

# Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions

Winter/Spring 2004

Legend for NEPA Documents:

CE = Categorically excluded from documentation in an EA or EIS

EA = Environmental Assessment

EIS = Environmental Impact Statement

*All future dates are approximate  
and represent only best estimates.*

## Blue Mountain Ranger District

### *Administration*

#### **Flagtail Lookout**

Pam Uebler (541) 575-3338 **NEPA CE** **Location** Deer Creek watershed, T16S, R28E, Section 18. **Decision** 03-17-2004

#### Description

Removal of trees blocking the view from the Flagtail Lookout, and re-establishment of a defensible fuel break around the lookout site. Project area is about 10 acres in size.

#### Status

Decision made.

### *Ecosystem Restoration*

#### **Flagtail Fire Recovery**

Linda Batten (541) 575-3433 **NEPA EIS** **Location** Jack Creek, Snow Creek and Keller Creek sub-watersheds, T16S, R29-30E. **Decision** 04-07-2004

#### Description

Salvage of dead, dying and severely damaged trees, salvage of other forest wood products, treatment of fuels, tree planting, road repair and improvement, road closures and decommissioning.

#### Status

Final EIS in Federal Register 3/5/04,  
Record of Decision published 4/7/04.

We have been granted Emergency Situation status for this fire salvage because delay would result in substantial loss of economic value to the Federal Government if implementation of the decision were delayed. Emergency status allows us to implement the project after notice of the Record of Decision appears in the Blue Mountain Eagle, the newspaper of record..

#### **2150 Road Fire Salvage**

Pam Uebler (541) 575-3338 **NEPA CE** **Location** Tex Creek subwatershed, T15S, R29E, Sec 6. **Decision** 06-30-2004

#### Description

Salvage of dead and dying trees on approximately 14 acres of a 46 acre lightning-caused fire area. Treatment would include removal of roadside hazard trees both above and below Forest Service Road 2150 and cutting of fire killed or damaged trees which can fall on the adjacent fence lines.

#### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Blue Aspen Restoration**

James Kelly (541) 575-3320 **NEPA CE** **Location** Vincent and Vinegar watersheds, T10-11S, R34-35E. **Decision** 06-30-2004

#### Description

Aspen restoration including conifer cutting and removal and fencing.

#### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

## Blue Mountain Ranger District

### *Ecosystem Restoration*

#### **Canyon Creek Wildland Urban Interface**

James Kelly (541) 575-3020 NEPA EA

**Location** Canyon Creek watershed.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

##### Description

Contracted analysis of timber stand exams, fuel loadings, and NEPA analysis of treatment around private land with possibly prescribed burning and mechanical treatments. Decision may include commercial timber sales, other forest products harvesting, and service contracts. All treatments are for reducing fire hazards and improving forest health and sustainability.

##### Status

Scoping.

#### **County Road 18 Road Side Hazard Tree Removal**

Bryan Lynch (541) 575-3330 NEPA CE

**Location** From Forest Boundary in the Bear Creek drainage to the Forest Boundary in the Long Creek drainage.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

##### Description

Removal of road side hazard trees along about 15 miles along County Road 18.

##### Status

Scoping.

#### **Crawford Aspen Enhancement**

Nancy Hafer (541) 575-3342 NEPA CE

**Location** Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River watershed.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

##### Description

Aspen restoration including conifer cutting and removal, aspen cutting to enhance sprouting, and fencing, caging, and planting of aspen at one site.

##### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Forest Road 31 Road Side Hazard Tree Removal**

Bryan Lynch (541) 575-3330 NEPA CE

**Location** The junction with County Road 63 south to the junction with Forest Road 37.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

##### Description

Removal of roadside hazard trees along about 15 miles of Forest Road 31.

##### Status

Scoping.

#### **Highway 395 and Forest Road 3925 Roadside Hazard Tree Removal**

Bryan Lynch (541) 575-3330 NEPA CE

**Location** State Highway 395 from Vance Creek to Swick Creek and along Forest Road 3925 from the junction with 395 east to the junction of Forest Road 15.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

##### Description

Removal of roadside hazard trees along about 7 miles along State Highway 395 and about 13 miles along Forest Road 3925.

##### Status

Scoping.

#### **Keeney Blowdown**

Bryan Lynch (541) 575-3330 NEPA CE

**Location** South Fork Long Creek sub-watershed.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

##### Description

Salvage of trees blown down during the winter of 2003 and removal of road side hazard trees on haul roads.

##### Status

Scoping.

#### **Blackeye Trail Sensitive Plant Exclosure**

Perry Edwards (541) 575-3394 NEPA CE

**Location** Flood Meadow (Long Creek), tributaries in Camp Creek watershed.

**Decision** 08-31-2004

##### Description

Construct a barrier fence around a sensitive plant site to exclude livestock.

##### Status

Scoping.

## Blue Mountain Ranger District

### *Ecosystem Restoration*

#### **Camp/Big Creek Riparian Hardwood Planting and Protection**

Perry Edwards (541) 575-3394 NEPA CE

**Location** Camp, Sulpher, Deep, Lick, Big Rock, Coxie, and Deerhorn Creeks. Camp Creek and Big Creek Watershed.

**Decision** 04-21-2004

**Description**

Planting native hardwoods in riparian areas throughout the watershed.

**Status**

Decision Made.

#### **Crawford Vegetation Management**

Michelle Putz (541) 575-3390 NEPA EIS

**Location** Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River watershed, T10-12S, R34-36E.

**Decision** 12-31-2004

**Description**

Ecosystem restoration: prescribed burning, commercial (Craw Timber Sale) and pre-commercial thinning, identify replacement old-growth areas, road management plan (including decommissioning).

**Status**

Analysis.

### *Fire*

#### **Antelope Prescribed Underburn**

Lori Stokes (541) 575-3331 NEPA EA

**Location** East Bear Valley, Antelope Creek, and Soda Valley sub-watersheds.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Description**

Prescribed underburn.

**Status**

Analysis.

#### **Crawford Thinning and Fuels Reduction**

Lori Stokes (541) 575-3331 NEPA CE

**Location** Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River Watershed.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Description**

Thinning of small trees and reducing hazardous fuels.

**Status**

Analysis.

#### **Indian Rock Lookout Outhouse Replacement**

Lori Stokes (541) 575-3331 NEPA CE

**Location** Big Creek watershed, T.9S., R.33E., Section 25.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Description**

Replacement of the outhouse at the Indian Rock Lookout.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Tincup Prescribed Burn**

Lori Stokes (541) 575-3331 NEPA CE

**Location** Coyote Creek and Balanced Creek subwatersheds, in portions of T.09S., R.34E., Sec. 32, 33, 34 and T. 10S., R.34E., Sec. 3, 4, & 5.

**Decision** 08-31-2004

**Description**

Prescribed burning on about 1,600 acres. Mechanical treatment on about 900 acres.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

## Blue Mountain Ranger District

### Fire

#### Flagtail Riparian Fuel Treatment

Lori Stokes

(541) 575-3331 NEPA CE

**Location** Upper Silves watershed.

**Decision** 06-30-2005

**Description**

Treat fuels on 100 acres in forested Riparian Habitat Conservation Areas (RHCA's) to reduce the severity of future fires within the RHCAs. Treatments include precommercially thinning, hand piling and burning, or through prescribed burning.

**Status**

Scoping.

### Other

#### Long Creek Mountain Communications Site

Juan Vargas/Carl Stout

(541) 575-3196 NEPA CE

**Location** Smith Creek sub-watershed, T10S, R30E, Sec 35.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Description**

Forest Service replacement of existing communications facilities.

**Status**

Scoping.

### Range

#### Middle Fork Grazing

Sue Burton

(541) 575-3460 NEPA EIS

**Location** Middle Fork John Day River.

**Decision** 03-31-2005

**Description**

Analysis of grazing allotments and NEPA analysis on Federal land with possibly prescribed burning and mechanical treatments. The decision may include No Action, No Grazing Alternatives.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### Bird Pasture Fence & Water Development - Bear Allotment

Sue Burton

(541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

**Location** Lower Middle Fork John Day River.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Description**

Construction of one mile of fence along the Middle Fork John Day River, adding The Bird Pasture to the Bear Allotment. This will allow for the deferment or rest of the Middle Fork John Day River in the C1 & C2 pastures. The project will include development of an upland water source as the majority of the river is planned to be excluded from the Bird Pasture.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### Flood Meadows - Fencing/Planting/Water Gauge

Perry Edwards

(541) 575-3394 NEPA CE

**Location** Flood Meadow (Long Creek), tributaries in Camp Creek watershed.

**Decision** 04-21-2004

**Description**

This project involves creation of two riparian pastures by fencing approximately 200 acres in Flood Meadow, the headwaters of Long Creek, continued planting and protection of riparian hardwoods initiated in 2003, and includes reconnection of a flow gauge in an existing structure. Activities will be completed over two years.

**Status**

Decision made.

## Blue Mountain Ranger District

### *Range*

#### **Idaho Creek Fence & Water Development**

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

**Location** Idaho and Crawford Creeks, Upper Middle Fork John Day River.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

#### **Description**

Install a fence around the lower portion of Idaho Creek in order to manage it as a separate unit, allowing for more intensive management. Construct 3 miles of fence and install 3 cattle guards.

#### **Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Long Creek Allotment Improvement Project**

Perry Edwards (541) 575-3394 NEPA CE

**Location** Long Creek sub-watershed and tributaries in Camp Creek sub-watershed.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

#### **Description**

Seven water developments (spring protection and water trough installation) would be created and three non-functioning developments would be reconstructed to improve distribution of cattle into upland areas, springs, and streams.

#### **Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Reynolds Creek Fence**

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

**Location** Reynolds Creek, Upper John Day River watershed.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

#### **Description**

Build three miles of fence and install cattle guard, reconfiguring the Reynolds Creek Allotment. This subdivision will allow for further control of permitted livestock grazing and potential rest on approximately 16,000 acres of land including stream habitat for steelhead, bull trout, and cutthroat trout.

#### **Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Rock Springs Division Fence & Water Development Sugarloaf Allotment**

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

**Location** Wickiup and Canyon Creeks.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

#### **Description**

Construction of approximately three miles of fence and installation of two cattle guards to split the Rock Springs Pasture. This subdivision will enable the implementation of rotational grazing and allow the future control of timing, duration, and intensity of livestock use on these pastures. Project includes development of a new water source and reconstruction of four existing ones.

#### **Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Rosebud Allotment Improvement**

Brian Hoefling (541) 575-3364 NEPA CE

**Location** T16-17S, R27-28E.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

#### **Description**

Development of 10 spring facilities, riparian/aspen enclosure fencing.

#### **Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Scotty Allotment Improvement**

Brian Hoefling (541) 575-3364 NEPA CE

**Location** T16-18S, R29-30E.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

#### **Description**

Development of 25 spring facilities, fencing to subdivide two pastures.

#### **Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

## Blue Mountain Ranger District

### *Range*

#### **Woody Debris-Lick Creek/Corridor Fence-Coxie Creek**

**Decision** 06-30-2004

Perry Edwards (541) 575-3394 NEPA CE

**Location** Camp Creek watershed.

**Description**

Place slash and woody debris in the riparian area of Lick Creek and West Fork Lick Creek to reduce impacts from cattle on the stream banks. Construct corridor corridor fences on sensitive, low productive areas of Coxie Creek (approximately one mile) to protect the stream and riparian area.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Balance Area Pasture**

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

**Location** Granite Boulder, Sunshine, & Dunsten Creeks.  
Lower Middle Fork John Day River.

**Decision** 09-30-2004

**Description**

Add pasture north of river, Granite Boulder, to allow for rotational grazing. Activities include fence construction and water source development.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Big Creek Area Pasture Improvements**

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

**Location** Big, Deadwood, Deep, and Elk Creeks, Lower Middle Fork John Day River.

**Decision** 09-30-2004

**Description**

Create riparian pasture along Big Creek to restrict timing, intensity, and duration of use to protect bull trout and steelhead spawning habitat. Activities include fence construction and spring developments.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Susanville Area Pasture**

Sue Burton (541) 575-3460 NEPA CE

**Location** Deep, Dry, Wray, Beaver & Myrtle Creeks.  
Lower Middle Fork John Day River.

**Decision** 09-30-2004

**Description**

Separate the new Susanville area from the Big Creek Area. Activities include fence construction and water source development

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

### *Roads/Access*

#### **Gate Location Forest Road 2140**

Mike Montgomery (541) 575-3401 NEPA CE

**Location** Forest Road 2140.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Description**

A new gate would replace three existing gates. It would involve relocating the new gate approximately one mile from existing closure.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

### *Soil/Watershed*

#### **Bald Hills Erosion Control**

Mary Lou Welby (541) 575-3368 NEPA CE

**Location** Jack Creek sub-watershed.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Description**

Place woody material, including brush and small logs, by hand on approximately 3-5 acres to reduce surface erosion.

**Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

## Blue Mountain Ranger District

### *Soil/Watershed*

#### **Bridge/Lunch Creek Culvert Replacement**

Mary Lou Welby (541) 575-3368 NEPA CE

##### Description

Replace five culverts on Bridge, Lunch, and South Fork Bridge Creeks and related work.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Location** Upper Middle Fork John Day watershed.

##### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Camp Watershed Culvert Replacement - Lower Beaver Creek**

Mary Lou Welby (541) 575-3368 NEPA CE

##### Description

Replace culvert and improve irrigation diversion on Beaver Creek at Forest road 2000-018.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Location** Camp Watershed in the Middle Fork John Day sub-basin.

##### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Camp Watershed Culvert Replacement-Oxbow Tributaries**

Mary Lou Welby (541) 575-3368 NEPA CE

##### Description

Replace 5-10 culverts on tributaries that drain into the Oxbow Ranch and related work.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Location** Camp Watershed in the Middle Fork John Day sub-basin.

##### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

### *Special Uses*

#### **Outfitter Guide Special Use Permits**

Shannon Winegar (541) 575-3000 NEPA CE

##### Description

Annual Permit Issuance.

**Decision** 07-31-2004

**Location** Various Locations on District.

##### Status

Analysis.

#### **Aldrich Mountain Communications Site**

Carl Stout (541) 575-3702 NEPA CE

##### Description

Continued use of existing radio equipment in the BLM lookout. Scoping/Analysis.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Location** Lower Murderer's Creek watershed. T.14S, R.27E, Section 11.

##### Status

Analysis.

#### **Road Access**

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

##### Description

Continued use of existing road access to private property.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Location** Slide Creek sub-watershed, T9S, R31E, Sec 27.

##### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Spring Development**

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

##### Description

Continued use of existing spring development facilities for stock water.

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Location** Jack Creek sub-watershed, T14S, R32E, Section 13.

##### Status

Analysis.

## Blue Mountain Ranger District

### *Special Uses*

#### **Spring Development**

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

**Decision** 06-30-2004  
**Location** Big Creek watershed, Mosquito/Bear Creek sub-watershed, T10S, R32E Sections 12 & 14. Bridge Creek sub-watershed, T12S, R34E, Section 12.

#### Description

Continued use of existing spring development facilities for domestic use.

#### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Access Road**

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

**Decision** 08-31-2004  
**Location** Smith Creek sub-watershed, T10S, R30E, Sec 34.

#### Description

Continued use of existing road access to private property.

#### Status

Analysis.

#### **Access Road**

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

**Decision** 08-31-2004  
**Location** Wiley Creek sub-watershed, T12S, R30E, Sec 6.

#### Description

Continued use of existing road access to private property.

#### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Liquid Waste Disposal Site (Septic System)**

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

**Decision** 08-31-2004  
**Location** Laycock Creek watershed, T14S, R30E, Sec 26.

#### Description

Continued use of existing facilities.

#### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Sno-Tel Gauging Stations**

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

**Decision** 08-31-2004  
**Location** Several locations throughout the Forest.

#### Description

Continued use by the Natural Resource Conservation Service of existing sno-tel winter monitoring stations.

#### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Stock Pile Site**

Pamela Brown (541) 575-3462 NEPA CE

**Decision** 12-31-2004  
**Location** Van Aspen creek sub-watershed, T15S, R31E, Section 31.

#### Description

Continued use of a commercial gravel stockpile site.

#### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

### *Vegetation*

#### **Blue Riparian Hardwood Planting and Restoration**

James Kelly (541) 575-3320 NEPA CE

**Decision** 12-31-2004  
**Location** Riparian areas in Vincent and Vinegar sub-watersheds, T10-11S, R34-35E.

#### Description

Shrub and hardwood tree planting with caging fencing.

#### Status

Scoping/Analysis.

## Blue Mountain Ranger District

### *Vegetation*

#### **Crawford Conifer Removal from Meadow Areas**

Nancy Hafer (541) 575-3342 NEPA CE

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Location** Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River watershed.

#### **Description**

Removal of conifers encroaching into meadows.

#### **Status**

Analysis.

#### **Crawford Hardwood Planting and Protection**

Nancy Hafer (541) 575-3342 NEPA CE

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Location** Upper Middle Fork of the John Day River watershed.

#### **Description**

Caging, fencing, and placement of slash barriers around hardwoods to protect them from browsing. Slash barriers to be obtained from cutting of nearby junipers. Planting/protection of native riparian hardwoods at one site.

#### **Status**

Scoping/Analysis.

#### **Flagtail Aspen Enhancement**

Nancy Hafer (541) 575-3342 NEPA CE

**Decision** 06-30-2004

**Location** Upper Silvies watershed.

#### **Description**

Fence an estimated 270 acres of aspen to protect them from browsing. Fence materials could be obtained from cutting of nearby competing conifers. Activities include felling snags and trees that might damage fences build around aspen; small sale to remove trees less than 21" diameter within aspen fencing to improve aspen regeneration; slash treatment; and relocation of water developments outside of fence.

#### **Status**

Scoping.

#### **Harper Lodgepole Project**

Perry Edwards (541) 575-3394 NEPA CE

**Decision** 06-30-04

**Location** Harper Meadow (Long Creek), Camp Creek watershed.

#### **Description**

Removal of post and pole size lodgepole through commercial and personal use post and pole removal to reduce the chances of future mortality in these stands from bark beetle attacks.

#### **Status**

Scoping/Analysis