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4.1 Consultation with other Agencies

4.1.2 Consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries)

Informal consultation was conducted with USFWS for northern spotted owl, northern bald eagle, and Canada lynx. Based on the effects analysis prepared for the project, the project is not likely to adversely affect spotted owls or bald eagles and will have no effect on Canada lynx (see Chapter 3.9). Therefore, formal consultation is not required for these species.

Informal consultation was conducted with USFWS for bull trout. The Level I team was presented the proposed action and affected environment; conversations with the Level One Team has continued throughout the analysis stages. Formal consultation with the USFWS on bull trout is expected to begin in April 2007.

Informal consultation was conducted with NOAA fisheries on listed anadromous fish species and their habitat that occur within or near the proposed invasive plant treatment areas. Formal consultation for this project is expected to begin in April 2007.

4.1.3 Consultation with Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires consideration be given to the potential effect of federal undertakings on historic properties. This includes historic and prehistoric cultural resource sites, structures, and objects. The guidelines for assessing effects and for consultation are provided in 36 CFR 800. To implement these guidelines, the Pacific Northwest Region (Region 6) and the USDA Forest Service signed an agreement in 2004 with the Oregon SHPO and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. In accordance with the agreement, areas of potential effect were inventoried and project design features were developed to avoid impacts to any historic properties or potential historic properties. A no effect determination has been made for the proposed action (Alternative 2) and for Alternative 3 and documentation has been submitted to the Oregon SHPO for their review.

Any additional locations identified for treatment under the early detection/rapid response protocols will include review of potential effects to historic properties and compliance with the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act as specified in the agreement with the Oregon SHPO and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

4.1.4 Consultation with Tribal Governments

Potentially affected Tribes were first notified of the proposed action on September 23, 2005, by letters addressed to each of the following Tribes: Burns Paiute, Klamath, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs. The Tribes also received the January 2006 mailing of the alternative descriptions.

Several phone calls were made to Natural Resource Directors, and Cultural and Heritage Directors of the Tribes. The Tribes expressed concerns about the use of herbicides in areas of plant collecting and requested that notification and signing be used. These measures are incorporated into the action alternatives (PDFs and the implementation planning process (Appendix F)).

The Forest Service offered to provide electronic maps to the Burns Paiute, Klamath and Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs (CTWS). The CTWS and Klamath Tribes accepted this offer; the Burns Paiute were provided paper maps.

A meeting was held with Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs in May 2006. This meeting did not result in identification of any new significant issues related to the proposed action. The natural resource managers expressed support for treatment of invasive plants.

4.1.5 Consultation with State and County Noxious Weed Departments

Because the county weed departments and Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) conduct invasive plant treatments in and around the Forests and Grassland, they are experts in the selection and application of herbicides. Representatives of the ODA and Deschutes and Crook County noxious weed departments have been consulted on technical aspects of the project. These departments were invited to review the Project Design Features and the list of preferred herbicides for invasive species. They have also participated in field review of invasive plant sites, including discussions of herbicide application techniques and implementation of project design features.

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Northwest Power Planning Council
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Oregon Dept. of Forestry
Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
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