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**Subject:** Best Management Practices - Interim Direction for the Prevention and Management of Noxious Weeds, Port Orford-cedar Root Disease, and Sudden Oak Death

**To:** Rogue River and Siskiyou NF Leadership

The following will serve as Interim Direction for the Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forests for the invasive species of Noxious Weeds, Port Orford-cedar Root Disease and Sudden Oak Death. This interim direction will be reviewed annually and amended as necessary.

These Best Management Practices (BMP's) are designed to prevent the spread of these invasive and non-native organisms. They are proven methods and our desired methods, which may be implemented over time, as resources permit. None-the-less, these BMP's are practices we need to move toward implementing immediately, whenever and wherever possible.

Last Wednesday, the FLT decided to establish a Forest Team to monitor, review, and revise these interim BMP's on an annual basis. The Forest Team will consist of the following positions: District/Zone representative for each Zone or District, a licensed herbicide applicator, Transportation Manager, Rock Resource Manager, POC Coordinator, and the Forest Weed Coordinator. These people will come to the team with the funding from their program areas and will meet twice annually. The names of these individuals will be shared within the next couple of weeks.

I expect all SO Staff and District Rangers to review the BMP's pertinent to their area of responsibility and see they are addressed in all projects for both the Rogue River and Siskiyou National Forests.

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cc with attachment (47 pages):

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