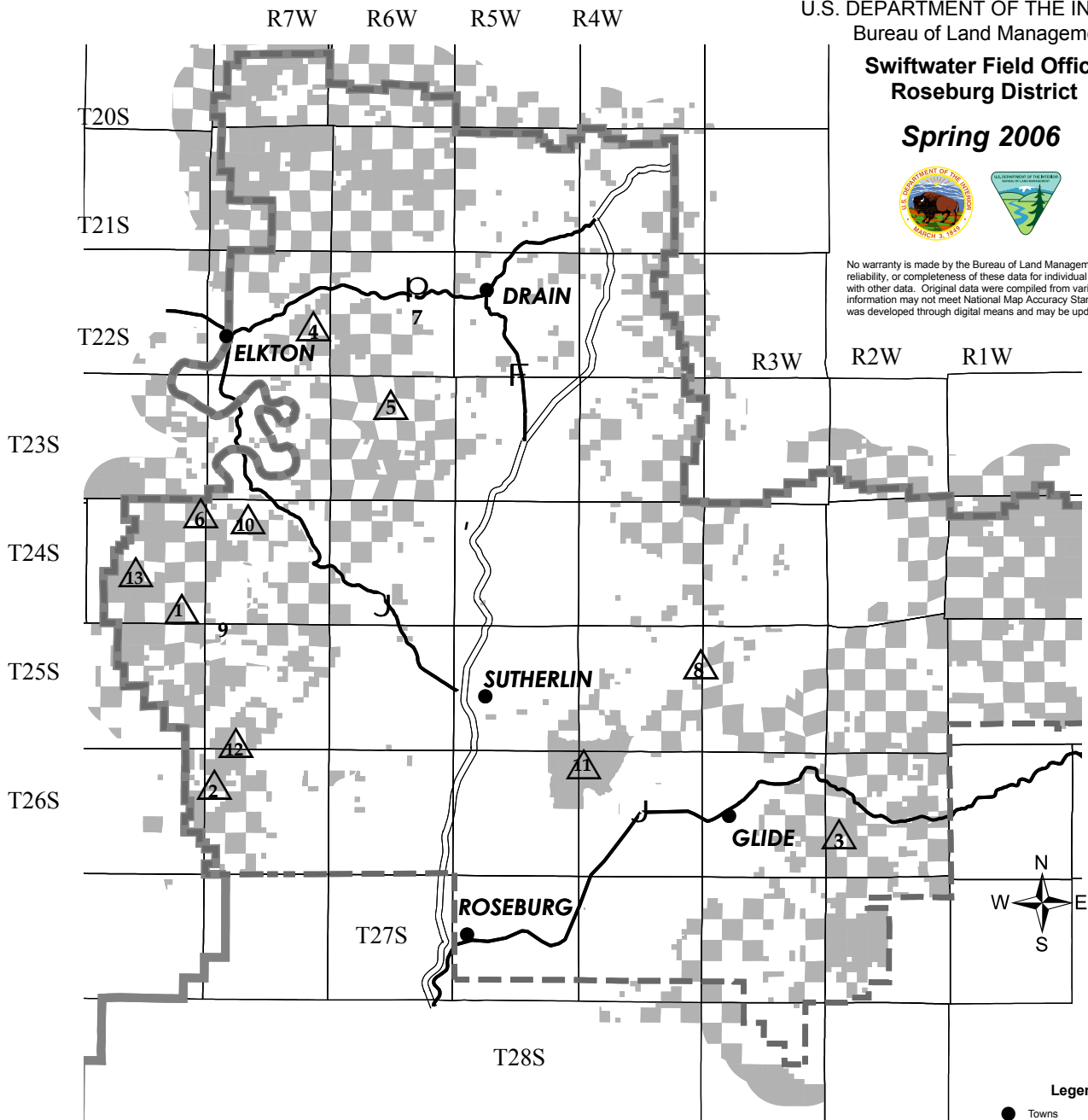
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- Towns
 - ▬ Roseburg District Boundary
 - ▬ Resource Area Boundary
 - ▬ Interstate 5
 - ▬ Oregon State Highways
 - ▭ BLM Managed Land



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.