

Roseburg District BLM Planning Update



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Dear Citizen:

The Planning Update is published to provide current information about specific projects and future events planned on the Roseburg District of the Bureau of Land Management. Please send written comments, including the specific project and field office name, to 777 N.W. Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon 97470, during the public comment period. 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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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 to object to road construction is limited to one environmental reason - excessive erosion damage.

South River Field Office

- **Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851.** Permittee construction of 2,211 feet of new road in the N½NW¼, Sec. 19, T. 29 S., R. 6 W., W.M. The road will cross lands allocated entirely as GFMA.
- **Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-851.** Permittee improvement of 1,450 feet of Road No. 29-7-35.5 located in Lot 2, Sec. 34½, T. 29 S., R. 7 W. and SW¼NW¼, Sec. 35, T. 29 S., R. 7 W., W.M.

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Seneca Jones Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-788,** 1100 feet of new road construction across BLM land in Sec. 21 (SE¼), T. 25 S., R. 7 W., W.M. This construction is in Late-Successional Reserve and harvests mature trees.
- **Seneca Jones Timber Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-769,** 1360 feet of road construction across BLM land in Sec. 13 (SW¼), T. 27 S., R. 3 W., W.M. This construction is in Little River Adaptive Management Area and harvests second-growth trees.
- **Roseburg Resources Co., Reciprocal Right-of-Way Agreement R-735,** improve 500 feet of Roads No. 26-6-4.1 and 24-6-8.0 across BLM land in Sec. 7 (NE¼) and 9 (NW¼), T. 24 S., R. 6 W., W.M. This improvement is in the General Forest Management Area. No timber harvest is involved.

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).

South River Field Office

- **Timber Salvage** - Salvage of approximately 275 windthrown or root sprung trees from within the Matrix and LSRs, where access involves no more than maintenance to existing roads. Salvage in the Matrix will be conducted within 400 feet of existing roads. Salvage in LSRs or on roads crossing Riparian Reserves in the Matrix will be limited to those trees blocking roads, or trees that would reach roads if they fell. (OR-105-04-09)
- **Temporary Haul Permit** - Issuance of a temporary hauling permit to Seneca Jones Timber Co. authorizing the use of Segments C and D of the Cow Creek Access Road, BLM Road No. 30-6-32.0 (OR-105-04-11)
- **Communication Right-of-Way** - Renewal, for a period of 20 years, of an existing right-of-way grant to the Oregon Department of Forestry for communications equipment sited on Canyon Mountain. (OR-105-04-12)
- **Temporary Haul Permit** - Issuance of a temporary hauling permit to KJ Logging authorizing the use of Segment A of BLM Road No. 28-7-9.0 and an unimproved spur road in Secs. 8 and 9, T. 28 S., R. 7

W., W.M. As a condition of the permit, the permittee will surface the unimproved spur road with aggregate. (OR-105-04-15)

- **Fencing Project** - Construction of a fencing in the E½NE¼, Sec. 4, T. 31 S., R. 2 W., W.M. to prevent unauthorized livestock grazing on a site populated with Kincaid's lupine, a Federally-threatened species and supporting populations of the Bureau Sensitive Umpqua mariposa lily. (OR-105-04-14)
- **Fuels Reduction** – Removal of small conifers (< 3 inches DBH) and Scotch broom adjacent to private property along BLM Road No. 29-3-11.0 in Sec. 10, T. 29 S., R. 3 W., W.M. (OR-105-04-19)
- **Temporary Haul Permit** – Issuance of a temporary haul permit to KJ Logging authorizing the use of BLM Road No. 28-8-12.1. As a condition of the permit, the Permittee will install cross drains, realign a sharp curve and surface the road. (OR-105-04-20)
- **Temporary Haul Permit** – Issuance of a temporary haul permit to Gerald Ragon authorizing the hauling of timber from private lands in Sec. 34, T. 28 S., R. 4 W., W.M., over BLM Road No. 28-4-34.0, Segment A (Slide Creek). (OR-105-04-21)

Swiftwater Field Office

- **Special Forest Products** – Authorizes the sale and harvest of firewood, beargrass, boughs, burls, Cascara bark, cones, greenery, mushrooms, Christmas trees, Yew bark, and transplants (OR-104-06).
- **Skelley Easement** – Provides access for the Hayhurst Timber Sale (OR-104-04-05).

New Projects

South River Field Office

An interdisciplinary team has reinitiated analysis of the Dickerson Heights Timber Sale EA. This process is being undertaken to address changes in species listed under the Endangered Species Act, and changes in management of wildlife and botanical species brought about by the elimination of the Survey and Manage program and expansion of the Bureau's Special Status Species Program. A description of the project and its location is contained under Status of Previous Planning Update Action Items.

Swiftwater Field Office

Broken Buck and Ward Creek Commercial Thinning Timber Sales

These sales were analyzed and Decision Documents signed in 1997. On April 28, 1998, Judge Rothstein of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, issued an order in the case of Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Association et al, v. the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), et al, which invalidated the Biological Opinions (BO) of June 18, 1997 and July 22, 1997. Operations for these sales have been suspended since then. On September 10, 2001 the National Marine Fisheries Service coho listing was declared by the District Court for the Oregon District (Hogan) to be unlawful and was set aside as "arbitrary and capricious". This ruling was appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court (November 2001) which subsequently dismissed the appeal and dissolved the stay pending appeal (February 24, 2004) effectively letting stand the Hogan ruling. This ruling has removed any ESA protection for the coho salmon and cleared the way to allow resumption of activity on this sale. These sales will be reviewed to see if the NEPA analysis is still valid and if so new Decision Records will be prepared to lift the suspension of the sales and allow operations to be resumed.

Tom Foley Instream Log Placement

This project would place logs and boulders in a mile reach of the North Fork of Tom Foley Creek located in Secs. 26 and 35; T. 21 S., R. 7 W. to improve fisheries habitat.

Pipeline, Powell Creek and Bear Hill Timber Sales

These sales were previously analyzed in 1998 and 1999 but were deferred due to lack of Biological Opinions by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – fisheries. These sales will be reanalyzed in light of the Hogan ruling.

Bottleneck

This sale was analyzed as part of the Upper Umpqua Watershed Plan Environmental Assessment. This action will result in the density management (thinning) of 350 acres of second-growth (mid-seral) stands on six units. Project design is expected to begin in June 2004 with a Decision Record in January 2005. This project is located in Sec. 35, T. 24 S., R. 7 W. and Secs. 2 and 3, T. 25 S., R. 7 W.

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.

Beatty Creek ACEC/RNA Management Plan

Description: Development of a management plan for the expanded ACEC/RNA. Completion anticipated in May, 2004.

South River Restoration Programmatic Environmental Assessment

Description: The analysis will consider a range of restoration projects that would be reasonably implemented over the next five years or longer. These projects would 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.

Public Review: May 5, 2004 to May 25, 2004.

Decision Date: Initial project decisions anticipated in June, 2004, with additional decisions in 2005 and beyond.

Shively Creek LSR Density Management

Description: This project was previously named LSR Wildlife Habitat Restoration. The project would apply both pre-commercial and commercial density management treatments for the purpose of accelerating the development of late-successional forest habitat conditions in the South Umpqua River/Galesville Late-Successional Reserve.

Location: Shively Creek 6th-field subwatershed in the South Umpqua River 5th-field watershed in T.31S., R.3W., Sec. 7 and T.31S., R.4W., Secs. 11, 12, 13, 15 and 23.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Review: March 9, 2004 through April 8, 2004.

Decision Date: Anticipated in July, 2005.

N. Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Level Project Plan

Description: The project proposes regeneration harvest of approximately 412 acres within the Matrix, estimated to yield 12.9 MMBF of timber.

Location: Tenmile Creek and Lookingglass Creek 6th-field subwatersheds in the Olalla-Lookingglass 5th-field watershed. Timber sale units are proposed in T. 28 S., R. 7 W., Secs. 8 and 9; T. 28 S., R. 8 W., Secs. 21, 25 and 35; and T. 29 S., R. 8 W., Sec. 3.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Review: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Middle South Umpqua/Olalla-Lookingglass Watershed Level Plan

Description: The project proposes regeneration harvest of approximately 530 acres within the Matrix, estimated to yield 15.7 MMBF.

Location: Rice Creek, Willis Creek and Judd Creek 6th-field subwatersheds in the Middle South Umpqua River 5th-field watershed, the Olalla Creek and Thompson Creek 6th-field subwatersheds in the Olalla Creek/Lookingglass 5th-field watershed, and the Doe Creek 6th-field subwatershed of the Lower Cow Creek 5th-field watershed. Timber sale units are proposed in T. 29 S., R. 6 W., Secs. 28 and 29; T. 29 S., R. 7 W., Secs. 13, 23 and 33; T. 29½ S., R. 7 W., Sec. 33; and T. 30 S., R. 6 W., Secs. 5, 7 and 11.

Issue Identification: Ongoing.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Review: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Can-Can Watershed Level Project Plan

Description: The project proposes regeneration harvest of approximately 489 acres within the Matrix, estimated to yield 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. Timber sale units are proposed in T. 30 S., R. 4 W., Sec. 5; T. 30 S., R. 5 W., Secs. 9, 10, 11 and 15; T. 31 S., R. 5 W., Secs. 23 and 26; and T. 30 S., R. 6 W., Secs. 13 and 25.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Review: Anticipated in June, 2004.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Martin Creek Instream Restoration

Description: The project proposes the placement of instream structures along a 2-mile stretch of Martin Creek, where it passes through lands owned by Roseburg Resources Company, and lands managed by the BLM. The structures would 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 would also 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., Sec. 35, and T. 32 S., R. 7 W., Secs. 1 and 2.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Complete.

Public Review: Completed May 15, 2003.

Decision Date: A decision to implement instream work in 2004 and 2005 was issued on April 13, 2004. No decision has yet been made on replacement of a stream-crossing culvert on Road No. 32-7-1.2.

South River Commercial Thinning 2003

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of 520 acres of forest stands allocated to Matrix and Riparian Reserves.

Location: Middle Olalla 6th-field subwatershed in the Olalla Creek/Lookingglass 5th-field watershed; Days Creek 6th-field subwatershed in the South Umpqua 5th-field watershed; and Upper South Myrtle 6th-field subwatershed in the Myrtle Creek 5th-field watershed. Proposed units would be located in T. 29 S., R. 7 W., Sec. 31; T. 29½ S., R. 7 W., Sec. 31; T. 29 S., R. 3 W., Secs. 23, 25 and 35; T. 28 S., R. 2 W., Secs. 31 and 32; T. 28 S., R. 3 W., Secs. 35 and 36; and T. 29S., R. 2W., Secs. 5 and 6.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Complete.

Public Review: Completed September 1, 2003.

Decision Date: Wasted Days Commercial Thinning was implemented in December of 2003. Decisions on Tater Tot Commercial Thinning and Shep Boyardee Commercial Thinning are anticipated in June, 2004 and September, 2004, respectively.

Myrtle Creek Watershed Restoration

Description: An assessment of the environmental consequences of watershed restoration projects that would 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: Completed on March 13, 2003.

Decision Date: Decisions for the replacement of Lee Creek Culvert #4, Riser Creek Culvert, Tributary to N. Myrtle Creek Culvert, and the Slide Creek Instream Restoration project were issued in early April, 2003. Subsequent decisions in June, 2003, included replacement of Lee Creek Culverts #1 & #2, and Ben Branch Creek Culvert. A decision was issued on March 23, 2004, for the replacement of a stream-crossing culvert on Weaver Creek. Additional project decisions are anticipated in fiscal year 2005 and beyond.

South River Commercial Thinning 2002

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 490 acres of managed second-growth stands in GFMA and Riparian Reserves. The thinning sales are anticipated to yield approximately 6.25 MMBF of chargeable timber volume from the Matrix allocations. Approximately 1.9 MMBF of non-chargeable timber volume would be derived from density management within Riparian Reserves.

Location: Upper Middle Fork Coquille and Middle South Umpqua River/Rice Creek watershed analysis units. Proposed thinning units would be located in T. 29 S., R. 6 W., Secs. 27, 33 and 35; T. 30 S., R. 6 W., Secs. 3 and 9; T. 29 S., R. 7 W., Secs. 25 and 35; Sec. 29 of T. 29 S., R. 8 W.; T. 29 S., R. 9 W., Sec. 13; and T. 30 S., R. 9 W., Secs. 13 and 23.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete.

Public Review: Completed on April 9, 2003.

Decision Date: Decisions for Boomerang and Rice Bowl Commercial Thinning Timber Sales were issued on July 29, 2003. A remaining decision on additional thinning units is anticipated in fiscal year 2006.

South River FY 2001 Regeneration Harvest Project Plan

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 640 acres allocated as GFMA and Connectivity/Diversity Blocks. The timber sales would be expected to yield approximately 15 MMBF of timber.

Location: Lower South Umpqua River Watershed, South Umpqua River and Lower Cow Creek watersheds. Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 27 S., R. 4 W., Secs. 33 and 35; T. 28 S., R. 4 W., Secs. 3, 5 and 10; T. 30 S., R. 4 W., Secs. 3 and 4; T. 31 S., R. 6 W., Secs. 27 and 33; and T. 32 S., R. 6 W., Sec. 3.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Middle Fork Coquille Commercial Thinning 2001

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 1,000 acres of managed second-growth stands in GFMA, Connectivity/Diversity Block and Riparian Reserve land use allocations. The action is expected to result in 4 timber sales yielding approximately 6 MMBF.

Location: Middle Fork Coquille River watershed. Proposed thinning units would be located in T. 28 S. R. 8 W., Secs. 29 and 31; T. 29 S., R. 8 W., Secs. 31, 32, and 33; T. 30 S., R. 8 W., Secs. 5 and 7; and T. 30 S., R. 9 W., Sec. 1, 2, and 3.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: Angel Hair Commercial Thinning was implemented in January, 2003. A decision on Diet Coq Commercial Thinning was made in May, 2004. Additional decisions are anticipated in fiscal years 2005 and 2006.

South River Commercial Thinning 2000

Description: Commercial thinning and density management of approximately 300 acres of managed second-growth stands in GFMA and Riparian Reserves. 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/Dumont Creek watersheds. Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 28 S., R. 8 W., Sec. 19; T. 29 S., R. 3 W., Secs. 13 and 24; T. 30 S., R. 3 W., Secs. 3 and 4; T. 29 S., R. 2 W., Sec. 19; and T. 30 S., R. 2 W., Sec. 9.

Issue Identification: Complete.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment Complete.

Public Review: Complete.

Decision Date: A decision for Hurricane Ruby Commercial Thinning was issued on August 27, 2001. Weaver Road Commercial Thinning was authorized on October 30, 2001, and Leave It to Weaver Commercial Thinning was authorized on June 24, 2003. Authorization for thinning of the remaining units analyzed (E1, E2 and E4) is anticipated in fiscal year 2005 or 2006.

Ragu Timber Sale

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 150 acres allocated as GFMA. The timber sale would be expected to yield approximately 3.8 MMBF.

Location: Berry Creek 6th-field subwatershed in the Olalla Creek-Lookingglass Creek 5th-field watershed, and the Camas Valley 6th-field subwatershed in the Middle Fork Coquille River 5th-field watershed.

Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 29 S., R. 8 W., Secs. 9, 21, 29, and 33; and T. 30 S., R. 8 W., Sec. 5.

Issue Identification: Underway.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment.

Public Review: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Dickerson Heights Timber Sale

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 180 acres allocated as GFMA and Connectivity/Diversity Blocks. The timber sale would be expected to yield approximately 5.5 MBF.

Location: Olalla Creek 6th-field subwatershed of the Olalla Creek-Lookingglass Creek 5th-field watershed.

Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 29 S., R. 7 W., Secs. 3, 9, 11, and 15.

Issue Identification: Underway.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Loose Laces Timber Sale

Description: Regeneration harvest of approximately 200 acres allocated as GFMA and Connectivity/Diversity Blocks. The timber sale would be expected to yield approximately 4.55 MMBF.

Location: Lower Cow Creek 6th-field subwatershed of the Lower Cow Creek 5th-field watershed.

Proposed timber sale units would be located in T. 31 S., R. 6 W., Secs. 1, 3, 13 and 15.

Issue Identification: EA OR105-98-04 and FONSI withdrawn and replaced by EA OR105-99-14. Issue identification completed.

Analysis: Environmental Assessment in progress.

Public Review: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Swiftwater Field Office

Bonanza Commercial Thinning

Description: This project was originally analyzed under the FY 2001 Commercial Thinning EA. The Bonanza portion of this project was dropped due to red tree vole nest sites. Survey and Manage requirements have been rescinded, therefore, making this project available for harvest. This project is located in and will commercially thin 215 acres of second-growth timber.

Location: Sec. 16 and 17, T. 25 S., R. 4 W. (Calapooya Watershed)

Issue Identification: Public input is ongoing. Comments received for the 2001 EA will be included as comments to this project.

Analysis: This project commenced in March with completed analysis expected by September 2004.

Public Review: Anticipated Fall 2004.

Decision Date: Anticipated in January 2005.

Elk Creek Watershed Plan

Description: This EA analyzes a variety of potential and continuing projects throughout the watershed.

Treatment of forests for fish, wildlife and commercial objectives; treatment or decommissioning of roads; and instream and aquatic enhancement are the types of projects to be analyzed in this EA. This plan will be similar to the Upper Umpqua Plan that was finished last year.

Location: Elk Creek Fifth-Field Watershed

Issue Identification: Public input is welcome at this time.

Analysis: Will commence in June 2004.

Public Review: Unknown at this time.

Decision Date: Unknown at this time.

Summit Creek Blowdown

Description: This project would remove excess blowdown logs from the Summit Creek drainage and redistribute the logs to provide for instream structures in stream segments where it is found to be lacking within the Upper and Middle Smith River Watersheds. Approximately one third of the volume would be retained on site to meet down wood goals of the Late-Successional Reserve Assessment and one third of the volume would be stock piled as logs for redistribution within selected streams in the Smith River Watershed to improve riparian and fisheries habitat. They will primarily target stream segments with adjacent forests 0 - 30 years of age. The remaining one third of the logs would be decked for sale on the commercial log market.

Location: T. 20 S., R. 6 W., Sec. 26 (Siuslaw Watershed) in Late-Successional Reserve.

Issue Identification: Complete

Analysis: Anticipated by June 1, 2004.

Public Review: Anticipated in July 2004.

Decision Date: Anticipated September 2004.

Galagher Commercial Thinning

Description: This EA analyzes commercial thinning harvest in portions of the Yellow Creek and Lost Canyon Drainages.

Location: T. 24 S., R. 6 W., Secs. 9, 17, and 19 (Upper Umpqua Watershed) in GFMA and Riparian Reserve.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Completed

Public Review: Completed.

Decision Date: March 26, 2004

Green Thunder Regeneration and Commercial Thinning Harvest

Description: The EA analysis for this project has been deferred since 1999. This project involves 185 acres of regeneration harvest, 105 acres of commercial thinning harvest for an estimated 6.7 MMBF of timber available for auction.

Location: T. 26 S., R. 2 W., Secs. 31, and 33 and T. 26 S., R. 3 W., Sec. 25 (Little River Watershed) in the Little River Adaptive Management Area.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Reinitiated – expected completion by June 1, 2004.

Public Review: Anticipated July 2004

Decision Date: Anticipated Fall 2004

Shingle Lane Regeneration and Commercial Thinning Harvest

Description: The EA analysis for this project has been deferred since 1999. This project involves 25 acres of regeneration harvest, 160 acres of commercial thinning harvest for an estimated 2.6 MMBF of timber available for auction.

Location: T. 23 S., R. 4 W., Sec. 27 (Elk Creek Watershed) in GFMA.

Issue Identification: Completed.

Analysis: Completed.

Public Review: May 25 - June 24, 2004

Decision Date: Anticipated Fall 2004

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

North Myrtle Timber Sales

Swiftwater Field Office

Watson Mountain
What-a-Gas

Other Assessments

South River Aquatic Restoration Assessment

This is an ongoing planning effort to consolidate all information from data sources, inventories, watershed analysis, etc. The document is currently under management review.

Watershed Analysis Status

South River Field Office

Updates and revisions to the Myrtle Creek Watershed Analysis will be undertaken this spring and summer. All other watershed analyses are considered complete with no revisions presently planned. Work on accompanying water quality restoration plans is continuing.

Swiftwater Field Office

Elk Creek Watershed Analysis

The watershed analyses of several sixth-field watersheds have been revised and combined into a single fifth-field analysis covering the entire Elk Creek Watershed. This analysis has been completed - March 2004.

Updates

North Bank Habitat Management Area

The on-going management activities, as described in the North Bank FEIS, will continue during summer 2004. Mowing of roads and pasture areas will occur throughout the summer to maintain accessibility for management and recreational purposes. Vegetation monitoring will be done while plant growth is active to establish baseline and pre-burn conditions. Removal of Scot's broom, English hawthorn and other noxious weeds will continue with the help of youth corps crews. Maintenance and installation of water developments will be done throughout the summer to provide additional wildlife watering sources.

Construction of fire trails will occur during the summer in preparation for planned prescribed burning of approximately 750 acres in late summer or early fall.

A construction contract to re-establish a crossing of a major tributary of Chasm Creek will begin in June. Construction of a new shop and equipment storage building, as well as relocation of the host camp site, is in progress at the existing ranch headquarters.

Recreation

New campgrounds ready for reservations! The Roseburg District is putting the finishing touches on two new group reservation campgrounds, Lone Pine and Eagleview, opening May 2004.

The new Eagleview Group Campground is located 1 mile downstream from the Tyee Recreation Site, on the banks of the Umpqua River. Facilities include: 10 campsites; a pavilion with picnic tables; double vault toilets; potable water; campfire circles with picnic tables; a group BBQ grill; a pathway along the river bank with access to the river; and an open area for extra parking or open space activities. All campsites, the pavilion, vault toilets and most pathways are wheelchair accessible. A fee of \$110.00 per day will be charged. The new site holds 100 campers with an additional 100 people for day-use only activities or events. The site will officially open May 21, 2004.

The new Lone Pine Group Campground is located 5 miles up Rock Creek Road, across from the Millpond Recreation Site. Facilities include: 11 campsites and several expanded tent sites; vault toilets; potable water; campfire circles and picnic tables; an open area picnic site with 16' table; a group BBQ grill; and a grassy volleyball court. The Millpond pavilion and ball field may be reserved for an additional fee. A fee of \$90.00 per day will be charged for campground use only; \$120.00 for use of the campground and half of the Millpond pavilion and ball field; and \$140.00 for the campground and the entire pavilion and ball field. The new site holds 100 campers with an additional 100 people for day-use at Millpond pavilion/ball field facilities. All toilets and nine campsites are wheelchair accessible. The site will open May 7, 2004.

Currently, BLM's other five campgrounds are operated on a first-come, first serve basis, but reservations for the new group sites can be made up to a year in advance. A \$100.00 refundable cleaning and compliance deposit is required and a host will be on site for public assistance at both new sites.

For further information, contact Gregg Morgan at (541) 464-3291 or Ron Murphy at (541) 464-3265. To make a reservation, contact the Roseburg BLM office on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (541) 440-4930.



Upcoming Events

Volunteers Needed For National Public Lands Day, September 18, 2004

On Saturday, September 18th, the Bureau of Land Management's Roseburg District will participate in the 11th Annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD). This nationwide event is a day when community-minded individuals, families, and groups of all ages volunteer to help upgrade America's public lands. Within Douglas County, the BLM will be involved with various volunteer projects this year. One of the projects will be staged at the Myrtle Island Research Natural Area to conduct weed control. The BLM will also partner with the Umpqua River Cleanup Committee to clean up various stream segments around the County as part of the 21st Annual Umpqua River Cleanup Day. That project, coordinated by the Umpqua River Cleanup Committee, targets numerous stream reaches throughout Douglas County. This project coordinates the cleanup of about 10 stream or river segments in the Umpqua Basin. Conducted late in summer when stream flows are low, volunteers adopt a river segment and pick up litter that has been deposited along Douglas County's waterways. Some trails are also being targeted for cleanup this year, and volunteers can pick the areas they would like to work in. To help with river cleanup and be put in touch with a stream reach coordinator, call Bob Hoehne at (541) 679-7077 or Joe Ross at the BLM at (541) 440-4930.

Past NPLD events in Douglas County have attracted many volunteers and accomplished projects throughout the County valued at over \$600,000. As a result of the successful projects in 2000, Governor John Kitzhaber subsequently awarded the BLM's Roseburg District with a SOLV Cup Award for "Best Partnership Development."

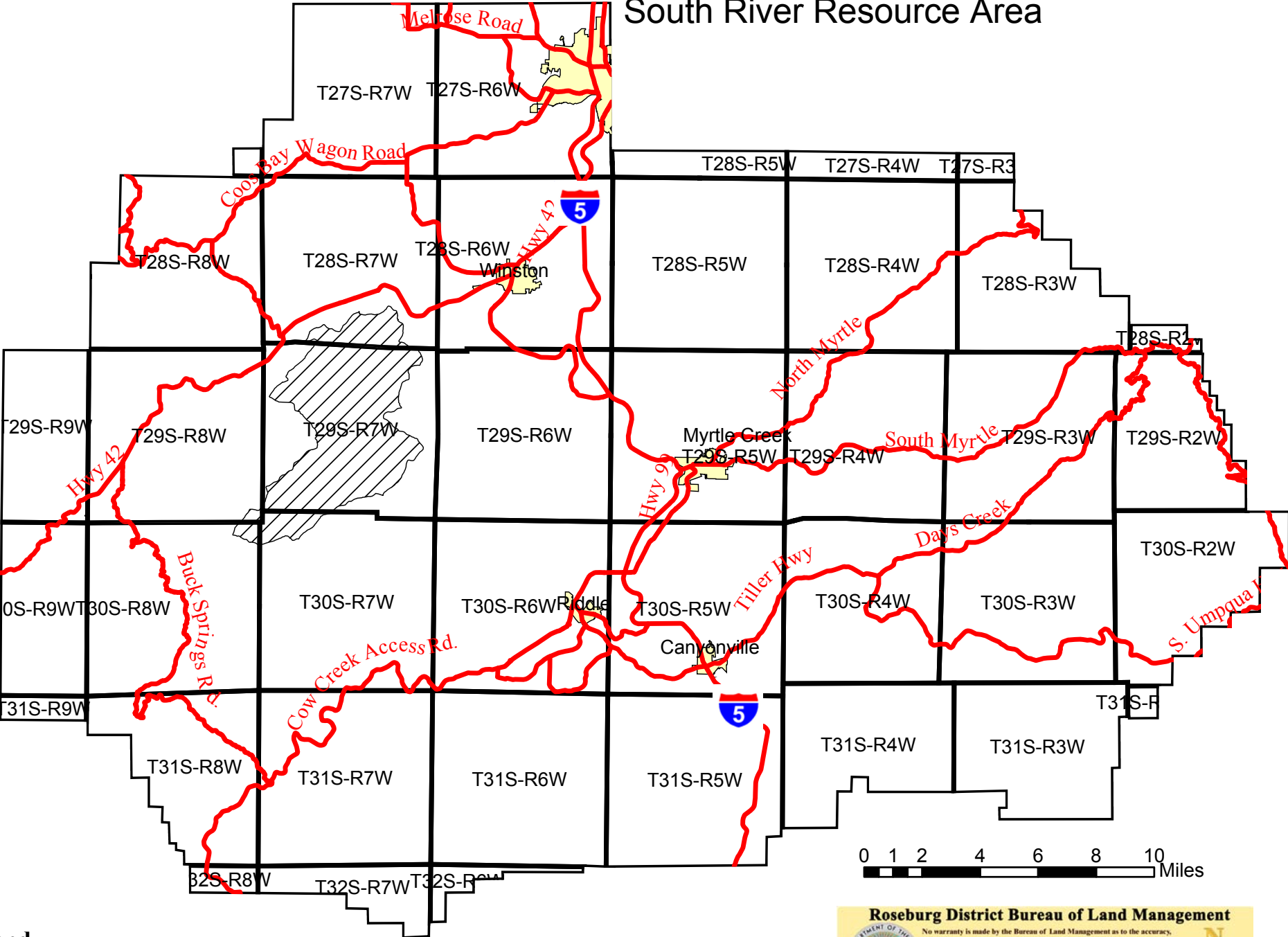
Any tools, safety equipment, or materials needed for the projects will be furnished by the BLM.

Within Douglas County, the statewide conservation organization, SOLV, has signed on as a partner to support NPLD. SOLV's mission is to build community through volunteer action to preserve this treasure called Oregon. They provide grants and materials to support Douglas County's cleanup, beautification and enhancement projects.

On National Public Lands Day throughout the Nation, there will be about 500 sites participating in all 50 states. Nearly 70,000 volunteers will lend a hand for public lands. Nationally sponsored by Toyota, there are many federal, state and local partners working together for the success of NPLD. Last year, nearly \$8 million of volunteer project work was accomplished. More info is available on-line at <http://www.npld.com>. In the U.S., National Public Lands Day is coordinated by the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF).



South River Resource Area





Legend

 **Dickerson Heights Timber Sale Analysis Area**

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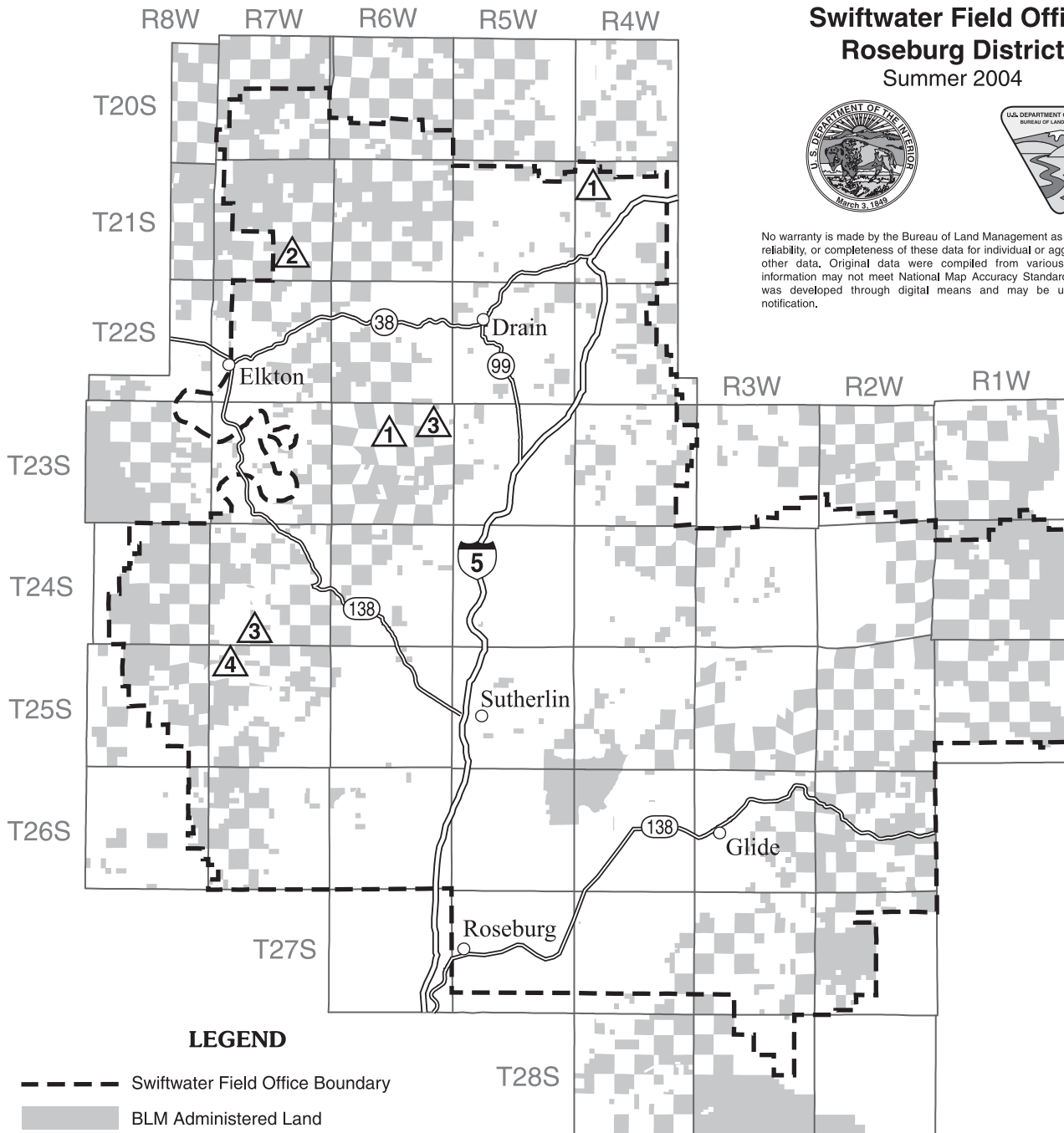



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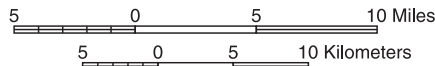


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Abbreviations and Definitions

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).

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.